

COURSE CONVENOR BACKGROUND



Dr Brighton's research takes a critical, interdisciplinary approach to security policy, military history and the political theory of armed conflict. Prior to becoming an academic, he worked as an analyst and researcher for several London-based think-tanks and NGOs, holding posts at Chatham House, on the ESRC's Domestic Management of Terrorist Attacks programme and at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies. Dr Brighton has published in, amongst other places, *International Affairs*, *The Cambridge Review of International Affairs* and *International Political Sociology*.

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MA INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

GLOBAL CHALLENGES: CONFLICTS AND COOPERATION IN CONTEXT

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MA INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

This programme is designed to analyse various aspects of International Relations in a scholarly, critical and methodologically sophisticated manner. Having introduced the theoretical and methodological components which facilitate our study of the field, the aim is to use these tools to examine, explain and understand the issues, topics and processes that make up

our world, from security and terrorism, migration and mobility, to global financial crises. The programme offers a balance between providing core content in the field of International Relations while allowing students to actively choose their area of specialism.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme has three different components: Core modules, Elective modules, and an MA dissertation.

Core Modules: to acquire foundational knowledge and understanding in International Relations, students will take four core modules.

- Approaches to Research Design
- International Political Economy
- Theories and Issues in International Relations
- Contemporary Security

Elective Modules: to enable students to specialise in areas of interest, build on foundational knowledge, and develop focused expertise, students can choose from a range of electives.

Students must take one of:

- Conflict Intervention
- Global Terrorism

Students can take one additional module from a list including:

- Conflict Intervention (if not already taken)
- Global Terrorism (if not already taken)
- Carbon Literacy for a Low Carbon Society and Economy
- Ethnic Conflict and Consensus: The Power of Institutions
- Gender, Politics and Democracy
- Institutions and Politics of the EU
- Philosophy of Conflict and War

Note that this is not an exclusive list and these options are subject to staff availability.

Dissertation: to enable students to develop their particular area of specialism, facilitate independent learning and instil a variety of skills students must also write a 15,000 word dissertation.

Assessment: The programme is assessed by a mixture of examination, continuous assessment (e.g. essays, projects, portfolios) and presentations.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- An opportunity to study international relations in a location where communal conflicts have a clear international aspect in both their perpetuation and resolution.
- Taught by world leading experts in areas such as migration and asylum, border security, visual culture and war studies.
- Benefits from a vibrant interdisciplinary research culture within the School, including insights from History, Anthropology and Philosophy.
- Graduates from the MA in International Relations currently work in local and national government, international and national NGOs and charities, academia (as lecturers and researchers), and the private sector (e.g. as lawyers and policy analysts).



“Thanks to a friendly, understanding and approachable teaching staff, I could pursue my studies and work at the same time and was offered the guidance I needed to complete my dissertation on a topic I felt passionate about. The knowledge and experience I benefited from was invaluable. The MA in International Relations enabled me to get a position as a Corporate Intelligence and Political Risk Analyst within a major financial services company.”

Leila Hachichi

MA in International Relations