



FACULTY OF LAW – UNIVERSITY OF LISBON
HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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SYLLABUS

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - FROM THE MODERN WORLD TO THE 21ST CENTURY

I. Building the Modern World

- § 1.º From Empire to the *Respublica Christiana*
- § 2.º The development of State and sovereignty
- § 3.º The law of international relations: the development of modern *ius gentium*
- § 4.º War and Peace: main conflicts and peace treaties

II. From the Congress of Viena to the League of Nations

- § 1.º Making and changing the international society
- § 2.º The law of international relations: the development of Public International Law

III. The short 20th century

- § 1.º The end of the European order
- § 2.º International Organizations: the League of Nations and the United Nations
- § 3.º The post-war world order: the Cold War and the fall of the Berlin Wall; decolonization and self-determination movements

IV. Our time

- § 1.º Globalization
- § 2.º The development of human rights. The declarations of rights and the international protection systems and organizations

§ 3.º State sovereignty in the 21st century: war and peace; migrations; climate change

§ 4.º Lessons from History? a) The return to the “law of peoples”? b) The return to “raison d’état”? New challenges to historical legal-political concepts

EVALUATION: oral debates in class; oral presentation in class of a previously assigned subject; written test

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