

PROGRAMME
Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)

Old and New Global Issues. Markets, Empires and Environment

University of Lodz (Poland) 11-15 May 2026
online – April 2026

ONLINE TEAMS (April 2026)

Socialization meeting and group work (Agata Włodarska-Frykowska – University of Lodz)	2h	20.04.2025-
Class number 1-2: University of Crete/Sassari <u>From Empires to Emergencies: Historical Patterns of Crisis, Power, and Adaptation (Roman Empire, Medieval Kingdoms to World Wars)</u> Description: This lecture explores how societies and political systems have historically responded to crises — from global wars and economic depressions to ideological and environmental upheavals. Drawing parallels between past transitions and current uncertainties (such as the Russia–Ukraine war and the environmental crisis), it invites reflection on how historical insights can guide modern resilience and policy design.	2h	21.04.2025
Class number 3-4: University of Lyon II <u>Geopolitics of Uncertainty: Power, Populism, and Policy in a Fragmenting World</u> Description: This lecture analyzes how global political structures and ideologies evolve under pressure from new risks — including the Russia–Ukraine war, the Palestinian conflict, and climate-driven instability. It explores how populism, nationalism, and shifting alliances redefine the international order and the global governance of risk.	2h	22.04.2025
Class number 5-6: University of Lodz/University of Lyon II/University of Crete/Sassari <u>Online workshop for students:</u> Aim: To help students understand how economic systems, political decisions, and historical patterns shape the global risks we face today. Students are assigned to 4 groups (across universities) and have to work with a scenario such as: Scenario A: A global climate-driven energy crisis Scenario B: Disruptive AI replacing 30% of jobs Scenario C: A new financial shock in developing economies Scenario D: A geopolitical turmoil (e.g., nuclear war) affecting supply chains	2h	23.04.2025

Identify 3 risks that escalate in the scenario.		
Propose responses from: governments, international organizations, the private sector, and civil society. Explain how history helps us predict or avoid mistakes.		

ON-SITE LODZ – 11.05.2026 – 15.05.2026, University of Lodz, Faculty of Economics and Sociology, 90-255 Lodz, 3/5 POW Street

Day	Time	Place	Activity
Monday 11 May 2026	9:30-16	Room F-12	9:30-11:00 Introduction – University of Lodz – (dr P. Gabrielczak, dr A. Włodarska-Frykowska, dr E. Feder-Sempach, prof. J. Stawska) 11:00-11:30 coffee break 11:30-13:00 Lecture 1 WSMiP (dr M. Sempach) 13-14:15 – lunch break 14:15-15:45 – Students` Workshop part I
Tuesday 12 May 2026	9:30-16		9:30-11:00 lecture 2 WSMiP (prof. K. Dośpiał-Borysiak) 11:00-11:30 coffee break 11:30-13:00 lecture 3 (dr E. Grzegorzczuk-Akin) 13-14:15 – lunch break 14:15-15:45 – Students` Workshop part II
Wednesday 13 May 2026	9:30-16		9:30-11:00 Lecture 4 WES (dr O. Krzeczewska, dr B. Krzeczewski) 11:00-11:30 coffee break 11.30-13.00 Students` Workshop part III a guided city tour of Łódź Visit EC1 exhibition *pizza meeting
Thursday 14 May 2026	9:30-16		9:30-11:00 Lecture 5 (dr A. Ciesielska-Klikowska) 11:00-11:30 coffee break 11.30-13.00 Students` Workshop part IV Past and Present: a city game for students and with students

			(prof. E. Antczak, prof. M. Feltynowski, students) *Professors' gala dinner
Friday 15 May 2026	9:30-14		9.30 – 13.00 Students' presentations on national cases (students prepared that part in national groups) 11:00-11:30 coffee break Closing remarks