

**University of Victoria
Department of Geography**

Contemporary Geopolitics

- Guide students in becoming more critically aware of how and why their own geopolitical imaginations are constructed through world political discourse.
- Gain proficiency of geopolitical concepts and case studies to understand current geopolitical conflicts.

Learning Outcomes

- Ability to use geopolitical concepts to evaluate geopolitical conflicts around the world.
- Ability to assess geopolitical conflicts using a variety of geographic perspectives.
- Describe where and why specific conflicts are taking place across various regions globally.
- Develop critical thinking skills in terms of speaking and writing about geopolitical issues.
- Ability to understand, explain and evaluate geopolitical discourse.

Required Course Text and Readings

- Flint, Colin. (2012). *Introduction to Geopolitics*. 2nd Edition. New York: Routledge.
- Cockburn, Patrick. (2015). *The Rise of Islamic State: ISIS and the New Sunni Revolution*. New York: Verso.

Assignments and Grading Scheme

Your final grade will be based on the following calculation:

Attendance	10%
Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exam	35%
Critical Analysis Term Paper	35%

Grading Scale:

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	D	F
90-100%	85-89%	80-84%	77-79%	73-76%	70-72%	65-69%	60-64%	50-59%	49% or Less

Course Experience Survey (CES)

I value your feedback on this course. Towards the end of the term, as in all other courses at UVic, you will have the opportunity to complete an anonymous survey regarding your learning experience (CES). The survey is vital to providing feedback to me regarding the course and my teaching, as well as to help the department improve the overall program for students in the future. The survey is accessed via MyPage and can be done on your laptop, tablet, or mobile device. I will remind you and provide you

Wed	Sept 30th	The Next World Leader: US, Europe or China?	Read Chapter 7 (Flint)
Fri	Oct 2nd	Geopolitical Codes	Read Chapter 2 (Flint)

