



HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 2021 / 2022

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Learning objectives: To understand the origins of juridical and political theories on international relations in the Modern and Contemporary Ages (from the 15th century to the 21st century), students should learn and develop their own critical approach to the paradigms of international relations and their connection with the history of the Law of Nations / International Law, from the maritime expansion and the development of modern State to our day. Special attention will be dedicated to: State and sovereignty; the law of international relations; war and peace; international organizations; the protection of human rights; the phenomenon of global terrorism; the challenges of globalization. The syllabus consolidates the evolution of international relations from the early modern age to our day. The concepts and structures to be analysed according to a historical-juridical method allow to critically understanding the origins of contemporary forms of political and legal organization of international relations.

SYLLABUS

HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FROM THE EARLY MODERN WORLD TO OUR DAY

I – THE CREATION OF THE MODERN WORLD

§ 1.º From the Empire to the *Respublica Christiana*

§ 2.º The development of State and sovereignty

§ 3.º “*Totus orbis, qui aliquo modo est una respublica*”: the development of the modern Jus Gentium / Law of Nations

II – FROM WESTPHALIA TO THE NAPOLEONIC WARS

§ 1.º The meaning of the Thirty Year War to the development of modern State sovereignty: the history of a “creation myth”

§ 2.º *Raison d’État* and balance of power: the creation of modern European powers

III – FROM THE CONGRESS OF VIENA TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

§ 1.º The transformation of international society

§ 2.º The law of international relations: the development of Classic International Public Law

VI – THE “SHORT” 20TH CENTURY

§ 1.º The end of the European age

§ 2.º International organizations – the League of Nations and the United Nations Organization

§ 3.º International relations from the Cold War to the fall of the Berlin Wall

V – OUR TIME

§ 1.º Globalization a) The globalization of human rights. The Declarations of Rights and the systems and organizations of rights’ protection b) The problem of terrorism and organized crime. The globalization of criminal law c) The European Union and the future of Europe d) Global political agendas, in particular the UN Millenium Declaration e) Emerging states, climate change and migrations - the challenges to sovereignty

§ 2.º “History’s lessons”? a) The return of *Jus Gentium*? b) The return of *raison d’État*? c) Humanity as a legal subject and the future of the State: sovereignty at stake?

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