

# **Teaching Global Issues as a Gateway Course: Focus & Theory in Designing Undergraduate Syllabus**

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## Overview: “*Introduction to Global Issues*”

- The nature of the course
  - 1) Undergraduate
  - 2) Gateway to IR and CP
  
- The purpose of the course
  - 1) Understanding of global issues
  - 2) Facilitate interests

# Syllabus: Purpose & “Core Content”

- Analysis of sample syllabi
  - 1) Two major orientations
  - 2) The role of theory
- Limitations and Challenge
  - 1) Lack of a “core content”
  - 2) Lack of dimensions
  - 3) Insufficient theory

# Syllabus Design

- Defining a “core content”
  - 1) Design purpose
  - 2) Choice of orientation
  - 3) Choice of textbook
  
- Theory Integration
  - 1) Syllabus analysis
  - 2) Teaching Methods

# Syllabus Analysis

- Major theme blocks
- Case studies about integration

# Theory and Motivation

- Potential conflict
- Ways to solve the conflict
- How could theory facilitate interests?

# Survey Results

- Analysis
- Conclusion

## Summary: teaching *Global Issues*

- The importance of focus and how to achieve it.
- The importance of theory and how to integrate it.