

## UČNI NAČRT/COURSE PLAN 2026

**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 %. Conditions to enter the exam: positive mark of the paper.
- An oral exam: 50 %.

**To pass, a candidate needs to perform above 60% of all points.**

**EXAM date:** **MON, 18 May 2026 & TUE, 19 May 2026 (afternoon)**

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 **15 May 2026** 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 24 March 2026: 16.00–17.00** (Ana Bojinović Fenko)

### 1 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AS A PHENOMENON AND IR AS A DISCIPLINE

- ▶ **TUE 24 March 2026: 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 26 March 2026: 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 31 March 2026: 16.00–18.00 States;** Prof Dr Ana Bojinović Fenko

Literature:

- Aalberts, T. (2025). Sovereignty. In F. Berenskoetter (ed.) *Concepts in International Relations: A New Introduction* (pp. 101–118). SAGE.
- Brummer, K., & Oppermann, K. (2024). *Foreign Policy Analysis*. Oxford University Press. Chapter 1.

- ▶ **TUE 31 March 2026: 18.00–20.00 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.
- Macmillan. Part I and Part III.

- ▶ **THU 2 April 2026: 16.00–20.00 European integration;** Assist. Prof Dr Jure Požgan

Literature:

- Cini, M. & Borrigan Perez-Solorzano, N. (Ed.) (2016). *European Union Politics*. 5<sup>th</sup> 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*. 7<sup>th</sup> Edition. Palgrave.

### 3 INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS

- ▶ **TUE 7 April 2026: 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.

- ▶ **THU 9 April 2026: 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.

### 4 INTERNATIONAL NORMS

- ▶ **THU 9 April 2026: 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.

- ▶ **TUE 14 April 2026: 16.00–20.00 Public international law;** Assist. Prof Dr Milan Brglez

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).

### 5 INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

- ▶ **THU 16 April 2026: 16.00–19.00 International security;** Assist. Prof Dr Faris Kočan

Literature:

- Baylis, J., Smith, S., & Owens, P. (2020 or earlier). *The globalization of world politics: an introduction to international relations*. Oxford University Press, Chapter on International and Global Security.
- Kolodziej, E. A. (2005). Introduction to international security and security studies (Part I). Available at <https://ir101.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Kolodziej-2005-Security-and-International-Relations.pdf>.

### 6 EXAM

- ▶ **THU 16 April 2026: 19.00–20.00** information on the exam; Prof Dr Ana Bojinović Fenko

- ▶ **THU, 6 May 2026: 17.00–18.00: scientific essay;** Prof Dr Ana Bojinović Fenko

- ▶ **MON, 18 May 2026 & TUE, 19 May 2026 (afternoon): oral viva**