

Global Governance

Institution:	Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals
Year:	Year 2
Course type:	Core course
ECTS:	6

Brief description (including learning outcomes):

Contemporary globalisation has transformed international society at an intense rhythm and scope with no historical precedent. International relations are no longer an area of inter-state relations, but have become a political space in which activities and challenges have acquired a global dimension, both materially and geographically. The needs and forms of governance in this newly emerging political space have led to global governance.

The subject combines the study of globalisation with the analysis of global governance. The first part involves the conceptualisation of globalisation. It studies the main processes, paying particular attention to technological factors and the ITC revolution, and these are treated as complementary phenomena to the globalising trends of regionalisation and regionalisms. In the second part, theoretical perspectives of global governance are studied, incorporating theoretical contributions on international regimes and analysing transformation experienced by some of the main international institutions (United Nations, Bretton Woods and the multilateral trade system) during the past decades. The third part studies some of the main challenges that need to be addressed by global governance: environmental degradation, poverty and global economic inequalities, migration and massive displacement, new wars and arms proliferation, as well as the violation of human rights in their different policy forms.