

## Politics of Global Humanitarianism (Current Global and Development Challenges and Solutions)

Title	Politics of Global Humanitarianism (Current Global and Development Challenges and Solutions)
Semester	F2023
Master programme in	Global Studies / Internationale udviklingsstudier / Global and Development Studies / European Master in Global Studies
Type of activity	Course
Teaching language	English
Study regulation	

### REGISTRATION AND STUDY ADMINISTRATIVE

Registration	<p>Registration is through <a href="#">stads selvbetjening</a> within the announced registration period, as you can see on the <a href="#">Studyadministration homepage</a>.</p> <p>When registering for study activities, please be aware of the potential conflicts between study activities or exam dates. 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.</p>
Number of participants	
ECTS	10
Responsible for the activity	Kerstin Carlson ( <a href="mailto:carlson@ruc.dk">carlson@ruc.dk</a> )
Head of study	Somdeep Sen ( <a href="mailto:sens@ruc.dk">sens@ruc.dk</a> )
Teachers	
Study administration	ISE Registration & Exams ( <a href="mailto:ise-exams@ruc.dk">ise-exams@ruc.dk</a> )
Exam code(s)	U60375

### ACADEMIC CONTENT

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>
Detailed description of content	<p>"What is contemporary humanitarianism and to what extent does it have a politics? This course investigates the nature, history and politics of global humanitarianism, studying the phenomenon at the local, regional and global levels. It seeks to understand the concept of humanitarianism and the practices, institutions and laws to which it has given rise, including practices which alleviate suffering and pathologies which exacerbate it. Focus is also on contemporary problems, the actors in the humanitarian field, and the way in which they create and navigate the humanitarian field, including South-South collaborations.</p> <p>The course consists of 13 classes, including several by practice-oriented or specialist guest lecturers. It has three parts. The first part investigates the concepts, history, theory, and law of global humanitarianism. The second studies different levels and types of humanitarian actors, such as local, regional, South-South, and global political organisations. The last part applies knowledge from part 1 and 2 to four specific cases and hotspots in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.</p> <p>The course builds your academic skills by asking you to understand and discuss academic knowledge about humanitarianism. It also includes a focus on policy analysis in the humanitarian sector and requires you to produce a policy paper. Lastly, the course aims to connect you with practitioners in the field by inviting them to share their experiences through guest lectures. "</p>
Course material and Reading list	<p>The readings consist of academic journal articles and book chapters from a range of fields, including international studies, international politics, development studies, and refugee studies. The required and optional readings will be listed on the course Moodle site in due course.</p>
Overall plan and expected work effort	<p>"Class teaching: 26 hours Other (student exercises and peer-review): 44 hours Preparation: 160 hours Examination: 40 hours</p> <p>Hours - total: 270 "</p>
Format	
Evaluation and feedback	<p>"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 <a href="https://intra.ruc.dk/nc/for-ansatte/organisering/raadnaevn-og-udvalg/oversigt-over-studienaevn/studienaevn-for-internationale-studier/arbejdet-medkvalitet-i-uddannelserne/">https://intra.ruc.dk/nc/for-ansatte/organisering/raadnaevn-og-udvalg/oversigt-over-studienaevn/studienaevn-for-internationale-studier/arbejdet-medkvalitet-i-uddannelserne/</a>"</p>

Programme	13 classes, syllabus to be posted on Moodle.
<b>ASSESSMENT</b>	
Overall learning outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Be able to confidently and independently evaluate, select and apply relevant theories in relation to an issue</li> <li>• Be able to reflect critically on the relevance of the topic to the subject matter of the course</li> <li>• Carry out analyses on a scientific basis and deal in a creative and solution-oriented manner with central issues within the course theme</li> <li>• Communicate knowledge in language that is technically precise, well-structured and well-argued.</li> </ul>
Form of examination	<p>Individual portfolio exam.</p> <p>The character limit of the portfolio is maximum 36,000 characters, including spaces. Examples of written products are exercise responses, talking points for presentations, written feedback, reflections, written assignments. The preparation of the products may be subject to time limits.</p> <p>The character limits include the cover, table of contents, bibliography, figures and other illustrations, but exclude any appendices.</p> <p>The portfolio is written completely or partially during the course.</p> <p>The entire portfolio must be handed in at the same time (uploaded to eksamen.ruc.dk). Handing in the portfolio or parts of the portfolio to the supervisor for feedback, cannot replace the upload to eksamen.ruc.dk.</p> <p>Assessment: 7-point grading scale.</p>
Form of Re-examination	Samme som ordinær eksamen / same form as ordinary exam
Type of examination in special cases	
Examination and assessment criteria	<p>The portfolio consists of 2 written products, that wholly or partially are developed during the course. For example, products can be exercise responses, speech papers for presentations, written feedback, reflection, written assignments. The preparation of the products may be subject to time limits.</p> <p>The entire portfolio must be handed in at the same time. The submission deadline will be public on study.ruc.dk before the course begins.</p> <p>The assessment is individual and based on the entire portfolio.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain and discuss, using relevant terminology and perspectives, the advantages and disadvantages of various approaches to global humanitarians that are addressed in the course</li> <li>• Confidently and independently, select and apply relevant theories and perspectives on global humanitarianism in relation to a specific issue or</li> </ul>

thematic problem

- Analyse and reflect critically on the different perspectives and themes taken up in the course
- Discuss and communicate knowledge in language that is technically precise, well-structured and well-argued

Exam code(s) Exam code(s) : U60375

Course days:

Hold: 1

## Politics of Global Humanitarianism (GDS)

time 09-02-2023 10:15 til  
09-02-2023 12:00

location 25.2-035 - auditorie 25 (145)

Teacher Kerstin Carlson ( carlson@ruc.dk )

## Politics of Global Humanitarianism (GDS)

time 16-02-2023 10:15 til  
16-02-2023 12:00

forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt

forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt

location 25.1-035 - teorikum 25.1 (98)

Teacher Miriam Bak McKenna ( miriambm@ruc.dk )

## Politics of Global Humanitarianism (GDS)

time 23-02-2023 10:15 til  
23-02-2023 12:00

forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt

forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt

location 25.3-005 - teorikum 25.3 (80)

Teacher Christina Plesner Volkdal ( volkdal@ruc.dk )

## Politics of Global Humanitarianism (GDS)

time 02-03-2023 10:15 til  
02-03-2023 12:00

location 25.1-035 - teorirum 25.1 (98)

Teacher Kerstin Carlson ( carlson@ruc.dk )

## Politics of Global Humanitarianism (GDS)

time 09-03-2023 10:15 til  
09-03-2023 12:00

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location 25.1-035 - teorirum 25.1 (98)

Teacher Miriam Bak McKenna ( miriambm@ruc.dk )

## Politics of Global Humanitarianism (GDS)

time 15-03-2023 14:15 til  
15-03-2023 16:00

forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt

forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt

location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)

Teacher Miriam Bak McKenna ( miriambm@ruc.dk )

## Politics of Global Humanitarianism (GDS)

time 23-03-2023 10:15 til  
23-03-2023 12:00

forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt

forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt

location 25.1-035 - teorirum 25.1 (98)

Teacher Wladimir Santana Fernandes ( wladimir@ruc.dk )

## Politics of Global Humanitarianism (GDS)

time	30-03-2023 10:15 til 30-03-2023 12:00
forberedelsesnorm	ikke valgt
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP	ikke valgt
location	06.1-032 - teorirum (65)
Teacher	Wladimir Santana Fernandes ( wladimir@ruc.dk )

## Politics of Global Humanitarianism (GDS)

time	13-04-2023 10:15 til 13-04-2023 12:00
forberedelsesnorm	ikke valgt
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP	ikke valgt
location	25.2-005 - teorirum 25.2 (80)
Teacher	Fannie Agerschou-Madsen ( fannie@ruc.dk )

## Politics of Global Humanitarianism (GDS)

time	20-04-2023 10:15 til 20-04-2023 12:00
forberedelsesnorm	ikke valgt
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP	ikke valgt
location	25.2-005 - teorirum 25.2 (80)
Teacher	Kerstin Carlson ( carlson@ruc.dk )

## Politics of Global Humanitarianism (GDS)

time	27-04-2023 10:15 til 27-04-2023 12:00
forberedelsesnorm	ikke valgt
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP	ikke valgt
location	25.3-005 - teorirum 25.3 (80)
Teacher	Christina Plesner Volkdal ( volkdal@ruc.dk )

## Politics of Global Humanitarianism (GDS)

time	02-05-2023 10:15 til 02-05-2023 12:00
forberedelsesnorm	ikke valgt
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP	ikke valgt
location	25.3-005 - teorirum 25.3 (80)
Teacher	Christina Plesner Volkdal ( volkdal@ruc.dk )

## Politics of Global Humanitarianism (GDS)

time	04-05-2023 10:15 til 04-05-2023 12:00
forberedelsesnorm	ikke valgt
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP	ikke valgt
location	25.2-005 - teorirum 25.2 (80)
Teacher	Christina Plesner Volkdal ( volkdal@ruc.dk )

## Politics of Global Humanitarianism - Exam (GDS)

time	15-06-2023 10:00 til 15-06-2023 10:00
forberedelsesnorm	ikke valgt
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP	ikke valgt

## Politics of Global Humanitarianism - Reexam (GDS)

time	16-08-2023 10:00 til 16-08-2023 10:00
forberedelsesnorm	ikke valgt
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP	ikke valgt