POIR2580

Political Violence

Session 2, Weekday attendance, North Ryde 2020

Department of Modern History, Politics & International Relations

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Notice

As part of Phase 3 of our return to campus plan, most units will now run tutorials, seminars and ot her small group learning activities on campus for the second half-year, while keeping an online ver sion available for those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies onli ne.

To check the availability of face-to-face and onlin e activities for your unit, please go to timetable vi ewer. To check detailed information on unit asses sments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult yo ur unit convenor.

General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff
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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
40cp at 1000 level or above OR (10cp in HIST or MHIS or POL or POIR or MHIX or POIX units)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
Humans are creatures that i) engage in politics; and ii) have a history of violence through all ages and across all cultures. This unit explores intersections of these two expressions of human behaviour: politics and violence. It incorporates theoretical and philosophical perspectives and empirical analyses, including on war, terrorism, authoritarianism and totalitarianism, genocide and ethnic cleansing, insurgencies and revolutions, assassinations, death squads, protest, and humanitarian intervention.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: acquire knowledge and understanding about varieties of political violence, includingrelevant concepts, actors, theoretical perspectives, processes and contexts

ULO2: develop abilities to conduct independent research and deploy appropriate sources in ascholarly way

ULO3: understand the importance of organisation and time management of workloads, andstudent responsiblities in this area

ULO4: build capacity to apply critical evaluation and debating skills, and enhance presentationin written and verbal forms

ULO5: develop a more intensive knowledge of particular sub-themes, which could be expandedon in later postgraduate study

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
tutorial on-campus or online participation	10%	No	throughout the semester
Research Essay	35%	No	5 November 2020
Exam	35%	No	If exam: decided by APS. If test: in exam period
tutorial presentation (in class or online)	20%	No	On selected week

tutorial on-campus or online participation

Assessment Type [1]: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 20 hours
Due: **throughout the semester**
Weighting: **10%**

contribution to weekly tutorials (for internal students = 10%)

online participation (for external students = 10%)

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Research Essay

Assessment Type [1]: Essay
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 30 hours
Due: **5 November 2020**
Weighting: **35%**

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Exam

Assessment Type [1]: Examination
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 30 hours
Due: **If exam: decided by APS. If test: in exam period**
Weighting: **35%**

Authentic invigilated examination on campus. North Ryde and approved exam centre.

If an exam is not allowed on campus, an end of semester online test will replace the exam. In that event. expectations re: academic standards will be higher than for an exam.

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tutorial presentation (in class or online)

Assessment Type [1]: Presentation
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 15 hours
Due: **On selected week**
Weighting: **20%**

tutorial presentation (in class or online)

in-class presentations (for internal students = 20%) - students to send these to the tutor if the University cancels in-class presentations, the presentation materials (slides, accompanying text, etc) are to be sent to the tutor

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[1] If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this

type of assessment

- the Writing Centre for academic skills support.

[2] Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Lectures with power point slides will be either recorded or live from the set times of 11am Tuesday and 10am Thursday

There is considerable uncertainty about on-campus tutorials - capacity, times, and if they will be held for the entire semester.

'special circumstances' effectively means the same as for 'online/external' students

An on-campus invigilated exam was planned for the end of semester. If that cannot be held then a test will replace this assessment component. Because the test will be online, expectations re: academic standards will be high.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Grade Appeal Policy
- Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy *(**Note:** The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.)*

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the Student Policy Gateway (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of

Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct

Results

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Getting help with your assignment
- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- Subject and Research Guides
- Ask a Librarian

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.