

EU and EU Member States' Foreign Policies toward the Neighbourhood

Compulsory course – 25 h

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This course aims to provide students with an overview of EU and selected EU Member States' foreign policies towards the EU's southern and eastern neighbourhood.

After situating the theme within the debate on the EU as an international actor, the course will discuss the evolving context of the EU (and EU Member States) foreign policies in and towards the neighbourhood and link it to the current debate on the future of the EU and its role in regional affairs. In parts, this will be complemented by an analysis of key political, economic and security developments in the neighbourhood itself. The course attempts to apply some concepts and approaches of International Relations and European Foreign Policy Analysis to selected case studies, such as the creation of the European Neighbourhood Policy and its 2011 revision (Southern Dimension and Eastern Partnership), the EU's Mediterranean policy (Euro-Mediterranean Partnership and Union for the Mediterranean), and EU conflict management/resolution and sanctions policies in neighbourhood-related contexts.

More specifically, the course will discuss the role of the EU and EU Member States in conflicts like Transnistria, South Caucasus, Israel-Palestine and the Western Sahara, as well as during and after the uprisings, regime changes and civil conflicts of the Arab Spring.