

UČNI NAČRT/COURSE PLAN 2025

Pomladni seminar priprave na študij magistrskih programov Mednarodni odnosi in Evropske študije/

Spring seminar Introduction to International Relations and European Studies

Academic coordinator: prof. dr. Ana Bojinović Fenko

VENUE: Spring Seminar will be conducted via remote teaching. **Sessions are conducted via Zoom platform** (based on UL digital identity)

COURSE OBJECTIVE: The goal of this supplementary programme is to enable candidates for enrolment to the second cycle study programmes of International Relations and/or European Studies, who (will) hold a BA degree in other disciplines, to acquire the basic knowledge needed for the enrolment to the second cycle programmes of International Relations and/or European Studies.

COMPETENCES: Participants will acquire the following competences:

- knowledge of the inter-disciplinary study of international relations and of European integration,
- ability to understand basic concepts within individual sub-areas of the study of International Relations,
- ability to study independently the basic literature and of its analysis.

LEARNING OUTCOMES: Participants will be able to:

- define and classify basic concepts within the discipline of International Relations, including on European integration;
- apply the basic concepts and theories to explain or understand historical and contemporary issues in the international community;
- formulate and communicate an own view on substantive issues, based on the relevant literature;
- formulate, in writing (in a short scientific essay), own findings based on a systematic literature review of a selected issue of International Relations or European Studies.

EVALUATION AND FINAL MARK:

- A short-written paper (academic essay): 50 %. See instructions below. Conditions to enter the exam: positive mark of the paper.
- An oral exam: 50 %.

EXAM date: THU, 15 May 2025 & FRI, 16 May 2025

Oral exam of about 20 minutes will be conducted as a follow up to the scientific essay and a conversation of how the participant has mastered the basic contours of the Seminar themes. Participants will receive a schedule of their exact time slot for the oral exam via web office on 13 May 2025 the latest.

OBLIGATORY LITERATURE: is listed below next to individual sessions. All literature is available in MY FDV (My FDV ► Web office ► Spring Seminar ► Course materials).

SCHEDULE including OBLIGATORY LITERATURE:

INTRODUCTORY SESSION; MEET AND GREET

▶ TUE 25 March 2025: 16.00 (Ana Bojinović Fenko)

1 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AS A PHENOMENON AND IR AS A DISCIPLINE

▶ TUE 25 March 2025

17.00–20.00 Understanding of the international community; Prof Dr Zlatko Šabič

Literature:

- Baylis, J., Smith, S., & Owens, P. (2020 or earlier). *The globalization of world politics: an introduction to international relations*. Oxford University Press, parts on "Historical Context" and "Theories of World Politics".

▶ THU 27 March 2025

16.00–20.00 Theories and research in the discipline of International Relations and European Studies; Assoc. Prof Dr Marko Lovec

Literature:

- Daddow, O. J. (2013). *International relations theory: the essentials*. 2nd ed. Sage (Chapters: 3-Theoretical Debates, 4-Liberalism, 5-Realism, 6-Neorealism and Neoliberalism, 6-Constructivism, 10-Critical Theory).
- Nugent, N. (2017). *The Government and Politics of the European Union*. Macmillan Education (Part V: Conceptualising and Theorising).

2 INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

▶ TUE 1 April 2025

15.00–18.00 European integration; Assist. Prof Dr Jure Požgan

Literature:

- Cini, M. & Borrigan Perez-Solorzano, N. (Ed.) (2016). *European Union Politics*. 5th Edition. Oxford University Press. Chapter 16: Policy-making in the European Union by Edward Best.
- Nugent, N. (2010). *The Government and Politics of the European Union*. 7th Edition. Palgrave Macmillan. Part I and Part III.

5 SELECTED ISSUES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

▶ TUE 1 April 2025

18.00–20.00 International development; Assist. Prof Dr Matjaž Nahtigal

Literature:

- Todaro, M. P. & Smith, S. C. (2020). *Economic Development*, 13th Edition, Pearson. Chapter 1 (pp. 1–24).

3 INTERNATIONAL LAW

► THU 3 April 2025

16.00–20.00 Public international law; Assist. Prof Dr Matjaž Nahtigal

Literature:

- Klabbers, J. (2009). An introduction to international institutional law. 2nd ed. Cambridge University Press. Chapter 2.
- Reus-Smit, C. (ed.) *The Politics of International Law*. Cambridge University Press. Chapter 9 (International Financial Institutions by Anthony Anghie) and Chapter 10 (Law Politics and International Governance by Wayne Sandholtz and Alec Stone Sweet).

2 INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

► TUE 8 April 2025

16.00–18.00 International organisations; Prof Dr Zlatko Šabič

Literature:

- Baylis, J., Smith, S. & Owens, P. (2020 or earlier). *The globalization of world politics: an introduction to international relations*. Oxford University Press, Part 4 on “Structures and Processes”, Chapter 21 and Chapter 22.

5 SELECTED ISSUES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

► TUE 8 April 2025

18.00–20.00 Human rights; Prof Dr Petra Roter

Literature:

- Oberleitner, G. (2018). Agenda for strengthening human rights institutions. In: G. Oberleitner (ed.), *International Human Rights Institutions, Tribunals, and Courts. A critical introduction to the past, present, and future of human rights institutions* (pp. 2–19). Springer.

4 INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS

► THU 10 April 2025

16.00–20.00 Theories of international trade; Prof Dr Andreja Jaklič

Literature:

- Salvatore, D. (2020). *International economics*, 13th ed. Wiley. Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 6.

► TUE 15 April 2025

16.00-18.00 Regional economic integration; Assoc. Prof Dr Anže Burger

Literature:

- Baldwin, R. E., & Wyplosz, C. Eds. (2019). *The Economics of European Integration* (6th Edition). McGraw-Hill Higher Education. Chapter 4 - Essential microeconomic tools and tariff analysis. Chapter 5 - The essential economics of preferential liberalization.

5 SELECTED ISSUES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

► TUE 15 April 2025

18.00–20.00 Diplomacy; Prof Dr Boštjan Udovič

Literature:

- Berridge, G. R. (2011). *Diplomacy: Theory and Practice*. 2nd Edition. Routledge. Chapter 8: Embassies.

► THU 17 April 2025

16.00–18.00 Foreign policy; Prof Dr Ana Bojinović Fenko

Literature:

- Brummer, K., & Oppermann, K. (2024). *Foreign Policy Analysis*. Oxford University Press. Chapter 1.
- Kinsella, D. T., Russett, B. M., & Starr, H. (2013). *World politics: the menu for choice*. 10th edition. Cengage Learning. Chapter 1.

6 SCIENTIFIC ESSAY

► THU 17 April 2025

18.00–20.00; How to prepare a scientific essay; Prof Dr Ana Bojinović Fenko
See instructions.

► TUE, 22 April 2025

16.00-18.00/20.00; Consultations on the essays; Prof Dr Ana Bojinović Fenko
Present your outline of the scientific essay.

Scientific essay to be handed in by TUE, 6 May 2025, 20.00. See instructions.

7 EXAM

► THU, 15 May 2025 & FRI, 16 May 2025 (afternoon)