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PROGRAMME TRACK IN INTERNATIONAL AND GLOBAL HISTORY
We aim to provide our students with a broad spectrum of methodological and theoretical competencies, as well as a robust knowledge of international and global affairs.

Understanding International and Global History introduces students to key theoretical and historiographical discussions in international and global history. The aim of the course is to give students the basic tools to understand and analyse core themes and problems in international and global history, and to introduce them to current theoretical and historiographical debates in the field.

International Organisations and Institutions in History provides students with an overview of, and insights into, the emergence and development of international organisations and institutions. The creation, role and functioning of the United Nations and the European Union are among the themes that may be explored in this course.

Main Themes in International and Global History trains students to understand history in a deep chronological and broad international perspective by introducing them to key themes in international and global history.

Issues that may be touched upon include: imperialism, nationalism, the two world wars, the Cold War and globalisation.

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Scandinavia in the World introduces students to a central theme in twentieth-century Scandinavian history in a broad chronological and international perspective. Among the possible themes to be explored are the Scandinavian welfare state, gender equality, and social democracy.

Topic in International and Global History provides students with insights into a core theme in nineteenth- and twentieth-century international and global history, such as imperialism, the Cold War, or genocide.

Individual Profile In the third semester, students have several options. They may choose to specialise in a particular historical topic, or add an interdisciplinary profile to their MA degree. They can also gain practical work experience through an internship, or they may choose to study abroad.

Thesis In the last semester, students write their Master’s thesis on a topic of their choice.

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