



## Course Syllabus

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>ECTS Credits</b>
MIREL-545	Eastern Mediterranean Energy Geopolitics	10
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Semester</b>
None	Politics and Governance	Fall or Spring
<b>Type of Course</b>	<b>Field</b>	<b>Language of Instruction</b>
Core	Eastern Mediterranean Studies	English
<b>Level of Course</b>	<b>Lecturer(s)</b>	<b>Year of Study</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cycle	Dr. Theodoros Tsakiris	1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Mode of Delivery</b>	<b>Work Placement</b>	<b>Corequisites</b>
Conventional	N/A	N/A

### Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are:

- To critically review the dynamics shaping the Eastern Mediterranean into a distinct sub-system of global geopolitics
- To comparatively assess the divergent foreign and security policies of the USA, China and Russia vis-à-vis the Eastern Mediterranean and the significance of those policies in shaping the regional balance of power
- To illustrate the importance of the Eastern Mediterranean for Europe's Energy Security Strategy from a historical perspective
- To evaluate the region's energy, and in particular, its hydrocarbons potential and highlight their importance in the European and International context
- To analyze the way energy security considerations, influence the foreign and security policy of the region's most important countries as well as the development of their bilateral or multilateral cooperation
- To reflect on the priorities of the different energy strategies followed by the region's principal countries
- To debate on the role of the region's hydrocarbon resources as a potential catalyst for conflict/cooperation

**Learning Outcomes:**

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

- Critically Review the dynamics shaping the emergence of the Eastern Mediterranean into a new sub-system and the strategic relevance of the region for the USA, Russia and China by week 2
- Assess the significance of the region's energy resources and infrastructure as well as its importance for the EU's energy security strategy by week 4
- Evaluate the importance of energy security considerations in the foreign policies of regional governments while analyzing the main priorities and challenges of their respective energy strategy by week 10
- Debate on the role of energy as a catalyst for cooperation and/or conflict regarding the resolution of the region's intractable problems by week 12

**Course Content:**

1. The Eastern Mediterranean as a new Regional Sub-system
2. The Eastern Mediterranean in the Foreign & Security Policies of the USA, Russia and China
3. The importance of the Eastern Mediterranean for the EU's Energy Security Strategy
4. The energy map and hydrocarbon reserves potential of the Eastern Mediterranean
5. The importance of energy in Cypriot foreign policy and the Cypriot Energy Strategy
6. The importance of energy in Lebanese Foreign Policy and the Lebanese Energy Strategy
7. The importance of energy in Israeli Foreign Policy and the Israeli Energy Strategy
8. The importance of energy in Egyptian Foreign Policy and the Egyptian Energy Strategy
9. The importance of energy in the Turkish Foreign Policy and the Turkish Energy Strategy
10. The importance of energy in Greek Foreign Policy and the Greek Energy Strategy / Assignment Presentation
11. The energy parameters of the Palestinian Question and of the Syrian Civil War
12. The energy parameters of the Cyprus Question /Open Book Test

**Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

The module is delivered in taught on-campus mode by a selection from: lectures, videos, critical assessment report, PPT presentation, interactive group work, discussion, case study tutorials and directed self-study

**Assessment Methods:**

Assignment(s), Final-term exam, Open Book Test, Class Participation

**Readings:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>ISBN</b>
The New Eastern Mediterranean: Theory, Politics & States in a Volatile Era	Litsas, Spyridon & Tziampiris, Aristotle (eds.)	Springer	2019	9783319907581
Energy Cooperation and Security in the Eastern Mediterranean: A Seismic Shift towards Peace or Conflict?	Giannakopoulos, Angelos (ed.)	Tel Aviv University Press	2016	9789657440056
The Eastern Mediterranean in Transition	Litsas, Spyridon & Tziampiris, Aristotle (eds.)	Routledge	2015	9781472440396
Energy in the Eastern Mediterranean: Promise or Peril?	Androuda, Sami & Koranyi, David (eds.)	Academia Press	2014	9789038223766
Greece and the Energy Geopolitics of the Eastern Mediterranean	Tsakiris, Theodoros	LSE Ideas	2014	