

Course title

New Era of Europe

A. Aim of the course

The course will focus on contemporary economic relations in Europe. The pandemic and the war in Ukraine have unprecedentedly marked the forming international relations in both geopolitical and geo-economic contexts. The topics of the course include the contemporary conditions of economic cooperation between European countries and Europe with the rest of the world, analysis of past cooperation and its historical milestones, as well as the recently implied policies and formed economic ties within the EU and extra-EU.

B. Learning effects

Knowledge

The student knows and understands to an in-depth degree selected facts and processes occurring in the European economy and the mutual economic relations taking place between countries, members of the EU and third countries.

The student knows and understands the methods and theories explaining economic and political relations between the countries of Europe.

The student knows and understands in the main development trends in the EU and its internal policies.

Skills

The student is able to use his knowledge of international relations in Europe to solve social problems in the international context.

The student is able to use appropriate methods and tools to study international industrial, innovation, trade and investment policies and evaluate the tools of trade policy.

The student is able to conduct a debate on current challenges in Europe and the world.

The student is able to make and verify hypotheses on the causes and consequences of international trade and international capital flows in Europe and the world.

Social competences

The student is ready to critically evaluate the practical significance of international relations in Europe.

The student is ready to take social action in the international environment.

The student is ready to formulate recommendations in the field of domestic policy.

C. Topics

1. Introduction to the recent EU developments. Current economic and social challenges in Europe.
2. Securing the new era: challenges and strategies for European defense.
3. European strategic autonomy and technological sovereignty.
4. ESG – driver of the new era.
5. Industrial policy in the new UE. New sustainability-based economic development.
6. The UE trade policy.
7. Green Europe. Energy transformation and security.
8. Digital Economy and policy in the EU.
9. Skills for future. European labor market in the XXI century.
10. Innovation and cohesion policy.

11. EU-US economic and political relations. Bridging the Atlantic again.
12. EU-China – cooperation or competition.
13. EU-Russia – is it ever realistic.
14. Building a resilience in the time of turbulences. Transmission mechanisms of economic crises in European countries.
15. Case studies. Course review session.

D. References

Christopher Hill, Michael Smith, and Sophie Vanhoonacker. (2023) *International Relations and the European Union*, Fourth Edition, Oxford University Press, 2023.

European Commission, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, Carraro, C., Coeuré, B., Dhand, O. et al., *A new era for Europe – How the European Union can make the most of its pandemic recovery, pursue sustainable growth, and promote global stability*, Publications Office of the European Union, 2022, <https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2765/584797>

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E. Supplementary references

Herman Lelieveldt, Sebastiaan Princen. (2023). *The Politics of the European Union* (3rd ed., Cambridge Textbooks in Comparative Politics). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/9781009318358

Press articles

F. Pre-requisites

None

G. Form of the course

Lecture, with a discussion

H. Grade elements

Essay (40%)

Group work (40%)

Activity (20%)

I. Languages

English

J. Selection criteria

None

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