



Spring Semester, Level 5 module  
(Maximum 84 Students)

UCU: 20

Organiser: Dr Elizabeth Cobbett

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Coursework

Timetable Slot: F2, A2\|G1\|B3\|D2

What if I told you that the West was no longer the power centre of the world's economy? Could Pax Sinica provincialize the UK as political economic power settles over Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta? What would Adam Smith, Karl Marx and Friedrich List have to say about global transformations underway in the global political economy? And, as Susan Strange famously put it: cui bono: Who benefits from all these transformations? Multinational corporations, nation states, financial sector, exporting economies, citizens? You'll investigate the accumulation of wealth, movement of capital, centres of power, flows of globalisation, patterns of trade, and the ubiquity of finance in a world being transformed by innovation where emerging powers challenge the status quo of North Atlantic powerhouses.

### **2020/1 - PPLI6040B TERRORISM AND COUNTER-TERRORISM**

Spring Semester, Level 6 module  
(Maximum 58 Students)

UCU: 30

Organiser: Professor Lee Jarvis

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Examination with Coursework or Project

Timetable Slot: E1, F2\|A2\|C1\

Exam Period: SPR-02

Although the term terrorism goes back to the French revolution, it was rarely employed until the 1970's. Contrast this with today when terrorism, it seems, is everywhere we look: in foreign policy decisions, military interventions, homeland security measures, legal frameworks, newspaper headlines, speeches and sermons, films and video games, and, of course, in university modules such as this. In this module, we engage in a critical exploration of terrorism, counter-terrorism, and the academic field of terrorism research. You will explore the history of terrorism, and engage in debates around the definition and character of terrorist violence. Is it possible, necessary, or even desirable to separate terrorism from other forms of violence, for instance? The module will introduce different perspectives on the causes, types, and threat of non-state terrorism. You will examine a range of strategies for countering terrorism, and their political and normative implications. The module also explores the emergence and contribution of critical terrorism studies, examining issues including state terrorism, gender and terrorism, cultural representations of terrorism, and the production and influence of terrorism 'experts.'

### **2020/1 - PPLI6041B TERRORISM AND COUNTER-TERRORISM**

Spring Semester, Level 6 module  
(Maximum 6 Students)





Spring Semester, Level 6 module  
(Maximum 0 Students)

UCU: 20

Organiser: Dr Alexandria Innes

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Coursework

Timetable Slot:F2/,D3\D3/

**IN TAKING THIS MODULE YOU CANNOT TAKE PPLI5060B**

You'll address the politics of migration and citizenship. It will provide you with a background to political thought on citizenship, membership and belonging. You'll then examine migration at the international, state and individual levels. The international level will focus on historical movements of people (such as from Europe and Asia towards the Americas) and contemporary flows of refugees and guest workers. The state level will look comparatively at immigration and emigration policies and critically assess the logic behind them. Attention will be given to different countries in various regions for comprehensive comparative evaluation. Different types of migration will be considered, including economic (such as non-immigrant and immigrant work visas), family (such as spousal and family reunification visas) and humanitarian (refugees, asylum seekers, and special humanitarian protections). The politics of these migration categories will be foregrounded, including governmental tactics of management, how they comply or fail to comply with international human rights norms, and the foreign policy implications of humanitarian visas. Finally the individual level will consider narrative accounts of migration in order to understand policy and practice from a bottom-up and experiential perspective. You'll be encouraged to critically evaluate and analyse the politics of migration as manifest in the various policies and practices.

## **2020/1 - PPLM4001B INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL COMMUNICATION**

Spring Semester, Level 4 module  
(Maximum 999 Students)

UCU: 20

Organiser: Dr Sally Broughton Micova

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Coursework and Project

Timetable Slot:D1, H1\F2\F2/A2\A2/G1\G2\G2+

Trump's Tweets, Corbyn's "fans", and personalised campaign messages sent by algorithms...political communication has changed drastically in the last five years. Pundits and some scholars warn of serious dangers to democracy. What are the tricks of the trade in modern political communication and how different are they from those of the past? How does one now succeed to get across a message and gain support? Should we be worried about the implications for political discourse and decision-making? This module will enable you to critically assess the role of communication in national and international politics and help you understand the dynamics among political actors, media and citizens in opinion formation and decision-making. This is a professional practice module in which you will gain skills relevant to the conduct of political communications and to many other work environments, as well as experience working in a team on a task that requires critical thinking and collaborative











(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Coursework

Timetable Slot: H3/, E2\+|E2/-C3

How do grassroots and third sector organisations campaign for social and political change? Rather than pose this as an abstract question, you will partner with existing organisations to conduct campaigns on specific issues such as climate change, tax avoidance or gender inequality. You will receive a brief from a partner organisation and be supported in planning, devising, and carrying out activities that will achieve the aims of the brief. Taught content will include strategies for both online and offline activism, analysing power relations at different scales, and ways of assessing the effectiveness of your campaigns, but the bulk of the module will be the experience of a “live” campaign. You will combine applied research skills with professional practice in the form of a “reverse internship.” As the partner organisations are embedded in the module, you will build valuable skills for employability as well as an opportunity for being supported in the exercise of engaged citizenship. You will be assessed by presentation and critical reflection. In the year 2017-2018 the partner organisation was Greenpeace, but partners may change each year.

### **2020/1 - PPLM6079B ACTIVIST CAMPAIGNING**

Spring Semester, Level 6 module

(Maximum 999 Students)

UCU: 20

Organiser: Dr Ben Little

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Coursework

Timetable Slot: H3/, E2\+|E2/-C3

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### **2020/1 - PPLX4053B INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT: THE INDIVIDUAL IN SOCIETY**

Spring Semester, Level 4 module  
(Maximum 999 Students)

UCU: 20 Organiser: Mr Bob Stillwell

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Coursework

Exam Paper(hrs):

## **2020/1 - PPLX5159B POWER AND SOCIETY**

Spring Semester, Level 5 module  
(Maximum 0 Students)

UCU: 20 Organiser: Dr Michael Gough

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Coursework

Timetable Slot: B1\, D1\|D1/C1\

This module introduces students to key perspectives in 19th & 20th century social and political theory. Central to this module is an interest in the relationship between economic, social and cultural structures and individual agency and identity. Areas explored include the following: social conflict and consensus; conceptions of power and domination; Marxism and neo-Marxism; critical theory; structuralism; post-structuralism; ideology and discourse; postmodernity; the self and consumer society.

## **2020/1 - PPLX5162B STATES, INSTITUTIONS AND CITIZENS**

Spring Semester, Level 5 module  
(Maximum 72 Students)

UCU: 20 Organiser: Professor Toby James

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Examination with Coursework or Project

Timetable Slot: F1C2/, B3/H3/B1/

Exam Period: SPR-02

Political systems around the world are facing profound challenges and transformations. Established democracies in Europe and North America have seen the rise of populism, as marked by election of Donald Trump in the USA, the Brexit referendum in the UK or Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil. Democracy has also been in retreat in many states which democratised or partly democratised after the cold war such as Russia and Poland. At the same time, autocratic regimes in the Middle East and North Africa have come under pressure, with movements such as the Arab Spring signalling aspirations amongst many people for a more democratic system of governance. This module provides you with a critical understanding of how political systems vary around the world and the pressures facing them. It begins by







resources?). The format of the module will be a two-hour workshop each week, comprising research-led teaching, seminar discussions, practical exercises, textual reading, balloon debate, and essay writing and research-skills mini-sessions. The assessment will be comprised exclusively of a series of short workshop briefing papers, with a heavy emphasis on formative feedback on drafts to be discussed during optional weekly one-to-one tutorials.