

## **EU Foreign Policy**

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Thursday 8:30-10:00, online via WebEx (<https://uni-erfurt.webex.com/meet/ulrich.franke>)

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Restricted to foreign trade relations for more than thirty years, failure to prevent bloodshed in the Balkans in the early 1990s gave rise to a more tangible European foreign policy. To make sense of it, we will proceed in several steps. First, we will deal with the historical development, the structural foundations and the institutional design of the foreign policy of the European Union (EU). Second, we will examine various theoretical perspectives on our subject. Third, we will examine the goals, strategies and values of EU foreign policy by means of selected cases. In addition to foreign trade relations and security policy, migration and development policy but also the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) will be addressed. In this context, we will pay particular attention to the beliefs that guide the action of those responsible for the EU's foreign policy. In order to be able to answer this question as systematically as possible - which is not only mandatory given the EU's current crisis of acceptance - we will discuss epistemological and methodological aspects, too.

### **Course aims**

Participants will acquire the competence...

- to understand and discuss the historical development, structural foundations and institutional design of EU foreign policy;
- to understand and discuss various theoretical perspectives on EU foreign policy;
- to understand and discuss the goals, strategies, and values of EU foreign policy;
- to systematically examine and evaluate current examples of EU foreign policy;
- to look for, read, excerpt, and produce a coherent text out of primary and secondary sources on EU foreign policy;
- to take and defend a position, to fairly criticize the positions held by others, and to tolerate position differences;
- to study and perform self-motivatedly and to effectively work together.

### **Contact**

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### **Assignment**

Qualifizierter Teilnahmechein (3 credits or 'Leistungspunkte'):

- preparation of sessions;
- active participation;
- a presentation in English (an audio file of 10 minutes and a handout of 4 pages (all in) both to be uploaded on *moodle*) based on at least 5 academic sources for session 4 or 7 (see below);
- teamwork is strongly encouraged (requirements for 2 co-presenters: 16 minutes; 6 pages; 8 sources).

Modulprüfung (6 credits or 'Leistungspunkte'):

- preparation of sessions;
- active participation;

- term paper proposal (0.5-1 page) in English to be uploaded on *moodle* on 11 July, 8 am at the latest;
- term paper of 12-15 pages in English (to be submitted via email to [ulrich.franke@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:ulrich.franke@uni-erfurt.de) at Monday, 21 September, 8 am at the latest);
- teamwork is strongly encouraged (requirements for 2 co-authors: 22-25 pages);
- it is also possible to combine a presentation (see the above on qT) with a short paper of 7-8 pages (due on Monday, 21 September, 8 am); in case of 2 presenters: 14 pages.

## **Readings**

Like this syllabus, the readings are available on the University's e-learning platform *moodle*.

## **Overview**

### **Part I: Introduction**

#01 (7 May), Introduction, general overview, and assignments: how we will proceed

### **Part II: Historical development, structural foundations, and institutional design of EUFP**

#02 (14 May), Common Foreign and Security Policy & Common Security and Defence Policy

#03 (21 May), *no session* taking place (*holiday*: Ascension Day)

#04 (28 May), Student presentations on EUFP substructures

### **Part III: Theoretical approaches of EUFP**

#05 (4 Jun), The EU as liberal power

#06 (11 Jun), Social role theory

### **Part IV: Studying cases: goals, strategies and values of EUFP**

#07 (18 Jun), Student presentations on EUFP military operations

#08 (25 Jun), Energy policy

#09 (2 July), The EU and Russia

#10 (9 July), The EU and China

### **Part IV: Conclusion**

#11 (16 July), Summary, outlook, and discussion of term paper proposals

## **Detailed Reading List**

### **Part I: Introduction**

#01, Introduction, general overview, and assignments: how we will proceed

Franke, Ulrich and Ulrich Roos 2010: Actor, Structure, Process: Transcending the State Personhood Debate by Means of a Pragmatist Ontological Model for International Relations Theory, *Review of International Studies* 36: 4, 1057-1077.

### **Part II: Historical development, structural foundations, and institutional design of EUFP**

#02, Common Foreign and Security Policy & Common Security and Defence Policy

European Parliament 2020: Common Foreign and Security Policy: Aims, Instruments and achievements; <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/factsheets/en/section/203/external-relations-policies> (28 April 2020).

European Parliament 2019: Common Security and Defence Policy; <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/factsheets/en/section/203/external-relations-policies> (28 April 2020).

#03, *no session* taking place (*holiday*: Ascension Day)

#04, Student presentations on EUFP substructures

- The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (HR/VP)
- Political and Security Committee & European Union Military Committee

- Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management & European Union Institute for Security Studies
- Common Positions & Joint Actions
- European External Action Service & European Defence Agency
- European Border and Coast Guard Agency
- European Defence Community/Treaty of Paris
- ...

### **Part III: Theoretical approaches of EUFP**

#### #05, The EU as liberal power

Wagner, Wolfgang 2017: Liberal Power Europe, *Journal of Common Market Studies* 55: 6, 1398–1414.

#### Further Readings:

Smith, Michael H./Youngs, Richard 2020: The EU and the Global Order: Contingent Liberalism, *The International Spectator* 53: 1, 45-56.

#### #06, Social role theory

Aggestam, Lisbeth/Hyde-Price, Adrian 2020: Learning to Lead? Germany and the Leadership Paradox in EU Foreign Policy, *German Politics* 29: 1, 8-24.

### **Part IV: Studying cases: goals, strategies and values of EUFP**

#### #07, Student presentations on EUFP military operations

- EU Military Training Mission in Mali
- EU Military Training Mission in Somalia
- EU Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic
- EUNAVFOR Atalanta (coast of Somalia)
- EUNAVFOR MED Sophia (the Mediterranean)
- EUFOR Althea (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- ... (civilian crisis management missions)

#### #08, Energy policy

Herranz-Surrallés, Anna 2016: An emerging EU energy diplomacy? Discursive shifts, enduring practices, *Journal of European Public Policy* 23: 9, 1386-1405.

#### #09, The EU and Russia

Delcour, Laure 2018: Dealing with the elephant in the room: the EU, its 'Eastern neighbourhood' and Russia, *Contemporary Politics* 24: 1, 14-29.

#### Further Readings:

Orenstein, Mitchell A./Kelemen, R. Daniel 2017: Trojan Horses in EU Foreign Policy, *Journal of Common Market Studies* 55: 1, 87-102.

#### #10, The EU and China

Smith, Michael 2016: EU Diplomacy and the EU–China strategic relationship: framing, negotiation and management, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* 29: 1, 78-98.

#### Further Readings:

Maher, Richard 2016: The elusive EU–China strategic partnership, *International Affairs* 92: 4, 959-976.

## **Part V: Conclusion**

#11, Summary, outlook, and discussion of term paper proposals

term paper proposals on *moodle*