**Task 18 – Final Essay**

**For the final essay you can choose a question either from the questions below or from the Easter Essay questions.**

**You should send the essay to me by 23 June at the very latest so that I can mark it in time to register the class marks by the first week in July.**

**Questions (the ones I have received so far)**

1) Countries all over the world have been progressively reforming their drug legislation. However, many scholars claim that these reforms are in breach of the fundamental drug control treaties, which have been ratified since the '60s. What do you think should be done to avoid a damaging collision between these new reforms and the current international drug control regime?

2) Advocates against the legalisation of Marijuana hold that regular consumption of marijuana may lead to the abuse of harder drugs. To what extent do you agree with this statement and why?

3) The debate over the legalisation of cannabis in Italy is still ongoing. Which of the described systems (those described in our seminar) do you believe could best apply to Italy?

**4) China presents itself as a different model of development and its investments in Africa create positive spillovers on the local population. To what extent do you agree with this statement?**

1. What are the main causes of the Cultural Revolution? Analyse Mao's motives and the main factions involved in the Cultural Revolution.
2. IS is now the richest terrorist organization in the world and it controls large part of the territories of Syria and Iraq. It has achieved this position thanks to the partial disintegration of the State’s authority in Syria and Iraq and to an effective use of propaganda and, in particular, of social media and videos. The international community formed an alliance of both Western and Islamic countries in order to fight the Islamic State. Do you think that the global community is effectively facing IS? What are the main contradictions within the alliance? What should the international community do in order to improve its efforts? Explain your position and provide possible actions, if any, to support your statement.
3. " Is deforestation inevitable? What are the possible kinds of programmes that can address this issue?"
4. Are there any possible relations between the rise of Boko Haram and the oil multinationals? What role could the multinationals play in the fight against the terrorist group?