

Module Details	
Module Title	Globalisation and Contemporary Issues in International Business
Module Code	SIB7503-B
Academic Year	2020/1
Credits	20
School	School of Management
Subject Area	Strategy and International Business
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 7
Pre-requisites	N/A
Co-requisites	N/A

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Lectures	24
Tutorials	12
Directed Study	164

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 2

Module Aims
1- To provide MSc students with a detailed awareness, knowledge and understanding of current issues affecting international business in various settings and contexts around global markets and supply chains. 2- To establish a comprehensive understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing firms operating within the particular context of the Single European Market. 3- To gain a global perspective in the interaction between mature and developing markets by introducing issues related to the interrelationship between IB and sustainable development with a focus on business environments in emerging economies primarily in Africa, but also in other parts of the world. The module also investigates the drivers of foreign direct investment from developed to emerging economies, from emerging to developed economies, and from emerging to emerging economies and examines the rationale for outsourcing to emerging economies, and issues connected to technology transfer by multinational corporations. 4- To consider the effect of issues of sustainable development and problems associated with CSR in emerging economies with particular reference to sub-Saharan Africa.

Outline Syllabus

Business environments in mature economies: the case of the European Union Single Market Business environments in emerging economies in Africa, but also Asia, Latin America and Central and Eastern European countries.

International Business and Regional Economic integration: the cases of the European Union and Africa.

International Business and Regional Economic Integration: other models in emerging economies (ASEAN, Mercosur etc.)

Evolution of national business environments in major emerging economies, and importance of differences in institutional/cultural systems in major emerging economies for international business activities.

International competitiveness, FDI, technology transfer, and CSR in emerging economies.

Managing international business activities with and within emerging economies.

Learning Outcomes

Outcome Number	Description
01	Demonstrate a critical understanding of the impact of globalisation and the complex nature of international business environments both in mature economies, with particular reference to the EU Single Market, and in emerging economies with particular reference to sub-Saharan Africa.
02	Demonstrate an enhanced ability to evaluate opportunities and threats posed by changes both within mature economies (with reference to the EU) and emerging economies (with reference to sub-Saharan Africa) and make effective strategic decisions.
03	Research, evaluate and integrate complex information from various sources, write reports, demonstrate group-work skills and make effective presentations.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

This module consists of a series of lectures supported by tutorials in which cases will be analysed and issues debated.

The module delivery adopts a blended learning approach. All lectures are delivered online. Tutorial seminars are delivered alternately online and face-to-face every second week.

Summative assessment takes place in the form of a coursework report and a group presentation.

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting
Summative	Presentation	Group presentation (30 mins); Supplementary Short report 1200 words	30 mins	30%
Summative	Coursework	Report (2000 words)	N/A	70%

Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit <https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html>

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