

7-10 September 2020

GLOBAL AFFAIRS SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

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

Intensive one-week pre-university programme
in International Affairs

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PROGRAMME

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.

Monday, 7 September 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 – 11.30 *Break*

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

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 – 14.45 *Lunch*

14.45– 16.45 **Session 2. “Creating a dialogue between local materials, social customs, cultural heritage and environment”, by Sameera Chukkapalli (Needlab)**

In this session students will learn practical experiences from Needlab, a not-for-profit design and research organization aimed at solving sustainability issues for communities using human and environment-centred design strategies.

16.45 – 17.45 **Clues of the day for the capstone task.**

Practical workshop to prepare the final presentations. Coffee break included.

Tuesday, 8 September 2020

09.00 – 11.00 **Session 3. International Security: threats and challenges for the 21st century, by Diego Badell (IBEI/UAB)**

This session begins by asking who is the enemy when climate change threatens our existence. Traditionally, security is threatened by someone or something clearly identifiable, but climate change requires adjusting the lens. The session also looks at the complex relationship between climate change and other major disruptions to international order, such as migration or food security. Finally, the session reflects on how the climate change threat compares to other 21st century security challenges.

11.00 – 11.30 *Break*

11.30 – 13.30 **Session 4. “The role of the private sector in responding to the climate emergency”, by Mateo Salazar (Vivid Economics).**

In this session students will learn about Vivid Economics, a strategic economics consultancy, and its role in helping address the climate emergency. Students will go through the different sectors that constitute the economy (private, public and third) and their corresponding incentives, whether it is making money, winning elections or doing good. They will also be introduced to the externalities that prompt companies to act at the expense of the environment and how pricing nature can respond to it by forcing those companies to start taking into consideration the environment in their decision-making. Finally the session will reflect on some project examples, such as carbon pricing for the World bank, ETS design in Mexico and Colombia, or satellites to the rescue.

13.30 – 14.45 *Lunch*

14.45 -17.45 **Session 5. Practical session on the capstone task.**

Practical workshop to prepare the final presentations. Coffee break included.

Wednesday, 9 September 2020

09.00 – 11.00 **Session 6. The role of international climate science in responding to climate change, by Conrad George (IBEI/UPF)**

An increasingly significant gap exists between the level of action required to address climate change and action being taken by states. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change played a key role in initially identifying and defining the problem of climate change. The IPCC's role is increasingly now moving toward providing "policy-relevant science" to guide national policy making. Can this change of direction lead to necessary increases in mitigation action by states? Is this an appropriate role for the IPCC, for science and scientists? What implications does this role for internationally generated science have for national deliberative processes, policy making and for democracy?

11.00 – 11.30 *Break*

11.30 – 13.30 **Session 7. "Contributing to sustainable development from the Global South", by Laura Señán (Avina Foundation).**

In this session students will learn how Avina Foundation promotes sustainability through collaborative processes, leading to large-scale positive impact, with practical examples carried out by this Latin American Foundation.

13.30 – 14.45 *Lunch*

14.45 -17.45 **Session 8. Practical session on the capstone task.**

Practical workshop to prepare the final presentations. Coffee break included.

17.45 – 18.30 *St. Pau Touristic Tour.*

Thursday, 10 September 2020

09.00 – 11.00 **Session 9. Yesterday's multilateral system and today's climate emergency, by Prof. Robert Kissack (IBEI)**

For decades, the UN system was a divided system, along the lines of East and West, North and South, rich and poor. Many 'global' problems were assumed to concern one group of countries and not others, and the public policies needed to address them were lacking. Comparing the Kyoto Protocol (1997) and Millennium Development Goals (2000) with the Paris Accord (2015) and the Sustainable Development Goals (2015) will show how this has changed – recent UN initiatives speak of common problems facing all countries. But the multilateral system is also under extreme pressure as powerful states are turning away from it. How much can the UN really do to address the climate emergency?

11.00 – 11.30 *Break*

11.30 – 13.30 **Session 10. “Climate Disinformation”, by Lorenzo Marini and Quique Badia (Verificat).**

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

13.30 – 14.45 *Lunch*

14.45 -16.30 **Session 11. 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 critically analyse global issues.

16:45 – 17:45 **Closing session**

Concluding remarks from IBEI and BIPP HUB. Diploma ceremony.

17.45 – 18:30 **Farewell cocktail**