

## Democratic Decline and Authoritarian Aggression (Current Global and Development Challenges and Solutions)

Title	Democratic Decline and Authoritarian Aggression (Current Global and Development Challenges and Solutions)
Semester	E2023
Master programme in	Global Studies / Internationale udviklingsstudier / International Public Administration and Politics / Politik / Politik og forvaltning / Global and Development Studies / International Politics and Governance / Politik og Forvaltning
Type of activity	Course
Teaching language	English
Study regulation	Read about the Master Programme and find the Study Regulations at <a href="http://ruc.dk">ruc.dk</a>

### REGISTRATION AND STUDY ADMINISTRATIVE

Registration	<p>You register for activities through <a href="#">stads selvbetjening</a> during the announced registration period, which you can see on the <a href="#">Study administration homepage</a>.</p> <p>When registering for courses, please be aware of the potential conflicts and overlaps between course and exam time and dates. The planning of course activities at Roskilde University is based on the recommended study programmes, which should not overlap. However, if you choose optional courses and/or study plans that goes beyond the recommended study programmes, 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	Ole Bruun ( <a href="mailto:obruun@ruc.dk">obruun@ruc.dk</a> )
Head of study	( <a href="mailto:NONE@ruc.dk">NONE@ruc.dk</a> )
Teachers	
Study administration	ISE Registration & Exams ( <a href="mailto:ise-exams@ruc.dk">ise-exams@ruc.dk</a> )
Exam code(s)	U60605

### 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><b>Democratic decline and authoritarian aggression – consequences for the Global South</b></p> <p>This course will introduce students to the impact that authoritarian aggression and rising global conflict may have on particularly the smaller, poorer, and weaker states in the Global South. As authoritarian states led by China demand revisions to the global order if not a total replacement with their own, the international framework for aid and assistance is rapidly changing. New Chinese-led institutions in the Global South such as AIIB and NDB, as much as Chinese pressure on conventional international institutions and the promotion of Chinese currency offer new avenues of growth and development. However, when China offers a comprehensive package of loans, infrastructure works, communication and surveillance technology, and media controls, with an undercurrent of sharp power politics, the weaker states face dangerous and long-term consequential decisions. By means of general literature combined with views and debates from the Global South, including from South and Southeast Asia, Africa, and Latin America, the course will examine who wins and who loses out when underlying development interests become authoritarian rather than democratic.</p>
Course material and Reading list	To be announced in moodle
Overall plan and expected work effort	The course will consist of 10 lectures by the course responsible and selected experts. The students are required to actively participate in discussions and by making small group presentations. The course also includes one or two visits to relevant organisations in the Copenhagen area.
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 <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>
Programme	To be announced in moodle
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.

Form of examination

Individual portfolio exam.

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.

The character limits include the cover, table of contents, bibliography, figures and other illustrations, but exclude any appendices.

The portfolio is written completely or partially during the course.

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.

Assessment: 7-point grading scale.

Form of Re-examination

Samme som ordinær eksamen / same form as ordinary exam

Type of examination in special cases

Examination and assessment criteria

Individual portfolio exam: students are expected to make presentations in small groups in connection with lectures. Each student will develop a topic relating to the overall theme of the course and first submit it as a concept note half way through the course, and finally submit it as a written assignment at the end of the course.

Exam code(s)

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Course days:

Hold: 1

## Democratic Decline and Authoritarian Aggression (GDS, IPG, PF)

time 13-09-2023 10:15 til  
13-09-2023 12:00

location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)

Teacher Ole Bruun ( obruun@ruc.dk )

## Democratic Decline and Authoritarian Aggression (GDS, IPG, PF)

time 20-09-2023 10:15 til  
20-09-2023 12:00

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location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)

Teacher Ole Bruun ( obruun@ruc.dk )

## Democratic Decline and Authoritarian Aggression (GDS, IPG, PF)

time 27-09-2023 10:15 til  
27-09-2023 12:00

location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)

Teacher Gorm Rye Olsen ( gormrye@ruc.dk )

## Democratic Decline and Authoritarian Aggression (GDS, IPG, PF)

time 04-10-2023 10:15 til  
04-10-2023 12:00

location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)

Teacher Sameer Ahmad Azizi ( saazizi@ruc.dk )

## Democratic Decline and Authoritarian Aggression (GDS, IPG, PF)

time 11-10-2023 10:15 til  
11-10-2023 12:00

location 05.1-032 - teorirum 05.1 (65)

Teacher Ole Bruun (obruun@ruc.dk)

## Democratic Decline and Authoritarian Aggression (GDS, IPG, PF)

time 25-10-2023 10:15 til  
25-10-2023 12:00

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location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)

## Democratic Decline and Authoritarian Aggression (GDS, IPG, PF) - ONLINE

time 01-11-2023 10:15 til  
01-11-2023 12:00

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Teacher Thorkil Casse (casse@ruc.dk)

## Democratic Decline and Authoritarian Aggression (GDS, IPG, PF)

time 08-11-2023 10:15 til  
08-11-2023 12:00

location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)

Teacher Klaas Dykmann (dykmann@ruc.dk)

## Democratic Decline and Authoritarian Aggression (GDS, IPG, PF)

time 15-11-2023 10:15 til  
15-11-2023 12:00

location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)

Teacher Ole Bruun (obruun@ruc.dk)

## Democratic Decline and Authoritarian Aggression (GDS, IPG, PF)

time 29-11-2023 10:15 til  
29-11-2023 12:00

location 03.1-ne01 - auditorie c (50)

Teacher Ole Bruun (obruun@ruc.dk)

## Democratic Decline and Authoritarian Aggression - hand-in, exam

time 15-01-2024 10:00 til  
15-01-2024 10:00

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## Democratic Decline and Authoritarian Aggression - hand-in, reexam

time 26-02-2024 10:00 til  
26-02-2024 10:00

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