



JUNE 29th - JULY 3rd, 2020

GLOBAL AFFAIRS SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

How to tackle the climate emergency?
Knowledge & practical experience
in global politics

In this 4th edition, GASS is focused on ways to tackle the climate emergency, the most important international political issue of the decade. It offers participants a unique blend of interactive classes with university-level teachers from IBEI, and seminars with experienced practitioners residing at the BIPP-HUB. While analysing the challenges and implications of rapid climate change and environmental degradation, students will learn about a wide range of related issues that make the climate emergency so complex, such as development, democracy, human rights, security, and international economics. The week-long course offers a first taste of their future life as a university student.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Monday 29 June, 2020

09.00 – 09.30 **Welcome and students' orientation.**

09.30 – 11.00 **Ice-breaking session: Introduction to the dynamics of the course and the capstone task of the students.**

11.00 – 10.30 *Break*

11.30 – 13.30 **Session 1. Introduction to International Relations: Understanding a Global Order in Transition, by Prof. Robert Kissack**

This session brings IR into the contemporary era, making sense of the changes taking place in the world today through the 'toolkit' of IR. Students will learn how IR can be helpful to understand the main global challenges and will get used to its approach and main concepts.

It will also give a glance to the origin and evolution of IR, and its challenges for the 21st Century.

13.30 – 15.00 *Lunch*

15.00 – 17.00 **Session 2. Practical experience by BIPP HUB.**

In this session students will learn practical experiences in international development carried out by practitioners from BIPP HUB.

Tuesday 30 June, 2020

09.00 – 11.00 **Session 3, International Development in a new era, by IBEI.**

- The need to redefine the development under the Climate Emergency Era.
- From the official development assistance to the 2030 Agenda and SDGs.
- Development, sustainable development, degrowing... What's next?
- Common and differentiated responsibilities – who should adapt most?
- A new humanitarianism?

11.00 – 11.30 *Break*

11.30 – 13.30 **Session 4, Practical experience by BIPP HUB.**

In this session students will learn practical experiences in global affairs carried out by practitioners from BIPP HUB.

13.30 – 15.00 *Lunch*

15.00 -17.00 **Session 5. Practical session on the capstone task.**

Wednesday 1 July, 2020

09.00 – 11.00 **Session 6, Intergovernmental Organizations Today by IBEI.**

- Introduction to its structure, power and limitations.
- Why is so difficult to address climate change? The fail of Madrid COP 25.
- Populism and climate change denial.
- Domestic climate costs as a catalyst for change?
- The role of emerging powers in the international sphere.
- Who rules the world today? The role of activism, civil society and companies.

11.00 – 11.30 *Break*

11.30 – 13.30 **Session 7, by BIPP HUB.**

In this session students will learn practical experiences in global affairs carried out by practitioners from BIPP HUB.

13.30 – 15.00 *Lunch*

15.00 -17.00 **Session 8. Practical session on the capstone task.**

17.00 – 18.00 *St. Pau Touristic Tour.*

Thursday 2 July, 2020

09.00 – 11.00 **Session 9, International Security: threats and challenges for the 21st century, by IBEI (name to be confirmed).**

- War and conflict and hot areas: The fight for controlling natural resources.
- International terrorism. Who feeds the evil?
- From economic migrations to climate refugees.
- The politics of fear.
- Threats for freedom, democracy and human rights.

11.00 – 11.30 *Break*

11.30 – 13.30 **Session 10, by BIPP HUB.**

In this session students will learn practical experiences in international development carried out by practitioners from BIPP HUB.

13.30 – 15.00 *Lunch*

15.00 -17.00 **Session 11. Practical session on the capstone task.**

Friday 3 July, 2020

09.00 – 11.00 **Session 12. Final Learning Task Presentations, by GASS 2020 students.**

In this session students will present their capstone task to a jury of highly recognised experts on global affairs in order to show their availability to understand and connect complex knowledge and analyse critically global issues.

11.00 – 11.30 *Break*

11.30 – 13.30 **Closing session.**

Concluding remarks from IBEI and BIPP HUB. Diploma ceremony.

13.30 – 15.00 **Farewell cocktail**