**University of Management and Technology Lahore, Pakistan**

**School of Social Sciences & Humanities**

**Department of Political Science**

**Course Title: Geopolitical Structure of World (IR311)**

**Classes BS Programs Political Science and International Relations**

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**Counseling Hours:** To be arranged as per student’s requirement.

**Directions:**

To maintain uniformity of the course material and evaluation criteria; it is decided that one standard outline of the course will be followed by every cohort resource person. Midterm exam will be held in the 8th week and resource persons can set paper of mid-term exam according to their own requirement and choice but for the Final Exams; there would be one final paper for all the sections of Pakistan Studies to be held on the same time and same day. The structure and setting of the final paper must be composed of short questions of 15 marks and long questions of 25 marks. Classes should start on time. Faculty should not permit anyone in class after five minutes.

**Course Description:** This course of study examines the history of political, tactical and strategic developments and concepts regarding geopolitical concerns regarding political and military planning and execution from the mid-20th Century through the modern era. The comparative analysis of these concepts from the applicable secondary literature will provide a stepping stone to understanding the nature of modern combined arms and joint forces warfare

The half of course outline deals with the introduction to geopolitics and theories of geopolitics and the remaining deals with the regions which are dominating the world and playing important role in shaping the politics of the regions.

**Course Objective:**

**1)** Knowledge of the various definitions of Geostrategy and Geopolitics and their implications for the field of International Relations.

**2)** An understanding of the linkages among International Relations, Political Science, National Security policies, History, Political and Economic

Geography, Geopolitics and Geostrategy.

**3)** Familiarity with theories of the state as a geographical and political unit, such as Geopolitik.

**4)** An understanding of the elements and nature of power, power analysis, and power projection in world politics, to include not only the traditional nation-state as actor, but also contemporary non-state phenomena such as multinational corporations and the environment as Geostrategic factors.

**5**) Knowledge of Geostrategic/Geopolitical theories of land (Mackinder), sea

(Mahan), air (deSeversky), etc. and their contemporary applications; in addition to emerging Geostrategic theories involving the globalization of issue areas such as democratization, the environment, and the international political economy.

**6)** Awareness of the Geostrategic implications of contemporary International Relations issues i.e. outer space, globalization.

**Teaching Method:**

Course will be conducted on the lecture based discussion models along with homework assignments and evaluations through quizzes, Midterm and Final Term examinations. To ensure class participation of the attendees, students will be encouraged to raise more and more questions during and after the lectures

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**Course Duration:** It will run for one semester covering 15 weeks of teaching. Every week, there would be two classes each of one hour & 15 minutes.

**The following assignments are to be completed for this course**

1. **Assignments:** Every student must submit two assignments in the course work based on their analytical thinking rather copying the material in the book. Each assignment contains 5 marks. Student must give presentation at the end of semester on their last assignment.

**2.** **Quizzes:** You must be ready for 6 Quizzes. The purpose of these quizzes is to involve students in learning process, to get their full concentration and to prepare them for the mid and final exams. Recommended text book and class notes will be sufficient for the preparation of the quizzes, mid and final examinations.

**Mid Term and Final Term Exams:** On university’s prescribed dates you will have Mid Term and End/Final Term Examinations.

**Evaluation:**

Assignment+ Presentation 20 Marks

Mid Term Exam 25 Marks

Class participation 5 Marks

Attendance 10 Marks

Final Exam 40 Marks\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total 100Marks\_\_\_\_\_

**Class Rules & Regulation:** If any student misses classes more than prescribed numbers of classes by the University, he or she may not be able to appear in the Final Examination or short attendance will be treated according to the Policy of University. If you require accommodation due to personal circumstances, please contact me. Using Cell Phone is strictly prohibited in the class but if you have any emergency Phone call you can get permission to attend the Phone call. Mutual discussion in the class is not allowed and violation of the above rules can lead towards punishment.

**Course Schedule:**

**Week 1**

1. Intro to geopolitics
2. World war 1 and 2

**Week 2**

1. ColdWar and its Aftermath-geopolitical restructuring Phase-I
2. Phase II- 1957-79 And Phase –III 1980-89

**Week 3**

1. Apply the ideas of Mackinder to the field of Geo strategy

illustrating the terms, concepts, tools, and approaches that

are applicable to current concerns.

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**Week 5**

**1.** Apply the ideas of Mahan to the field of Geo strategy

illustrating the terms, concepts, tools, and approaches that

are applicable to current concerns

**2.** Apply the ideas of Mahan to the field of Geo strategy

illustrating the terms, concepts, tools, and approaches that

are applicable to current concerns

**Week 6**

**1.** Apply the ideas of Ratzel to the field of Geo strategy

illustrating the terms, concepts, tools, and approaches that

are applicable to current concerns

**2.** Apply the ideas of Ratzel to the field of Geo strategy

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**Week 7**

1. Apply the ideas of Haushaufer to the field of Geo strategy

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**Week 8 Mid Term Examination**

**Week 9**

1. The Asia-Pacific Rim

2.The Asia-Pacific Rim

**Week 10**

1. South Asia
2. The Middle East Shatter belt

**Week 11**

1. USA geopolitics
2. USA geopolitics

**Week 12**

The geopolitics of nationalism II: the process of “ethnic cleansing”Syrian Civil War

**Week 13**

**1.** Environmental geopolitics: security and sustainability

Securitization and the environment(quiz)

**2**.Globalization and geopolitics Technology, social media and geopolitics ( Arab Spring)

**Week 14** presentation assignments

**Final Examination**

**Recommended Books**

### [Introduction to Geopolitics - Colin Flint](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=3&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwimgcvjmODdAhXGgM4BHbALCBMQFjACegQIChAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fbooks.google.com%2Fbooks%2Fabout%2FIntroduction_to_Geopolitics.html%3Fid%3Ddvy1S0uyZA8C&usg=AOvVaw1E1khBadpVwIOu7VDgqG1c) –Third Edition

### Geopolitics The Geography of International Relations by Saul Bernard Cohen- Third Edition

**H. MacKinder, “The Geographical Pivot of History**.” pp. 27-31

**G. Parker, “Mighty Opposites: The Bipolar World**.” pp. 96-11

**G. Sloan, “Sir Halford J. Mackinder: The Heartland Theory Then and Now**.” pp. 15-37.

**P. Crowl, “Mahan: The Naval Historian.”** pp. 444-477

**Sumida, J. “Alfred Thayer Mahan, Geopolitician**.” pp. 39-62.