

School of International Relations

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Degree Programmes

Graduate Diploma: *Defence Studies (distance-learning course)
International Security Studies
Management, Economics & International Relations (MEIR)

M.Litt.: *Defence Studies
International Security Studies
Management, Economics & International Relations (MEIR)

M.Phil.: International Security Studies
Management, Economics & International Relations (MEIR)

** No longer available to new students.*

Programme Requirements

International Security Studies

Graduate Diploma: IR5001 and a further 80 credits from IR5007, IR5015, IR5022, IR5023, IR5004

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for Graduate Diploma plus IR5099

M.Phil.: 120 credits as for Graduate Diploma, SS5001 - SS5002, plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words.

Defence Studies: The mode of study is directed distance learning supported by tutorial attendance at study days. It is a part-time M.Litt. or Graduate Diploma .

Graduate Diploma: 120 credits from the selection of modules on offer under the (Def) coding

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for Graduate Diploma plus IR5099

Management, Economics & International Relations (MEIR)

Graduate Diploma: EC5999 plus a further 90 credits made up of 30 credits from each of the subject groupings: EC5505 - EC5509; MN5012 - MN5014, MN5031 - MN5033, MN5037, MN5125; IR5104, IR5115, IR5122, R5123

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus SS5099

M.Phil.: 120 Credits as for the Graduate Diploma, SS5001 - SS5002, plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

International Relations – 5000 Level Modules

Modules

EC5505 Environmental Economics and Policy

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Availability: 2003-04

Co-requisite: EC5999

Programme(s): Optional module for Management, Economics and International Relations (MEIR) and Management, Economics and Philosophy (MEP) Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The aim of this module is to introduce basic ideas and methods of environmental economics and policy without assuming any prior knowledge of economics. The geological background and current state of global warming is related to international efforts to control the problem and efforts by energy lobbies to circumvent controls and influence public opinion. A variety of topical issues that relate economic, environmental and public policy considerations will be discussed including international trade, tropical deforestation, transport, sustainability, the relationship between economic (material) growth, the environment and human happiness and welfare. Specific problems of developing countries and their relations to the developed world will be studied and ethical problems relating to the environment are discussed.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One two-hour lecture per week plus eight seminars per semester

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 2 Hour Examination = 40%

EC5506 Entrepreneurship and Small Business

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2003-04

Co-requisite: EC5999

Programme(s): Optional module for Management, Economics and International Relations (MEIR) and Management, Economics and Philosophy (MEP) Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The analysis of entrepreneurial activity including risk and uncertainty bearing, co-ordination, arbitraging and innovating. The elements of small business strategy, especially as applied to fragmented markets, including approaches of Porter and Minzberg. A treatment of the elements of small business planning. An introduction to models of small firms and their empirical estimation. The policy context of small business.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One two-hour lecture per week plus eight seminars per semester

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 2 Hour Examination = 40%

EC5507 European Economic Integration

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Availability: 2003-04

Co-requisite: EC5999

Programme(s): Optional module for Management, Economics and International Relations (MEIR) and Management, Economics and Philosophy (MEP) Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The purpose of this module is to examine a number of issues relevant to European economic integration and to expose students to the techniques and arguments developed in connection with these issues. We will make use of both macroeconomic and microeconomic theory to look at the rationale behind a number of (past and present) EU policies. Where appropriate, we will also use theory and present empirical evidence in order to evaluate the effectiveness of these policies. Although the emphasis of the course is primarily upon the economics of the EU it will also look at the political and historical processes that influenced a number of EU policies.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One two-hour lecture per week plus eight seminars per semester

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 2 Hour Examination = 40%

International Relations – 5000 Level Modules

EC5508 Cities and Regions

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2004-05

Co-requisite: EC5999

Programme(s): Optional module for Management, Economics and International Relations (MEIR) and Management, Economics and Philosophy (MEP) Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The module will examine urban growth and change in a policy context in an increasingly globalised economy. Empirical material will primarily be European. Public policy, primarily urban policy, will be examined, mainly from the point of view of economic theory, but will also include elements of political science and planning theory. The basic economic theory underlying different urban (and regional) policies will be examined and the application and efficacy of policy instruments will be assessed. Key elements of the urban economy, the housing market, transport and the environment will be examined in some detail. A range of methods for policy evaluation will be discussed.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One two-hour lecture per week plus eight seminars per semester

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 2 Hour Examination = 40%

EC5509 Comparative Economics

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2003-04

Co-requisite: EC5999

Programme(s): Optional module for Management, Economics and International Relations (MEIR) Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This is a cross-disciplinary course in comparative economics focussing on East/West comparisons. It introduces basic economic principles/rules governing different economic systems, and relates economic performance to culture and political backgrounds. In particular students will learn about fundamental features of major economic powers, namely the USA, Europe, Japan, China and Russia. The course will emphasise industrial structure and policies. The issues addressed will include the implications of the 'Asian Crisis', analysis of economic reform, and transition in Eastern and Far Eastern economies".

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One two-hour lecture per week plus eight seminars per semester

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 2 Hour Examination = 40%

IR5001 Analysis of International Relations

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1

Programme(s): Compulsory module for International Security Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module considers various schools of thought which have dominated twentieth-century thinking about international relations and international security which constitute in part competing, and in part complementary theoretical explanations. Each approach is considered in the context of leading authors and is illustrated by reference to important current issues.

Class Hour: TBA.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

International Relations – 5000 Level Modules

IR5004 Russian and Post-Soviet Politics

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2003-04

Programme(s): Optional module in Central and East European Studies and International Security Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module explores the politics of transition in the former Soviet Union. After examining some of the factors which led Gorbachev to introduce perestroika in the mid 1980s, it turns to the evolution of the reform process with special attention paid to the ways in which political and economic reform created space within which autonomous political groupings and independence movements could flourish, and which in turn contributed to the disintegration of the USSR. The final part of the course examines some of the problems of democratisation in the Russian federation and the problematic relations between Russia and its former Soviet neighbours.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

IR5007 Terrorism and Liberal Democracy

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2003-04

Programme(s): Optional module for International Security Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module will deal with: conceptual and definitional problems and theories and doctrines of terrorism; the relationship of terrorism to other forms of violence; origin and development of contemporary international terrorism; the efficacy of terrorism as a political weapon: dilemmas of liberal democratic responses. Analysis of trends in international terrorism and international response are all addressed within the syllabus.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

IR5009 The Politics of International Economic Relations

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2004-05

Programme(s): Optional module for International Security Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module will seek to address the major theoretical concepts and policy issues in the international political economy. Nearly all of the study of international economic relations can be split into one of three mutually exclusive perspectives: Realism, Liberalism and Marxism. For this reason, the beginning of this course will focus on these theoretical concepts before going on to describe and analyse some of the major issues and areas of concern to the international political economy. With this in mind the module, for example, analyses the role of the US in the world economy; the implications of continuing problems of debt; the rise of regional economic arrangements. At all times, the aim of the course is to give students as balanced a viewpoint as possible with which to analyse the interaction between economics and politics in the international system.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

International Relations – 5000 Level Modules

IR5011 The Political Role of Islam in the Contemporary Arab World

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2004-05

Description: This module examines the causes of the resurgence of political Islam in the Arab world and its influence on intrastate, interstate regional politics as well as on the conduct of international relations. It will begin with the nature of Islamism as a political ideology and its evolution as well as specific influence on the resurgence of Islamic movements across North Africa and the Middle East. Then it will focus on the dynamics of the relationship between Islamic movements and government as well as society within the context of political modernisation in the region and its consequences within the framework of regional as well as international politics. It concludes by looking at broader issues relating to the compatibility of Islam and democracy, the West's perception of Islam as a threat and its consequences for foreign policy towards the region, as well as regime stability in the Arab world.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

IR5012 Revolution and Change: Post-Communist Central and Eastern Europe

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2004-05

Description: This module examines the changes brought about by the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe and the disintegration of the Soviet Union including: the nature of the 1989 revolutions; the impact of the collapse of communism on the international system; regional co-operation; Russia's place in Europe; nationalism and ethnic conflict; the war in Yugoslavia; Eastern approaches to Eastern Europe; domestic political-economic transformation and its international context; and changes to the European security institutional architecture.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

IR5013 Environmental Security and Diplomacy

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2004-05

Programme(s): Optional module for International Security Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme and the M.Litt. in Environmental History.

Description: This module considers the rise of environmental issues in the agenda of international relations, with particular attention to the implications for conventional security, posed by global environmental change. The module considers the rationale for including environmental quality within the definition of security. It then considers some of the reasons for the historic neglect for this dimension. The course considers the record of multilateral diplomacy over the period 1972-92, and includes case studies of the climate change negotiations and the outcome of the Rio, UNCED of 1992.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

International Relations – 5000 Level Modules

IR5015 Political Economy of the Middle East

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2003-04

Programme(s): Optional module for International Security Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This course examines Middle East political economy in the light of alternative theories of political economy and with the view of identifying its distinctive features. The theme will be why the Middle East has, in spite of its unique oil development, had such limited success in pursuing capitalist development and minimising dependency. The course is organised into four sections (I) Theories of Political Economy (ii) Common Middle East Problems and Issues (iii) Alternative Paths to Development (illustrated by case studies) (iv) Economic and Political Liberalisation.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

IR5022 Justice and Governance in the Global Economy

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2003-04

Programme(s): Optional module for International Security Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module focuses on the possibilities and practicalities of governance and justice in an evolving and changing global economy.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

IR5023 Rethinking Approaches to Conflict in the International System

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2003-04

Programme(s): Optional module for International Security Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: Understanding the nature of conflict and its key issue areas, both in the Cold War and post Cold War system, provides vital insights into both the changing nature of the international system, and into the development of both civil and international society. Similarly, an examination of the key methods which have been used to address conflict highlights their inadequacies. This module begins with an interdisciplinary analysis of the nature of conflict in international politics and covers various analytical models that have been developed, including positivist, structural, and philosophical approaches to the problem of objective causes of conflict (state-interests, territory, sovereignty, development and resources), and its subjective causes (claims for identity, culture and ethnicity, and representation). The module then turns to a critical survey of the various approaches that have emerged from addressing conflict, including peacekeeping, 'high level' and 'track II' approaches, and the more sophisticated variants developed since the end of the Cold War. The final part of the module examines how our understanding, and attempts to manage, conflict may reify the institutions and hegemonic practices which have it initially. Much of the discussion of the different areas of the module will revolve around topical case studies.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

IR5024 Asian Security and the United States

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2004-05

Programme(s): Optional module for International Security Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: With its enormous populations, ambitions and animosities, Asia's security is already a central preoccupation in global politics. This module examines the security cultures, practices and objectives of China, India and Japan, their interrelations, and the involvement of the United States in East and South Asian security affairs. The Indian nuclear tests, economic setbacks, and the increasingly confrontational relationship between China and the US suggest that post-Cold War hopes for cooperative security in Asia are diminishing. The module will also examine the conflicts over Kashmir, Korea and Taiwan and the reasons why they have proved so intractable. How Asian security relations are affecting, and being affected by, changing US security strategies will be an important questing in the module.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One lecture and one tutorial

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

IR5099 Dissertation for M.Litt. Programme/s

Credits: 60.0

Prerequisite: An average grade of at least 14 in course work.

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Defence Studies, and International Security Studies M.Litt. Postgraduate Programmes

Description: Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. The completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 words must be submitted by the end of August.

Class Hour: At times to be arranged with the supervisor

Teaching: Individual Supervision

Assessment: Dissertation = 100%

IR5104 Russian and Post-Soviet Politics (MEIR)

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2003-04

Programme(s): Optional module for Management, Economics & International Relations (MEIR) Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module explores the politics of transition in the former Soviet Union. After examining some of the factors which led Gorbachev to introduce perestroika in the mid 1980s, it turns to the evolution of the reform process with special attention paid to the ways in which political and economic reform created space within which autonomous political groupings and independence movements could flourish, and which in turn contributed to the disintegration of the USSR. The final part of the course examines some of the problems of democratisation in the Russian federation and the problematic relations between Russia and its former Soviet neighbours.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

International Relations – 5000 Level Modules

IR5111 The Political Role of Islam in the Contemporary Arab World (MEIR)

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2004-05

Programme(s): Optional module for Management, Economics & International Relations (MEIR) Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module examines the causes of the resurgence of political Islam in the Arab world and its influence on intrastate, interstate regional politics as well as on the conduct of international relations. It will begin with the nature of Islamism as a political ideology and its evolution as well as specific influence on the resurgence of Islamic movements across North Africa and the Middle East. Then it will focus on the dynamics of the relationship between Islamic movements and government as well as society within the context of political modernisation in the region and its consequences within the framework of regional as well as international politics. It concludes by looking at broader issues relating to the compatibility of Islam and democracy, the West's perception of Islam as a threat and its consequences for foreign policy towards the region, as well as regime stability in the Arab world.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

IR5113 Environmental Security and Diplomacy (MEIR)

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2004-05

Programme(s): Optional module for Management, Economics & International Relations (MEIR) Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module considers the rise of environmental issues in the agenda of international relations, with particular attention to the implications for conventional security, posed by global environmental change. The module considers the rationale for including environmental quality within the definition of security. It then considers some of the reasons for the historic neglect for this dimension. The course considers the record of multilateral diplomacy over the period 1972-92, and includes case studies of the climate change negotiations and the outcome of the Rio, UNCED of 1992.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

IR5115 Political Economy of the Middle East

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2003-04

Programme(s): Optional module for Management, Economics & International Relations (MEIR) Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This course examines Middle East political economy in the light of alternative theories of political economy and with the view of identifying its distinctive features. The theme will be why the Middle East has, in spite of its unique oil development, had such limited success in pursuing capitalist development and minimising dependency. The course is organised into four sections (I) Theories of Political Economy (ii) Common Middle East Problems and Issues (iii) Alternative Paths to Development (illustrated by case studies) (iv) Economic and Political Liberalisation.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

International Relations – 5000 Level Modules

IR5122 Justice and Governance in the Global Economy (MEIR)

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2003-04

Programme(s): Optional module for Management, Economics & International Relations (MEIR) Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module focuses on the possibilities and practicalities of governance and justice in an evolving and changing global economy.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

IR5123 Rethinking Approaches to Conflict in the International System (MEIR)

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2003-04

Programme(s): Optional module for Management, Economics & International Relations (MEIR) Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: Understanding the nature of conflict and its key issue areas, both in the Cold War and post Cold War system provides vital insights into both the changing nature of the international system, and into the development of both civil and international society. Similarly, an examination of the key methods which have been used to address conflict highlights their inadequacies. This module begins with an interdisciplinary analysis of the nature of conflict in international politics and covers various analytical models that have been developed, including positivist, structural, and philosophical approaches to the problem of objective causes of conflict (state-interests, territory, sovereignty, development and resources), and its subjective causes (claims for identity, culture and ethnicity, and representation). The module then turns to a critical survey of the various approaches that have emerged from addressing conflict, including peacekeeping, 'high level' and 'track II' approaches, and the more sophisticated variants developed since the end of the Cold War. The final part of the module examines how our understanding, and attempts to manage, conflict may reify the institutions and hegemonic practices which have it initially. Much of the discussion of the different areas of the module will revolve around topical case studies.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

IR5124 Asian Security and the United States (MEIR)

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2004-05

Programme(s): Optional module for Management, Economics and International Relations Postgraduate Taught Programme

Description: With its enormous populations, ambitions and animosities, Asia's security is already a central preoccupation in global politics. This module examines the security cultures, practices and objectives of China, India and Japan, their interrelations, and the involvement of the United States in East and South Asian security affairs. The Indian nuclear tests, economic setbacks, and the increasingly confrontational relationship between China and the US suggest that post-Cold War hopes for cooperative security in Asia are diminishing. The module will also examine the conflicts over Kashmir, Korea and Taiwan and the reasons why they have proved so intractable. How Asian security relations are affecting, and being affected by, changing US security strategies will be an important question in the module.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One lecture, one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

International Relations – 5000 Level Modules

IR5300 Terrorism and Liberal Democracy (Def)

Credits: 40.0

Availability: To be confirmed - Distance learning taught course

Prerequisite: Faculty entry onto the course

Programme(s): Optional module for Defence Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module examines the problems and dilemmas terrorism poses for liberal democracies, including problems of international response. The first phase deals with concepts and typologies of political terrorism, historical examples, the underlying causes of terrorism, and recent trends. The second part compares British and European policies and measure to combat terrorism and the extent to which they are compatible with democratic principles and the rule of law. The course concludes with an assessment of the future of terrorism.

Teaching: Open Learning Package - consisting of 21 weeks of study with two study days at St Andrews.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment (2 essays) = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

IR5301 The USSR and the Post-Soviet Order (Def)

Credits: 40.0

Availability: To be confirmed - Distance learning taught course

Prerequisite: Faculty entry onto the course

Programme(s): Optional module for Defence Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module explores the last years of the USSR and the emerging post-Soviet political order. In the first part of the module we devote some attention to the established Soviet system, but most of the focus is on the reforms initiated by Mikhail Gorbachev. The second half of the module looks at the collapse of the Soviet Union and the new order that has emerged since 1991. Though most of the focus is on the Russian situation, in particular the problems of democratisation, there will also be some discussion of the impact of change in Central Asia. The course will also analyse the security concerns of the new states and the continued Russian dominance of the region.

Teaching: Open Learning Package - consisting of 21 weeks of study with two study days at St Andrews.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment (2 essays) = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

IR5302 Security and Economics (Def)

Credits: 40.0

Availability: To be confirmed - Distance learning taught course

Prerequisite: Faculty entry onto the course

Programme(s): Optional module for Defence Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module covers all aspects of the relationship between security and economics, with particular attention to the use of economics as an instrument of power, the impact of the international economic environment on traditional security concerns, and the economics of defence. The module considers the viability of economic sanctions, the impact of trade wars on international relations, the use of aid as an instrument of foreign policy, and the issue of defence spending. At all times, particular attention is paid to analyzing these issues from a political science, rather than from a purely economics, perspective.

Teaching: Open Learning Package - consisting of 21 weeks of study with two study days at St Andrews.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment (2 essays) = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

International Relations – 5000 Level Modules

IR5303 Revolution and change: The International Relations of Post-Communist Central and Eastern Europe (Def)

Credits: 40.0

Availability: to be confirmed - Distance learning taught course

Prerequisite: Faculty entry onto the course

Programme(s): Optional module for Defence Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module examines the core security issues caused by the collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Issues considered include: the paradoxes of Soviet rule in Eastern Europe; the causes and consequences of the 1989 Revolutions; post-Communist regional cooperation; ethnicity, nationalism and regional security; post-Communist Russia's relations with Europe; the causes of the Yugoslav wars and international responses; political-economic transformation; Western responses to changes throughout the region; and the emerging post-Communist European institutional security architecture.

Teaching: Open Learning Package - consisting of 21 weeks of study with two study days at St Andrews.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment (2 essays) = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

IR5304 Managing and Resolving Conflict in the International System (Def)

Credits: 40.0

Availability: To be confirmed - Distance Learning Taught Course

Programme(s): Optional module for Defence Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: Understanding the nature of conflict and its key issue areas, both in the Cold War and post Cold War system provides vital insights into both the changing nature of the international system, and into the development of both civil and international society. Similarly, an examination of the key methods which have been used to address conflict highlights their inadequacies. This module begins with an interdisciplinary analysis of the nature of conflict in international politics and covers various analytical models that have been developed, including positivist, structural, and philosophical approaches to the problem of objective causes of conflict (state-interests, territory, sovereignty, development and resources), and its subjective causes (claims for identity, culture and ethnicity, and representation). The module then turns to a critical survey of the various approaches that have emerged for addressing conflict, including peacekeeping, 'high level' and 'track II' approaches, and the more sophisticated variants developed since the end of the Cold War. The final part of the module examines how our understanding, and attempts to manage conflict, may reify the institutions and hegemonic practices which have caused it initially. Much of the discussion of the different areas of the module will revolve around topical case studies.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminars.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

International Relations – 5000 Level Modules

MN5012 Managerial Economics

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2003-04

Programme(s): Optional module for Management, Economics & International Relations (MEIR) and Management, Economics and Philosophy (MEP), Health Care Management (HCM) Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module examines the behaviour of the firm under conditions of uncertainty and imperfect information. The module moves beyond the neoclassical and managerial paradigms, and will help provide some explanations of the way in which some firms and managers behave and make decisions in practice. It examines a selection of the following topics: the emergence of the growth of the firm; markets and hierarchies; principal and agent relationships; strategic behaviour; vertical integration; various forms of firms; conglomerates and multinationals and their welfare policy implications.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two lectures, fortnightly tutorials and six hours of seminars.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 2 Hour Examination = 40%

MN5013 Human Resource Management

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2003-04

Programme(s): Optional module for Management, Economics & International Relations (MEIR) and Management, Economics and Philosophy (MEP), Health Care Management (HCM) Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module considers the development of human resource management and the extent to which it differs from personnel management. It takes students through the theoretical and practical issues involved in recruiting, appraising, rewarding and training employees. It also tackles the issues of human resource planning, trade unions and collective bargaining.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One lecture, one workshop, fortnightly tutorials and six hours of seminars.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 2 Hour Examination = 40%

MN5014 Management of Change

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Availability: 2003-04

Programme(s): Optional module for Management, Economics & International Relations (MEIR) and Management, Economics and Philosophy (MEP), Health Care Management (HCM) Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module examines the process of change and how this process might be managed. Various models for bringing about planned change are analysed and their strengths and weaknesses highlighted. The issues of teambuilding, participation and resistance to change are addressed. Case studies enable the links between theory and practice to be made and, in particular, they focus on managing technical change, introducing cultural change, and improving the quality of goods and services.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two lectures, fortnightly tutorials and six hours of seminars.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 2 Hour Examination = 40%

International Relations – 5000 Level Modules

MN5031 Health Economics

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Availability: 2003-04

Programme(s): **Compulsory** module for Health Care Management Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Optional module for Management, Economics & International Relations (MEIR) and Management, Economics and Philosophy (MEP) Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module is designed to provide a framework to examine the implications of government health policy. It covers the nature of healthcare as a commodity, and examines demand and supply of health care. The module will provide a methodology for analysing the cost-effectiveness comparison of different health programmes.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One 2 hour lecture, fortnightly tutorials and six hours of seminars.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 2 Hour Examination = 40%

MN5032 Health Care Management

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2003-04

Programme(s): **Compulsory** module for Health Care Management Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Optional module for Management, Economics & International Relations (MEIR) and Management, Economics and Philosophy (MEP) Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module examines the nature of the organisation of health care production and delivery and the problems of resource allocation in health care. It covers the following topics: the organisation of health care delivery; output and productivity; quality control; techniques for managing resource allocation in health care, and policy implications of proposed changes.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One two hour lecture, fortnightly tutorials and six hours of seminars.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 2 Hour Examination = 40%

MN5033 Strategies for Global Business Management

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Availability: 2003-04

Programme(s): **Optional** module for Management, Economics & International Relations (MEIR) and Management, Economics and Philosophy (MEP) Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module aims to familiarise students with a) scenario thinking techniques, b) major global environmental trends, c) changing global business strategies and d) characteristics of international cultures and their impact on decisions and actions. The module is bound together by the scenario methodology and the cultural flavours. We examine: the development of global business; the internationalisation of the world economy, the trend towards liberal democracy, the battle for free trade and the regional trading zones, the competitive advantage of nations, cultures in Asia, China and the Middle East and major socio-demographic and technological trends. Throughout, an emphasis is placed on the impact of these factors on international business and the changing role of the international business manager. At the end, we build our own scenarios of the global setting over the next 10 years.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One two hour lecture per week, fortnightly tutorials and six hours of seminars.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 2 Hour Examination = 40%

International Relations – 5000 Level Modules

MN5037 Research Evidence in the Management of Health Care

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Availability: 2003-04

Programme(s): **Compulsory** module for Health Care Management Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Optional module for Management, Economics and Philosophy (MEP) and Management, Economics and International Relations (MEIR) Postgraduate Taught Programmes at the discretion of the Head of School.

Description: The aim of this module is to establish the important role played by research evidence in the organisation and management of health care delivery. The option will introduce the range of important questions tackled by health services research and describe the main research methods. The emphasis will be on the critical appraisal and application of research findings within the NHS, Management of R & D within the health service will also be covered.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One 2 hour lecture, fortnightly tutorials and six hours of seminars

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 2 Hour Examination = 40%

MN5125 Scenario Thinking

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Availability: 2003-04

Programme(s): **Optional** module for Management, Economics & International Relations Postgraduate Taught Programme

Description: The structure of environments facing organisations or nations can lie on a scale where the ends represent the static and simple interplay of variables or their dynamic and complex counterparts. The former can best be understood by formal and systematic analysis where the use of quantitative forecasting techniques is especially useful. The latter, which represents the structure of many global sector and market environments, is best analysed using softer, qualitative techniques. Of these, scenario thinking has gained significant ground since its commercial birth in the 1960s. It involves the careful building of stories about how potential futures might evolve. The scenarios are then used for a variety of purposes e.g. public policy and organisational strategy formation, the testing of new ideas, the evaluation of new markets or of individual project proposals. The methodologies are many but each requires a multi disciplinary input ranging from history, social anthropology, ethics, political economy, meteorology and global affairs amongst others. This course will explore the history of scenario building from its military origins; appraise the competing scenario methodologies; build scenarios on a pressing contemporary issue in a team; evaluate the impact of the resulting scenarios on existing strategies and resources to assess their robustness and develop a sequence of appropriate actions.

Class Hour: Four evenings 6.00 - 9.00 pm, 2 days 8.00 am - 8.00 pm.

Teaching: Twenty-four hours of lectures, seminars and tutorials and 24 hour workshop

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

International Relations – 5000 Level Modules

SS5001 Research Training in the Social Sciences (I)

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 1

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Economics, Health Care Management , International Security Studies & Management, Economics & International Relations M.Phil. Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The module is the first of two designed to provide first year research students with both a broad and basic training in research methods in the social sciences. The course aims to give participants a firm understanding of approaches to and methods used in research in different social science fields, providing the student with both a stronger basis for undertaking his or her own research and knowledge of other approaches and methods giving important perspectives useful in one's own research. This module deals with issues relating to data and information: the nature of data, data and information retrieval and data processing. Emphasis is placed upon the use of computers, involving accessing remote databases, information and file transfer, database construction and library use, spreadsheets and competence in use of a statistical package (SPSS). In addition, time is devoted to presentation of research results, both oral and written, project management and team work and problems of research ethics and funding.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminars.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SS5002 Research Training in the Social Sciences (II)

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Economics, Health Care Management & Management, Economics & International Relations M.Phil. Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The module is the second of two designed to provide first year research students with both a broad and basic training in research methods in the social sciences. The course aims to give participants a firm understanding of approaches to and methods used in research in different social science fields providing the student with both a stronger basis for undertaking his or her own research and knowledge of other approaches and methods, giving important perspectives useful in one's own research. This module deals initially with philosophical and theoretical issues related to the philosophy of social science, epistemological questions and their implications, choice of approach to research and research design and practice. These questions are then carried over into study of a number of central methodological approaches to research in the social sciences, including survey-based research, case-study and comparative research, qualitative research methods, model-building and use of documentary and archival sources. The module includes basic training in statistical analysis and an introduction to multivariate techniques in social science. Concrete examples of research strategies in social science are also examined.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Four hours of seminars.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

