

# Transnational Disruptions (Current Global and Development Challenges and Solutions)

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| Title             | Transnational Disruptions (Current Global and Development Challenges and Solutions)                                                 |
| Semester          | E2022                                                                                                                               |
| Master            | Global Studies / Internationale udviklingsstudier / Global and programme in Development Studies / European Master in Global Studies |
| Type of activity  | Course                                                                                                                              |
| Teaching language | English                                                                                                                             |
| Study regulation  |                                                                                                                                     |

## REGISTRATION AND STUDY ADMINISTRATIVE

Sign up for study activities at [STADS Online Student Service](#) within the announced registration period, as you can see on the [Study administration homepage](#). When signing up for study activities, please be aware of potential conflicts between study activities or exam dates.

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| Registration | The planning of activities at Roskilde University is based on the recommended study programs which do not overlap. However, if you choose optional courses and/or study plans that goes beyond the recommended study programs, an overlap of lectures or exam dates may occur depending on which courses you choose. |
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Number of participants

ECTS 10

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Teachers

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Exam code(s) U60371

## ACADEMIC CONTENT

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| Overall objective                | <p>A specialisation course aims to allow students to immerse themselves in the theories/theory lines and empirical issues pertaining to a particular subject area. The course equips students to competently select and argue for the applicability and relevance of a theory/theory line to given issues. The courses offered are based on the Institute's research in the field and knowledge of the highest international standard. The specific subject area of the courses will be described in the activity description.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                  | <p>Current Global and Development Challenges and Solutions addresses various global and development challenges, such as conflicts, questions of justice, inequality, sustainability, and effects for instance on states, markets and civil society.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                  | <p>Transnational disruptions can be global, regional or bilateral and affect social systems, economic structures and political orders. Transnational disruptions are recurrent phenomena and can entail accumulation of great wealth, empowerment and successful polities. But they can also bring about poverty, suppression and political collapse.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Detailed description of content  | <p>Disruptions can be driven by a wide range of forces including environmental changes (e.g. climate), technological innovation (e.g. industrialization), social change (e.g. migration period) or ideas (e.g. liberalism). Often these drivers combine, e.g.: industrialization&lt;-&gt;urbanization (migration)&lt;-&gt;liberalism&lt;-&gt;climate change. Since the second world war, profound transnational disruptions have included decolonization (~60 years ago), the end of the Cold War (~30 years ago) and the demise of the Western Liberal order (~12 years ago). At a regional level, the latter is mirrored in Brexit and member state contestation of the European Union.</p> <p>In this course, emphasis will be on political instances of contemporary transnational disruptions. These include the return of great power rivalry, the revival of nationalism and secessionist currents, alliance tensions and hostile incursions, climate governance disruptions and political implications of global health crises.</p> |
| Course material and Reading list | <p>Readings include articles from top journals supplemented by working papers and public reports and policy assessments. A sample is listed below:</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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Classes:

The course consist of lectures but students are expected to actively participate by asking questions and contribute to class discussions

Preparation:

Overall plan  
and expected  
work effort

As part of the course, the student is expected to prepare for classes by reading assigned texts for the given session. Teachers in turn pledge to make use of the students' preparation in the teaching.

The course is 10 ECTS, so approximately total 275 hours. Weekly estimated workload is approximately 17 hours (2 hours of presence and 15 hours preparation) for the 13 weeks of classes (17\*13=221 hours).

Expect around 49 hours of preparation for the exam

See inspiration to activity forms here and ETCS declaration here

Format

Evaluation  
and feedback

The activity are evaluated regularly regarding the study board evaluation procedure. The activity responsible will be orientated about a potential evaluation of the activity at semesterstart. Se link to the study board evaluation praxis here <https://intra.ruc.dk/nc/for-ansatte/organisering/raadnaevn-og-udvalg/oversigt-over-studienaevn/studienaevn-for-internationale-studier/arbejdet-medkvalitet-i-uddannelserne/>

Sessions (provisional):

- 1) Theories and core concepts on Transnational Order and Disruption (Michael Kluth)
- 2) Foreign policy analysis and the disruption/break down of the liberal international order (Gorm Rye Olsen)
- 3) EU and the disruption of the liberal international order and disruptive nationalist backlash (Michael Kluth)
- 4) The US and Europe - The transatlantic alliance: disruption and realignment (Gorm Rye Olsen)
- 5) The illiberal regimes and liberal governments (I.e. China/Russia versus EU & US) (Gorm Rye Olsen)

Programme

- 6) Undisruptable? The Global triumph of Westphalia (Michael Kluth)
- 7) National Interest and the Disruption of Global Climate Governance
- 8) Border disruptions – Incursions, Invasions and Refugee crises (Michael Kluth)
- 9) Pandemics, Power Politics and Panicking Publics (Michael Kluth)
- 10) AMR: confronting a looming global Health catastrophe (Olivier Rubin)
- 11) Colonialism, the Global South and the challenge to the Western Order (Gorm Rye Olsen)
- 12) Nationalism & Secessionist currents in Western Europe (Mathias Holst Nicolaisen/Angela Bourne)

13) Structural, Institutional & Domestic disruptions – the daunting prospects for the Middle East (Gorm Rye Olsen)

**ASSESSMENT**

- Overall learning outcomes
- Be able to explain and evaluate, using relevant terminology, the advantages and disadvantages of various theories/theory lines within the aspect of a subject area that is dealt with in the specialisation course
  - Be able to confidently and independently evaluate, select and apply relevant theories in relation to an issue
  - Be able to reflect critically on the relevance of the topic to the subject matter of the course
  - Carry out analyses on a scientific basis and deal in a creative and solution-oriented manner with central issues within the course theme
  - Communicate knowledge in language that is technically precise, well-structured and well-argued.

Individual oral exam with time for preparation.

Form of examination

Time for preparation including time to pick a question by drawing lots: 25 minutes.  
Time allowed for exam including time used for assessment: 25 minutes.  
Permitted support and preparation materials: All (only notes written during the preparation may be brought into the exam).

Form of Re-examination

Assessment: 7-point grading scale.  
Moderation: Internal co-assessor.

Type of examination in special cases

Samme som ordinær eksamen / same form as ordinary exam



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| Examination<br>and<br>assessment<br>criteria | Explain core terminology and theories from international politics on transnational disruptions                                                                     |
|                                              | Describe ongoing and recent shifts in international orders globally and regionally and relate them to core terminology and theories from international politics.   |
|                                              | Analyze the political dynamics of contemporary cross-border challenges such as e.g. secessionist movements, health crisis, climate change and great power rivalry. |
|                                              | Demonstrate ability to apply theories from international politics on the dynamics of contemporary cross-border challenges.                                         |

Exam code(s) Exam code(s) : U60371

## Course days:

**Hold: 1**

### Transnational Disruptions (GDS, EMGS)

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| time                    | 07-09-2022 08:15 til<br>07-09-2022 10:00  |
| forberedelsesnorm       | ikke valgt                                |
| forberedelsesnorm D-VIP | ikke valgt                                |
| location                | 07.1-008 - undervisningslokale (60)       |
| Teacher                 | Michael Friederich Kluth ( kluth@ruc.dk ) |

### Transnational Disruptions (GDS, EMGS)

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| time                    | 14-09-2022 08:15 til<br>14-09-2022 10:00 |
| forberedelsesnorm       | ikke valgt                               |
| forberedelsesnorm D-VIP | ikke valgt                               |
| location                | 07.1-008 - undervisningslokale (60)      |
| Teacher                 | Gorm Rye Olsen ( gormrye@ruc.dk )        |

### **Transnational Disruptions (GDS, EMGS)**

time 21-09-2022 08:15 til  
21-09-2022 10:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt  
location 40.3-25 - undervisningslokale (50)  
Teacher Michael Friederich Kluth ( kluth@ruc.dk )

### **Transnational Disruptions (GDS, EMGS)**

time 28-09-2022 08:15 til  
28-09-2022 10:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt  
location 06.1-032 - teorirum (65)  
Teacher Gorm Rye Olsen ( gormrye@ruc.dk )

### **Transnational Disruptions (GDS, EMGS)**

time 05-10-2022 08:15 til  
05-10-2022 10:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt  
location 06.1-032 - teorirum (65)  
Teacher Gorm Rye Olsen ( gormrye@ruc.dk )

### **Transnational Disruptions (GDS, EMGS)**

time 12-10-2022 08:15 til  
12-10-2022 10:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt  
location 25.3-005 - teorirum 25.3 (80)  
Teacher Michael Friederich Kluth ( kluth@ruc.dk )

### **Transnational Disruptions (GDS, EMGS)**

time 26-10-2022 08:15 til  
26-10-2022 10:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt

forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt  
location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)  
Teacher Gorm Rye Olsen ( gormrye@ruc.dk )

### **Transnational Disruptions (GDS, EMGS)**

time 02-11-2022 08:15 til  
02-11-2022 10:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt  
location 06.1-032 - teorirum (65)  
Teacher Michael Friederich Kluth ( kluth@ruc.dk )

### **Transnational Disruptions (GDS, EMGS)**

time 09-11-2022 08:15 til  
09-11-2022 10:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt  
location 06.1-032 - teorirum (65)  
Teacher Gorm Rye Olsen ( gormrye@ruc.dk )

### **Transnational Disruptions (GDS, EMGS)**

time 16-11-2022 08:15 til  
16-11-2022 10:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt  
location 06.2-007 - teorirum 06.2 (98)  
Teacher Olivier Rubin ( rubin@ruc.dk )

### **Transnational Disruptions (GDS, EMGS)**

time 30-11-2022 08:15 til  
30-11-2022 10:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt  
location 25.2-005 - teorirum 25.2 (80)  
Teacher Olivier Rubin ( rubin@ruc.dk )

## **Transnational Disruptions (GDS, EMGS)**

time 07-12-2022 08:15 til  
07-12-2022 10:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt  
location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)  
Teacher Olivier Rubin ( rubin@ruc.dk )

## **Transnational Disruptions (GDS, EMGS)**

time 14-12-2022 08:15 til  
14-12-2022 10:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt  
location 05.1-032 - teorirum 05.1 (65)  
Teacher Olivier Rubin ( rubin@ruc.dk )

## **Transnational Disruptions - Exam**

time 12-01-2023 08:00 til  
16-01-2023 18:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt

## **Transnational Disruptions - Reexam**

time 14-02-2023 08:00 til  
14-02-2023 18:00  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt