

MODULE CODE: HPAN5003
TITLE: Contemporary Issues in Comparative Politics
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LEVEL: 5
CREDITS: 20

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AIM(S)

- To teach real-world politics through the eyes of comparative politics scholars.
- To provide a deeper understanding of questions linked to democracy and democratization, including the breakdown of authoritarian regimes, ethnic conflict, and globalisation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- critically understand the challenges associated with democracy and democratization;
- evaluate competing theories linked to questions such as development, democratization, and globalisation;
- evaluate these competing theories empirically by comparing cases in a critical way.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- What is Comparative Politics?
- Revolutions.
- Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict.
- Democratization and Democratic Consolidation.
- Migration and the Refugee Crisis.
- Secessionist Movements.
- Globalisation and Transnationalisation.
- Development and Natural Resources.

LEARNING AND TEACHING STRATEGY

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	48	24
Independent learning	152	76
Placement learning		
TOTAL	200	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Essay	2,500 words	50%

Assessment Component 2

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Portfolio	portfolio equivalent to 2,500 words	50%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	
Coursework	100%
Practical	
TOTAL	100%

READING LIST

Module Code	HPAN5003	
Module Title	Contemporary Issues in Comparative Politics	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	<i>Comparative Politics: Integrating Theories, Methods, and Cases.</i> Second Edition by J. Tyler Dickovick and Jonathan Eastwood.	☐