

166-497 A Postcolonial International Relations?

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2009, 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: 2 contact hours/week , 8 additional hours/week. Total of 8.5 hours per week.
Prerequisites:	Admission to the Postgraduate Certificate/ Diploma in Political Science or International Politics, or Fourth-year Honours in International Studies or Political Science, or the Master of International Politics.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	<p><p>For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.</p> <p>It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</p></p>
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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.
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # be able to relate postcolonial concerns to disciplinary international relations; # be able to evaluate the argument that international relations is fundamentally Eurocentric; # be able to engage with grassroots approaches to the international such as Subaltern Studies; # be able to identify potential points of connection between critical security studies and postcolonialism; # be in a position to take postcolonialism in new and exciting directions; # be ready to commence research for a postgraduate thesis in international politics.
Assessment:	A class paper of 1000 words (25%) and a research paper of 4000 words (75%)
Prescribed Texts:	None

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
Notes:	<i>Formerly available as 166-543 and 166-497. Students who have completed 166-543 or 166-497 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.</i>
Related Course(s):	Master of International Politics
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	International Politics International Politics International Studies Political Science Political Science Political Science