EU ENLARGEMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY
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Short summary
The objective of the course is to provide students with the analytical tools to understand the special nature of the EU neighbourhood policy. The semester is structured in two main parts: The first, general part (1-6) treats the basic features of EU foreign policy including its multi-level structure, the EU’s normative requirements and EU conditionality. The second, specific part deals with the content of the relations with the EU’s neighbourhood, it is structured around four subjects:

- group to group relations of the EU with neighbouring regions and the shaping of the European Neighbourhood Policy (7-10);
- relations of the EU with the special enclave of the Western Balkans region analysing mutual interests and EU accession perspectives (11-15);
- the neighbouring east European states under the EU’s Eastern Partnership project (16-19);
- the eastern ‘neighbours of Europe’ focusing on Turkey, Russia and post-Soviet Central Asia (20-24).

The course is based on on-going research done by the CEU Centre for EU Neighbourhood Studies (CENS).

Goals of the course
The course’s main aim is to provide students with a strong understanding of:

- the main political motivations behind the EU neighbourhood policy;
- the factors shaping integrated EU positions on future enlargements;
- the significance of EU conditionality in its enlargement and neighbourhood policy.
Learning outcomes

By the end of the course students will:

✓ acquire a good understanding of the key political and economic motivations of the two-level foreign, neighbourhood and enlargement policy of the EU;
✓ apply their knowledge of the tools of policy analysis to empirical cases of EU neighbourhood relations;
✓ critically engage with the debates on the position of the EU and its member states concerning potential future EU accessions.

Requirements

▪ Attendance and participation in class based on a good knowledge of the readings.
▪ An essay of a length of 1500 words, to be submitted by early November (date to be set in September) which should analyse the EU’s role and activities as an international actor from a political, economic or legal aspect.
▪ A simulation of negotiations between the EU and one of its neighbours, following the topics 11-24. Students will take the role of either the EU or of one of its partners (country or region) and prepare and present an opening statement of bilateral negotiations between the two parties and react to each other.
▪ A policy brief of 3000 words to be submitted at the end of the Fall Semester analysing the relations between the EU and one particular neighbouring country or region.

Evaluation

▪ Attendance, participation 25%
▪ Essay 20%
▪ Simulation of negotiation 25%
▪ Policy brief 30%
CONTENTS

A) GENERAL PART

BASIC FEATURES OF EU FOREIGN POLICY

1. Challenges for European foreign policy
   Reading:

2. EU’s external relations after the Lisbon Treaty
   Reading:

3. The multi-level foreign policy of the EU
   Readings:

4. EU’s international agreements and relations with other international organisations
   Readings:
   Guillaume Van der Loo – Steven Blockmans: The Impact of Brexit on the EU’s International Agreements, CEPS 2016.

5. The EU as a normative power

Readings:

6. EU accession conditionality

Readings:

B) SPECIFIC PART

RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBOURING REGIONS AND COUNTRIES

B1) REGIONAL COOPERATION WITH NEIGHBOURS

7. Group to group relations and the European Economic Area

Readings:
8. Union for the Mediterranean

Readings:

9. Eastern enlargement

Readings:

10. The European Neighbourhood Policy

Readings:
B2) THE WESTERN BALKANS

11. State-building in the Western Balkans
Readings:
Matthias Bieri: The Western Balkans between Europe and Russia, ETH Zürich, 2015, pp. 1-4.

12. The effects of Croatia’s EU accession
Readings:
Theresia Töglhofer: From the West of the Balkans to the “Rest of the Balkans”? Effects of Croatia’s EU Accession on South Eastern Europe, DGAP, 2013, pp. 1-19.

13. Serbia
Readings:

14. Kosovo
Readings:
15. Bosnia and Herzegovina

Readings:

B3) EU EASTERN PARTNERSHIP

16. EU Eastern Partnership

Readings:

17. Ukraine

Readings:

18. Belarus

Readings:
19. South Caucasus (Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan)

Readings:
Farhad Mammadov: *Azerbaijan’s foreign policy – A new paradigm of careful pragmatism*, In: The South Caucasus between integration and fragmentation, EPC, 2015, pp. 29-36.
Andrey Makarychev: *Russia’s policies in the South Caucasus after the crisis in Ukraine: the vulnerabilities of realism*, In: The South Caucasus between integration and fragmentation, EPC, 2015, pp. 19-28.

B4) RELATIONS WITH SPECIFIC ‘NEIGHBOURS OF EUROPE’

20. Turkey – obstacles to EU accession

Readings:

21. Turkey – effects of potential EU membership

Readings:
22. Russia – geopolitical aspects

Readings:
Sergey Markedonov: *Russia, the West and Ukraine: A View from Moscow*, Russian Analytical Digest No. 162, 2015. pp. 2-5.

23. Russia-EU relations

Readings:

24. Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kirgizstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)

Readings: