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IR/PO322 – The European Union in the World: Crisis or Transformation?

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

What is a "Great Power"? Who is a "Great Power" in contemporary world politics? Is it still possible to argue that the European Union, with its complex and decentralized political mechanisms, will affirm itself as one of the future world powers? How could Europe overcome the current crisis? Should the EU relaunch its project on a new basis? How should it answer to the "Brexit" and address the current unbalance vis-à-vis the United States? The aim of the course is to analyze the structures and institutions of the European Union with a special attention to the past and present developments of its foreign and security policy.

PREREQUISITES

A background in Political Science/International Relations may prove helpful, but it is not compulsory.

METHOD OF TEACHING

Lecture and Seminar

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students have to comply with the following requirements:

- a) Students are expected to regularly attend class sessions and actively contribute to in-class debate.
- b) Students are expected to study in advance the assigned course readings.
- c) Students are required to present a short presentation on a course-related topic. The aim of the presentation is to sum up and comment one of the readings of the day (about 20 minutes).
- d) Students will have to take two written exams: a mid-term test and a final test, at the end of the teaching period.

CREDITS

6 ECTS



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GRADING

General class participation	20% of final grade
Mid-term exam	30% of final grade
Final exam	30% of final grade
Oral presentation (briefing)	20% of final grade

Both the mid-term and final exam will be made of open questions (and eventually multiple choice questions), and will take about 90 minutes. Students will be responsible for all material discussed prior to the exam date. Students who miss examinations for non-medical reasons will not have the opportunity to rewrite. Medical exemptions will require documentation. Alternative forms of examination can be considered only in exceptional cases, and upon instructors discretion.

COURSE READINGS AND MATERIALS

All required readings will be available in a course pack. Both readings and lectures/class activities are crucial components of the course and are interrelated.

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