**Political Science Department**

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**Lesson n°1:**

**Foreign Policy Analysis ……..What is it?**

Foreign Policy Analysis (FPA): is a branch of political science dealing with theory development and empirical study regarding the processes and outcomes of foreign policy.

**Study:**

Foreign policy analysis involves the study of how a state makes foreign policy. As it analyzes the decision making process, FPA involves the study of both international and domestic politics. FPA also draws upon the study of diplomacy, war, intergovernmental organizations, and economic sanctions, each of zich are means by which a state may implement foreign policy. In academia foreign policy analysis is most commonly taught within the discipline of public policy within political science or political studies and the study of international relations.

FPA can also be considered a sub-filed of the study of international relations, which aims to understand the processes behind foreign policy decision making.

The most prominent scholars in this field of study include Richard Snyder, James Rosenau, Alexander George, Graham Allison and Irving Janis.

According to foreign policy analysis.org, “As a filed of study,

foreign policy analysis is characterized by the actor-specific focus. In the simplest terms, it is the study of the process, effects, causes or outputs of foreign policy decision-making in either a comparative or case-specific manner.

The underlying and often implies argument theorizes that human beings, acting as a group of within a group, compose and cause change in international politics”.