

# ***Peace, Security, and Multilateral Diplomacy***

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## **General Presentation:**

This course on “Peace, Security, and Multilateral” aims to provide students with a thorough analysis of issues at the core of contemporary diplomatic practice, with a focus on the instances of multilateral cooperation and their role in the field of peace and security.

Through both a theoretical and a practical approach of the study of diplomacy, we will focus both on the history on international cooperation and on the most recent transformations in the conduct of international affairs.

Over 6 sessions of 3 hours each (18h), students will get the opportunity to better understands the specifics of multilateral diplomacy and what makes it different from traditional bilateral exchanges. By including the variety of international actors taking to the multilateral ‘arena’ (United Nations, European Union, African Union, OSCE, NGOs, etc.), this class aims to shed light on the contribution of international organizations to the management of global issues. Formulating new norms and values, these organizations directly shape the structure of the international political scene. Finally, this course will focus on the issue of the reform of multilateralism and its capacity to adapt to world order ongoing transformations and changing confrontations.

**Resources and texts related to the course will be made available on Moodle.**

**All students have to register on Moodle to follow the class and enroll for the final Test.**

## **Assessment:**

### **1. Final online test based (65%, Will take place via Moodle during course last session)**

The online final text will be based on two types of content:

- Content of weekly course sessions
- A series of texts shared beforehand

### **2. International Organizations in the news (Individual, 35% of the final grade)**

**OR**

**The faces of Multilateral Diplomacy  
(Portrait, Individual, 35% of the final grade)**



Students will take part to the launch of a new Online Platform (Research, Expertise, and international Network) dedicated to Multilateralism and International Organizations.

Each participant to the class will choose to write either a portrait of a key actor related to multilateralism or to follow a multilateral event in the news. Valuable works will be published, under your name, on the online platform.

**Instructions for IO in the news:**

- English or French
  - up to 4000 characters
  - No bibliographic references
  - No footnotes
  - Possible ref. to background papers and press articles
  - Possible hypertext links
- Submission date (Moodle) :** no later than November 12, 2021.

**Instructions for IO Portrait exercise**

- English or French
- up to 5000 characters
- no bibliographic references
- no footnotes
- a photo (copyright free if possible)
- **Submission date (Moodle) :** no later than November 12, 2021.

Course general organization:

**Session 1:**

**Course presentation, course evaluation**

**General introduction: The return of the Multilateral alternative?**

**Multilateral diplomacy and the history of international cooperation, from Alliance Diplomacy to the principles of Collective Security**

**Session 2:**

**Peace & Security: A Multilateral Perspective**

**Session 3:**

**The European Union: A Diplomacy in the making?**

**Session 4:**

**Reforming the United Nations: a never-ending debate?**

**Session 5:**

**Culture, religion, identity: what role for international cooperation?**

**Session 6:**

**Multilateral strategies & Global issues (Health, Climate change, ...): the pathway to success?**

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