

IP_318 - European Security and International Institutions

7 ECTS/3 US Credits

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The aim of this course is to provide an in-depth understanding of European security architecture by focusing on both key security institutions and key issues, such as terrorism, migration, cyber defense etc., which have direct ramifications for European security. Consequently, this course will, institution-wise, principally deal with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the EU's Common Security and Defense Policy, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the Collective Security Treaty Organization, and the Arctic Council. Simultaneously, this program will cover European security in regard to the adjacent regions that are essential for preserving local stability, namely, Eastern Europe (Russia, Belorussia, Ukraine, Moldova); Middle East and North Africa (Syria, Turkey, Israel, Palestine, Egypt, Libya, Algeria); and the Arctic region. Finally, the aim of this course is to also provide a comprehensive understanding of the current challenges to European security, primarily epitomized by the refugee crisis, information warfare, terrorism, or energy dependency.

Learning outcomes and competences:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand and debate key issues related to European security
- Comprehend the very intricate system of international security institutions and their impact on the EU
- Discuss European security and stability in connection with its adjacent regions
- Have an in-depth understanding of the EU's current security challenges

Course content:

This course deals with European security architecture, predominantly by focusing on relevant international security organizations, security issues linked with European neighboring regions, and current security challenges.

Course content in details:

1. **Evolution of European Security Architecture I.** - Course outline; grading scheme; Introduction; European Security before NATO
2. **Evolution of European Security Architecture II.** – Evolution of NATO and of European Union's security
3. **International Security Organizations** – OSCE; SCO; CSTO; Arctic Council; NATO today; European Energy Security.
4. **Eastern Europe I.** – The evolution of the region and its impact on local security; Cold War; Post-Cold War; Russian foreign policy, security narratives and perceptions today. Russian-NATO relations.
5. **Eastern Europe II.** – Local conflicts (Eastern Ukraine, Crimea, Transnistria, Georgia); Role of Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova; Future challenges; Presentations
6. **Balkans** – The evolution of the region and its impact on local security; EU-Balkan security cooperation and outlooks. European role during the 1990s and the EU's role today. **MIDTERM EXAM (March 22)**
7. **Easter Holidays** – no classes
8. **Middle East and North Africa (MENA) I.** – The evolution of the region and its impact on local security; Arab Nationalism; Political Islam; Overview of the current security situation
9. **MENA II.** – Conflict in Syria, Conflict in Libya, Palestine-Israeli Conflict; NATO missions in the region and their future
10. **MENA III.** – EU-Turkey relations. Security questions before and after the coup d'état attempt in 2016; Kurdish question; Presentations
11. **Current threats** – terrorism; refugee crisis; cyber-defence; information warfare; A2/AD concept.
12. **Outlooks for the future** – unified European army? New challenges rising? New Cold War? Revision for the final exam
13. **FINAL EXAM (May 10)**

Grading scale:

Grade	%
1	90 - 100
2	75 - 89
3	60 - 74
Failed	below 60
4+	50 - 60

Assessment methods (weight):

Active lecture/seminar/workshop/tutorial participation/ attendance	20%
Presentation	15%
Midterm test	25%
Final exam	40%
Total – maximum	100 %

Literature:

Students will receive pre-readings of research articles and other relevant sources.

Recommended:

CLEVELAND L V. - BUNTON M. A History of the Modern Middle East. Westview Press, 2012. ISBN 978-0813348339

JOHNSTON A S. How NATO Adapts: Strategy and Organization in the Atlantic Alliance since 1950. Johns Hopkins University Press, 2016. ISBN 978-1421421988

JONES G S. The Rise of European Security Cooperation. Cambridge University Press, 2007. ISBN 978-0521689854

KISSINGER, Henry. Diplomacy. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1994. ISBN 0-671-51099-1

BROWN, Archie. The Rise and Fall of Communism. HarperCollins Publishers Inc, 2011. ISBN 9780061138829