

Module code: MOD010804	Version: 2 Date Amended: 15/Sep/2025
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1. Module Title
Global Political Economy

2a. Module Leader
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2b. School
School of Economics, Finance and Law

2c. Faculty
Faculty of Business and Law

3a. Level
5

3b. Module Type
Standard (fine graded)

4a. Credits
15

4b. Study Hours
150

5. Restrictions			
Type	Module Code	Module Name	Condition
Pre-requisites:	None		
Co-requisites:	None		
Exclusions:	None		
Courses to which this module is restricted:	Proposed Replacement/Additional Text 5. Restrictions BSc (Hons) International Business Management; BSc (Hons) International Business Management [accelerated], BSc (Hons) International Business Management [extended], BSc (Hons) International Business Management (with placement year), BSc (Hons) Business Economics, BSc (Hons) Business Economics [extended], BSc (Hons) Business Economics (with placement year)		

LEARNING, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

6a. Module Description
Global Political Economy examines the complex relationship between politics and economics at the international level. It explores how political decisions shape economic outcomes, how economic forces influence political structures, and how power is distributed among states, institutions, and corporations within the global system. This module provides you with the analytical tools to understand the historical development of global capitalism, the role of state power and hegemony, and the influence of key global and regional institutions such as the International Monetary Fund, World Trade Organisation, European Union, and African Union. You'll engage critically with a range of theoretical frameworks, including varieties of capitalism or growth models, and assess the logics and limitations of globalisation and financialisation. You'll also investigate the impact of trade and economic integration on inequality and development and look at the decolonial approaches that challenge dominant narratives and foreground perspectives from the Global South. In its final stages, the module considers contemporary transformations in global political economy, including the reassertion of state-led strategies and shifting global power dynamics. By the end of the module, you'll have developed the knowledge and skills necessary to analyse international trade, global finance, and policy-making in context, preparing you for further academic study or careers in policy analysis, consultancy, international organisations, and related fields.

6b. Outline Content

1. Introduction to Global Political Economy
2. The Historical Foundations of the Global Economy
3. Capitalism – Theoretical Frameworks and Varieties
4. State Power and Hegemony in the Global Economy
5. Global Economic Institutions and Governance
6. The Logics and Limits of Economic Globalisation & Financialisation
7. Globalisation, Economic Integration, and Trade
8. Globalisation and Inequality
9. Development and Dependency
10. Decolonial Global Political Economy
11. GPE in Transformation and the Return of the State
12. Revision

6c. Key Texts/Literature

The reading list to support this module is available at: <https://readinglists.aru.ac.uk/>

6d. Specialist Learning Resources

None

7. Learning Outcomes (threshold standards)

No.	Type	On successful completion of this module the student will be expected to be able to:
1	Knowledge and Understanding	Explain the role of global and regional institutions and assess their influence on world trade;
2	Knowledge and Understanding	Demonstrate an understanding of how different countries' economies and political systems are organised, and how they interact with each other;
3	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Evaluate the geopolitical landscape to assess risks to organisations and develop strategies that reflect the geopolitical context.

8a. Module Occurrence to which this MDF Refers

Year	Occurrence	Period	Location	Mode of Delivery
2026/7	ZZF	Template For Face To Face Learning Delivery		Face to Face

8b. Learning Activities for the above Module Occurrence			
Learning Activities	Hours	Learning Outcomes	Details of Duration, frequency and other comments
Lectures	0	N/A	N/A
Other teacher managed learning	37	1-4	2 hour Tutor-led Workshop (2 hr x 11 weeks) 1-hour Student-led Workshop (1 hr x 12 weeks) Screencast or equivalent (20 minute maximum) x 10 weeks minimum
Student managed learning	113	1-4	Learning activities provided and explained on Canvas and assessment preparation.
TOTAL:	150		

9. Assessment for the above Module Occurrence					
Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
010	Practical	1-3	70 (%)	Fine Grade	30 (%)
15-minute individual presentation supported by PowerPoint					
Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
011	Coursework	1-3	30 (%)	Fine Grade	30 (%)
Submission of presentation slides and 1,000 word reflection on presentation and questions posed afterwards					

In order to pass this module, students are required to achieve an overall mark of 40% (for modules at levels 3, 4, 5 and 6) or 50% (for modules at level 7*). In addition, students are required to: (a) achieve the qualifying mark for each element of fine graded assessment as specified above (b) pass any pass/fail elements [* the pass mark of 50% applies for all module occurrences from the academic year 2024/25 – see Section 3a of this MDF to check the level of the module and Section 8a of this MDF to check the academic year]
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