

Tel Aviv University

European Studies Programme

Course

The European Union's Common Foreign and Security Policy



SYLLABUS

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Course Description and Contents

The course offers an introduction into the foreign policy and external relations of the European Union. It provides insights into a) the legal and institutional framework of the Union's external relations; b) the relationship between the EU's foreign policy and the foreign policy of the member states; c) the different areas of the European Union's external action, such as human rights, trade or security and defense policy; d) the relations of the EU with major powers and its Eastern and Southern neighbourhood.

Course Requirements:

1. Completing basic text readings prior to each class.
2. Each student has to conduct a presentation in our virtual classroom about one of the topics for this course. The students can choose one of the topics in the course outline or suggest a topic for a presentation to the instructor. The length of the presentation should be about 15-20 minutes. The presentation will account for 40% of the overall grading.
3. Until 9 August 2020, each student should submit a paper of about 2,000-2,500 words. The paper should address the same topic as the presentation. The paper will account for 60% of the overall grading.

Optional course reading materials (books):

- Christopher Hill/Michael Smith/Sophie Vanhoonacker (eds.) (2017): International Relations and the European Union, Oxford University Press
- Stephan Keukeleire/Tom Delreux (2014): The Foreign Policy of the European Union, Red Globe Press, Second Edition
- Christopher J. Bickerton (2015): European Union Foreign Policy: From Effectiveness to Functionality, Palgrave Studies in European Union Politics
- Pieter Jan Kuijper/Jan Wouters/Frank Hoffmeister (2016): The Law of EU External Relations: Cases, Materials, and Commentary on the EU as an International Legal Actor, Oxford University Press

Course Outline:

The session on 16 March had to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus outbreak and the related emergency measures. Please note that we will add 15 minutes to the six first sessions from 23 March to 18 May.

Institutional and legal framework	
23 March	Introduction Introduction to the seminar and the topic of EU foreign policy; course requirements
30 March	How to analyze EU foreign policy and historical overview of its making

	Theories that can be used to analyze EU foreign policy and a historical overview of the development of EU foreign policy
20 April	Actors and competences Main actors of the EU's foreign policy; Competences of the European Union in the area of foreign policy
Policy areas	
4 May	Promoting human rights and democracy Presentation: How can the European Union effectively promote democracy and human rights?
11 May	The EU's external action Presentation: How does the EU contribute to global policies on climate protection (or another policy field of your choice in the area of external action)? <u>or</u> Why is the European Union considered to be a trade power and how does the EU use this power?
18 May	Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP) Presentation: How can the European Union become a more effective military power? <u>or</u> Should the EU become a military power or remain a civilian power?
Relations with major powers and the EU's neighborhood	
25 May	The relationship between the EU and the United States Presentation: The transatlantic relationship under the Trump administration <u>or</u> What are the EU's strategic options in the US-China rivalry?
1 June	The EU's Neighbourhood: Eastern Partnership, Russia, and the Union of the Mediterranean Presentation: How can the EU deal with Russia? <u>or</u> Possibilities and limits of the EU's democracy promotion in the Mediterranean region <u>or</u> Challenges and EU-Israel relations
8 June	The relationship between the EU and the United Kingdom Presentation: What is the impact of "Brexit" on EU foreign and defence policy? <u>or</u> What could be the framework for a future EU-UK cooperation in foreign and defence policy?
15 June	The relationship between the European Union and China Presentation: What strategy should the EU adopt towards China and what interests and values play a role in the bilateral relationship?
22 June	Concluding session Final discussion: What role should the EU play in the world and how can the EU fulfill that role?

