

GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY

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The course examines the role of non-state actors at the global level, focusing on two main categories:

1. civil society organisations and NGOs: relations with their own members and supporters; the interests they represent; relations with states and international governmental organisations; participation in global policy-making.
2. subversive actors such as terrorists, criminals, insurgents, contractors; the impact of radicalisation in different regions; the challenges to global and regional security;

The course will provide students with advanced skills to analyse the different typologies of non-state actors, civil society organisations, their identities and tools, the participatory procedures used to access international and regional organisations and the main challenges they face.

A laboratory on Civil-Military cooperation (12 hours) will be offered as a specific case-study.

The award-winning Game of Peace simulation is scheduled at the end of the course.

Date	Hour	Title	Description of the activities
14 april	h. 14-18 - aula A5	Theories on Non-state actors	Lecture + Working groups on categories of Civil society actors
15 april	h. 16-20 - aula A4	Civil society, social movements and NGOs	Lecture + Working groups on categories of NGOs
16 april	h. 8-12- aula A4	NGOs and Humanitarian action	Lecture + NGO Simulation
17 april	h. 14-18 - aula A4	NGOs and Humanitarian action	Lecture by Henrik Beekserberg Discussion on the attacks to NGOs in conflict zones
18 april	h. 14-18 - aula A4	NGOs and global political agenda	Lecture + Working groups on different policy fields (environment; migration; radicalisation)
22 april	h. 16-20 - aula A4	Non-state armed actors - Terrorism and Insurgency	Lecture + Working groups on different case studies

23 april	h. 8-12 - aula A4	Non-state armed actors - Mercenaries and contractors	Lecture + Working groups on different case studies
24 april	h. 14-18 - aula A4	Non-state armed actors - Rebel groups	Lecture + Working groups on different case studies (Afghanistan; Syria; Yemen)
28 may	h. 12-16 aula A4	Game of Peace	Scenario: The Houthis in the Red Sea
29 may	h. 12-16 aula A4	Game of Peace	
30 may	h. 12-14 aula A4	Game of Peace	

Laboratory on Civil -military cooperation

12 may h. 8-10

13 may	h. 8-10
14 may	h. 8-10
19 may	h. 8-10
20 may	h. 8-10
21 may	h. 8-10

Assessment methods

The course will be extremely interactive. Students will be required to write a short paper (4,000 words) on a topic of their own interest, dealing with the course contents.

Assessment is based on active participation; participation in working groups, in the simulation and final paper.

All materials necessary will be distributed by the instructor during the course.