



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
MIR-655DE	The EU and the South-Eastern Mediterranean	10
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
None	Politics and Governance	Fall/Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Elective	Eastern Mediterranean Studies	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
2 nd Cycle	Dr. Christina Ioannou, Dr. Giorgos Charalambous	2 nd
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Corequisites
Distance Learning	N/A	None

Course Objectives:

The course aims at providing students of International Relations with specialised knowledge about the relations between the EU and the South-Eastern Mediterranean, effectively offering them the opportunity to empirically apply theoretical knowledge. The course will apply tools, concepts and theories of international relations to the domain of area studies and with reference to recent events and puzzles in an area receiving increasing attention. By examining EU-South Eastern Mediterranean relations and inter-connections, the aim of the course lies largely at the provision of both a deeper knowledge about the South-Eastern Mediterranean and an introduction to dialogue between international relations and European Studies. The objectives of the course address all aspects of the EU-South-Eastern Mediterranean nexus, including the EU's foreign policy, the intervening role of other big powers such as Russia and the USA, social and cultural issues, the domestic politics of the EU's Eastern Mediterranean member states and recently arising challenges such as economic crisis, immigration, military conflict and debates around the flow of gas into the EU.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able:

- To understand the significance of EU-Eastern Mediterranean relations for contemporary affairs and developments in both the Eastern Mediterranean and the wider EU.
- To assess the strategy crafted by EU elites in terms of its Eastern Mediterranean region.

- To be familiar with policy debates in the Eastern Mediterranean, pertaining to a variety of social, economic, military and other issues.
- To exhibit knowledge about the domestic politics of Greece and Cyprus, including their trajectories within the EU.
- To critically discuss the role of big powers and the nature of competition over hegemony in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Course Content:

The EU and the Eastern Mediterranean: An introduction via theory

The EU's enlargement(s) to the South-Eastern Mediterranean

The domestic politics of the EU's South-Eastern Mediterranean Members States: Italy, Greece and Cyprus

The Europeanization of the South-Eastern Mediterranean EU member states

The contemporary politics of southern European countries: Multiple crises?

The cultural dimension in the EU's South-Eastern Mediterranean region

The European Neighbourhood Policy and the Eastern Mediterranean

The EU, NATO and Russia in the South-Eastern Mediterranean: Big powers and Hegemony

The immigration crisis and EU-South-Eastern Mediterranean relations.

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures (including 2 guest lectures by policy-makers); inline discussion; individual research

Assessment Methods:

Interactive online forum participation; assessed essay; final exam.

Readings:

Indicative examples of key texts:

- Tagliapietra, S. (2017) Energy Scenarios & Policy Volume III: The Politics and Economics of Eastern Mediterranean Gas. Claeys and Casteels.

- Ehteshami, A. and Mohammadi, A. (2018) Re-imagining Mediterranean Geopolitics: The Role of Eight Key Powers. Instituto Affair Internazionali, Medreset Papers.
- Blockman, S. (2017) The Obsolescence of the European Neighbourhood Policy. CEPS.
- Gstöhl, S. and Schunz, S. (eds.) (2016) Theorizing the European Neighbourhood Policy. Routledge.
- Bouris, D. and Schumacher, T. (2016) (eds) The Revised European Neighbourhood Policy: Continuity and Change in EU Foreign Policy. Routledge.
- Triantafyllidou, A. and Modood, T. (eds.) (2017) The Problem of Religious Diversity: European Challenges, Eastern Approaches. Edinburgh University Press.
- Triantafyllidou, A., Gropas, R. and Kouki, H.) (2013) The Greek Crisis and European Modernity. Palgrave, published on 4 September 2013.
- Strangio, D. and Scancetta, G. (eds.) (2015) Italy in a European Context: Research in Business, Economics, and the Environment. Palgrave
- Bindi, F. (2011) Italy and the European Union. Brookings Institution Press.
- Sepos, A. (2008) The Europeanization of Cyprus: Polity, Politics and Policies. Palgrave.
- Featherstone, K. and Kazamias, G. (eds) (2001), Europeanization and the Southern Periphery. Frank Cass.
- Demmelhuber, Th. (2006) 'The Euro-Mediterranean Space as an Imagined (Geo)political, Economic and Cultural Entity', ZEI Discussion Paper C159. Bonn: Zentrum für Europäische Integrationsforschung, http://www.zei.de/download/zei_dp/dp_c159Demmelhuber.pdf.
- Xenakis, D and Chrysochoou, D. (2001) The Emerging Euro-Mediterranean System. Manchester and New York: Manchester University Press.

In addition, academic and other articles, as well as data sets, are uploaded on the course website and discussed in class.