

## 2. Workshop on International Relations

### “WORKSHOP ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: MAJOR CONTEMPORARY ISSUES” 2023

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#### I. DESCRIPTION:

The Workshop -conducted in English (UK)- will consist of six presentations/discussions centred around major contemporary issues in International Relations.

#### II. OBJETIVES

##### GENERAL:

The Workshop will provide a multi-faceted window of entry to the discipline of International Relations, based on discussions around six major contemporary (sets of) issues, which figure prominently in the current global agenda.

##### SPECIFIC:

- Familiarise the students with current major global (sets of) issues which they need to know as modern diplomats.
- Refine and deepen their English skills.
- Exercise their capacities for debate and argumentation, in a pre-multilateral format.
- Contribute to their Diplomatic General Culture.

#### III. METHODOLOGY

The Workshop will take place -in classroom modality- at the Diplomatic Academy “Andrés Bello”, along ten 90-minute sessions. The students will be requested to read material, distributed in advance.

The Workshop is organised in six thematic units. Accordingly, the students are distributed in six groups charged with the presentation of each (set of) issues. Professor Labbé shall briefly introduce each of these and will moderate the discussions. All the students will be encouraged to participate in the debate, presenting their points of view and exchanging ideas.

The pedagogic methodology shall seek to foster teamwork, negotiation and conference skills, emphasising Diplomatic abilities.

#### IV. UNITS

- 1) GREAT POWER COMPETITION IN THE XXI CENTURY
- 2) RENEWED NUCLEAR RISKS
- 3) CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS EFFECTS
- 4) DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND THEIR EFFECTS
- 5) THE MIDDLE EAST

## 6) WORLD ORDER (LIBERAL) AND MULTILATERALISM

### V. GROUPS

- 1) Juan Vivanco, Valeria Hernández
- 2) Silvana Bidirinis, Renato Segura, Leonardo Torres
- 3) Camila Espinosa, Abel Venegas, María Ignacia Rojas
- 4) Maximiliano Schenke, Mario Díaz
- 5) Camilo Godoy, Paula Rojas
- 6) Catalina Rodríguez, Christian Orobia

### VI. EVALUATION

50% Active participation, pondering; preparation and handling of issues; depth and clarity of exposition; contribution to debates; capacity to generate positive environment conducive to consensus; Diplomatic ("soft") skills.

50% Oral (group) presentation of (set of) issues.

### VII. Schedule

SESSIONS	UNIT
1	INTRODUCTION
2	UNIT 1 - GROUP 1
3	UNIT 2 - GROUP 2
4	DISCUSSION
5	UNIT 3 - GROUP 3
6	UNIT 4 - GROUP 4
7	DISCUSSION
8	UNIT 5 - GROUP 5
9	UNIT 6 - GROUP 6
10	DISCUSSION

### VIII. BIBLIOGRAPHY: Material for each unit will be distributed before the presentations.