

166-497 A Postcolonial International Relations?

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus. *
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: *
Prerequisites:	Admission to 4th-year Honours and Postgraduate Cert/Dip in Political Science and International Studies/Politics and the Master of International Politics Two-year program.
Corequisites:	*
Recommended Background Knowledge:	*
Non Allowed Subjects:	*
Core Participation Requirements:	*
Coordinator:	Phillip Darby
Subject Overview:	This subject introduces major postcolonial concerns such as the ethnocentrism of the Euro-Atlantic international system, the need to elevate Third World interests and perspectives, the appropriateness of universal prescriptions such as democratisation and neoliberalism, the making and unmaking of nations, ethnicity and violence, and questions about resource distribution. In parallel, it examines disciplinary international relations to see how far such concerns are presently addressed or might be addressed without foundational change. It also raises the possibility of whether, instead of staying within the confines of international relations, we would do better to range more widely and take in other discourses about the international such as globalisation and development. On completion of the subject, students should have an imaginative understanding of the issues at stake, and be able to decide for themselves how these might best be pursued in the context of contending knowledge formations.
Assessment:	A class paper of 1000 words (25%) and a research paper of 4000 words (75%)
Prescribed Texts:	*
Recommended Texts:	Information Not Available
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # be able to research through the competent use of the library and other information sources, and be able to define areas of inquiry and methods of research in the preparation of essays; # be able to conceptualise theoretical problems, form judgements and arguments and communicate critically, creatively and theoretically through essay writing, tutorial discussion and presentations; # be able to communicate knowledge ideologically and economically through essay writing and tutorial discussion; # be able to manage and organise workloads for recommended reading, the completion of essays and assignments and examination revision; # be able to participate in teamwork through small group discussions.

Notes:	Formerly available as 166-543. Students who have completed 166-543 are not permitted to enrol in this subject.
Related Course(s):	Master of International Politics Postgraduate Certificate in Arts (International Politics) Postgraduate Certificate in Arts (Political Science) Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (International Politics) Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Political Science)