**Antalya Bilim University**

**Department of Political Science and International Relations, POLS 702**

**Contemporary Issues in Global Politics**

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**Course description**

This is an advanced level graduate course that provides students with a critical understanding of contemporary issues in global politics. It explores some of the central issues and themes such as poverty, health, food, war, human rights, migration, energy, and/or climate change. Since the world is changing rapidly, the issues and the responses to these issues in global politics also change correspondingly. So, the course is designed in order to cover the outstanding issues in the current global affairs with an awareness and acknowledgement that these issues might be replaced or accompanied with other issues at any time. The lectures are designed to provide a broad overview of that week’s topic, offer contrasting views on the topic with debates.

**Course grading**

Mid-term examination: 30% of final grade.

Final examination: 45% of final grade.

Other assignments and participations: 25% of final grade.

 - in-class quizzes (15%) (details will be declared later)

 - participation in class discussions (10%)

**Quizzes**

There will be random, short (15-20 minutes) quizzes conducted during the class hours. The quizzes aim to encourage students to attend the lectures with minimum prior familiarity with the assigned material for the week.

**Note 1:** Participation point is based on quality, not quantity, of in-class participation. More precisely, informed effort counts. It will be evident if you have not done the assigned reading in advance of class. Please do the reading.

**Note 2:** The grading percentages can be revised according to the University Administration decisions on final exam procedures.

**Course Schedule**

Week 1: Course Introduction: Issues in Global Politics

Week 2: **Population**

Hite Kristen, A., and L. Seitz John. "Global Issues-An Introduction."Chapter I

Week 3: **Wealth and Poverty**

Hite Kristen, A., and L. Seitz John. "Global Issues-An Introduction."Chapter II

Week 4: **Food**

Hite Kristen, A., and L. Seitz John. "Global Issues-An Introduction."Chapter III

Week 5: **Energy**

Hite Kristen, A., and L. Seitz John. "Global Issues-An Introduction."Chapter IV

Week 6: **Climate Change**

Hite Kristen, A., and L. Seitz John. "Global Issues-An Introduction."Chapter V

Week 7: Review

Week 8: *Mid-term examination*

Week 9: **Technology**

Hite Kristen, A., and L. Seitz John. "Global Issues-An Introduction."Chapter VIII

Week 10: **Migration, Borders, Citizenship**

Squire, Vicki. "Governing migration through death in Europe and the US: Identification, burial and the crisis of modern humanism." *European Journal of International Relations* 23.3 (2017): 513-532.

Epstein, Charlotte. "Guilty bodies, productive bodies, destructive bodies: Crossing the biometric borders." *International Political Sociology* 1.2 (2007): 149-164.

Doty, Roxanne Lynn. "Racism, desire, and the politics of immigration." *Millennium* 28.3 (1999): 585-606.

Week 11: **Global Health Crisis**

Rushton, Simon. "Global health security: security for whom? Security from what?." *Political Studies* 59.4 (2011): 779-796.

Week 12: **Politics of Humanity and Humanitarianism**

Barnett, Michael. "Human rights, humanitarianism, and the practices of humanity." *International Theory* 10.3 (2018): 314-349.

Week 13: **Military Affairs**

Kennedy-Pipe, Caroline, and Thomas Waldman. "Ways of War in the Twenty-First Century." *Issues in 21st Century World Politics*. Macmillan, 2017. 23-37.

Week 14: Review