Syllabus

German External Relations in the European Context - 54603

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Cont. German Studies: politics, Soc.&Cult

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
The course aims at deepening students' understanding of how Germany navigates the challenge of promoting its own foreign policy agenda while being constrained by EU membership. We will start by discussing Germany's foreign policy from the end of World War Two until the creation of the EU in 1992, and the establishing of the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP). We will discuss Germany's role in developing the CFSP, explore the specific mechanisms for dealing with international and regional conflicts, and to what extent these mechanisms affect the freedom of Germany to promote its own foreign policy agenda. Next, we will discuss Germany's position on EU enlargement policy and its desire to promote regional stability. We will also examine Germany's relationship to Russia and possible divergences with the EU's agenda. We will then devote special attention to the relations of Germany with the US, NATO, and examine future perspectives. Next, we will discuss German relations with Turkey and Iran, focusing on Germany's foreign policy goals and strategy vis-à-vis these countries. We will then focus on Germany's foreign policy in the Middle East and the effect of the Arab Spring and the migration crises. In particular, we will explore the ongoing relations between Israel and Germany and possible trajectories for the future. Finally, we will discuss the future of German external relations following Brexit, the migration crisis, and the new security threats.

Course/Module aims:
1. To provide an in depth understanding of German foreign policy goals.
2. To examine how Germany develops its foreign policy in light of its membership in the EU.
3. To analyze German foreign policy and strategy towards different countries and regions.
4. To assess the German response to various challenges facing Europe, such as the migration crises, Brexit, and instability in the Middle East.
5. To discuss possible future directions of German foreign policy.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
By the end of the course students will gain a better understanding of German foreign policy and the key debates that surround it. They will have a solid comprehension of the nature of Germany-EU relations, and the influence of Germany and the EU on each other. By obtaining insight into how Germany’s foreign policy developed in the face of recent crises, students will have the tools to evaluate and analyze Germany’s foreign policy and possible trajectories which this policy may take.
Attendance requirements(%):  
80% 
Students can miss up to two classes without prior notification

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures and class discussions

Course/Module Content:  
Course Outline

1. 1. From war to Peace – the evolution of German foreign policy from 1945 to 1992.

2. The Road to CFSP: the role of Germany in developing the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy.

3. The Impact of EU Membership on shaping Germany’s Foreign Policy.

4. German and EU Policy towards Enlargement – the quest for regional stability.

5. Germany and Russia – are they getting closer?

6. German and US relations: from the Bush to Trump

7. Germany and Turkey – an ambiguous Relationship.

8. Germany, the EU, and the Iran Nuclear Deal.

9. Germany’s and the EU’s goals and strategies in the Middle East, before and after the Arab Spring and the refugee crises.

10. Germany’s relationship with Israel, and possible trajectories.

11. The future of Germany’s foreign policy in light of the BREXIT, the refugee crises, and heightened security threats.

Required Reading:  
VII. Reading Material

1. From war to Peace – the evolution of German foreign policy after unification.

Required reading:

2. The Road to CFSP: The role of Germany in developing the EU Common and Security Policy.
Required reading:


3. The Impact of EU Membership on shaping Germany’s Foreign Policy.
Required reading:


4. German and EU Policy towards Enlargement – the quest for regional stability.
Required reading:

Henning Tewes (1997), The emergence of a civilian power: Germany and central Europe, German Politics, 6:2, 95-116.

5. Germany and Russia – are they getting closer?


6. German and US relations: from the Bush to Trump
7. Germany and Turkey—an ambiguous Relationship.

Required reading:


8. Germany, the EU, and the Iran nuclear deal.

Required reading:


9. Germany's and the EU's goals and strategies in the Middle East, before and after the Arab Spring and the refugee crises.

Required reading:


10. Germany's relationship to Israel, and possible trajectories.
Required reading:


11. The future of Germany’s foreign policy in light of the BREXIT, the refugee crises, and heightened security threats.

Required reading:


Additional Reading Material:

VII. Reading Material

1. From war to Peace – the evolution of German foreign policy after unification.

Optional:


2. The Road to CFSP: the role of Germany in developing the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy.
Optional:


3. The Impact of EU Membership on shaping Germany’s Foreign Policy.


Optional:


4. German and EU Policy towards Enlargement – the quest for regional stability.

Optional:


5. Germany and Russia – are they getting closer?

Optional:


6. German and US relations: from the Bush to Trump

Optional:


Lisa Brandt and Barbara Kunz (2013), Transatlantic Relations in a Multipolar World. French and German Perspectives of Security and Trade Affairs, Genshagener Papiere, No. 11, April 2013.


Steve Szabo (2004), Parting ways: The crisis in German-American relations.


7. Germany and Turkey – an ambiguous Relationship.
Optional:


Pinar Gedikkaya Bal (2016), The Effects of The Refugee Crisis on the EU-Turkey Relations: The Readmission Agreement and Beyond, European Scientific Journal,12:8.


8. Germany, the EU, and the Iran nuclear deal.

Optional:

Cornelius Adebahr (2017), Europe and Iran: The Nuclear Deal and Beyond, Routledge.


9. Germany’s and the EU’s goals and strategies in the Middle East, before and after the Arab Spring and the refugee crises.

Optional:

Rolf Steininger (2018), Germany and the Middle East From Kaiser Wilhelm II to Angela Merkel, Berghahn.


Alister Miskimmon (2012), "German Foreign Policy and the Libya Crisis", German Politics, 21 p. 392-410.


10. Germany’s relationship to Israel, and possible trajectories.

Optional:

Lily Gardner Feldman (2012), Germany’s Foreign Policy of Reconciliation: From Enmity to Amity, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers


Lily Gardner Feldman (1999), "The principle and practice of reconciliation in German foreign policy: relations with France, Israel, Poland and the Czech Republic", International Affairs 75, 2 333-356.

Paul Belkin (2007), Germany’s Relations with Israel: Background and Implications for German Middle East Policy, Congressional Research Service, Report RL 33808.

Esther Lopatin (2016), " The Impact of the EU Integration process on German-Israeli Relations and Possible Trajectories for the Future", Wittstock, Alfred, ed. Rapprochement, Change, Perception and Shaping the Future: 50 Years of German-Israeli and Israeli-German Diplomatic Relations. Frank & Timme.

11. The future of Germany’s foreign policy in light of the BREXIT, the refugee crises, and heightened security threats.
Optional:


Gunther Hellmann (2016) Germany’s world: power and followership in a crisis ridden Europe, Global Affairs, 2:1, 3-20

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 100 %
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Additional information:

1) Participation: students are expected to complete all reading assignments and participate in class discussions (10% of the final grade).

2) Final Paper - students are required to submit a term paper of 12 pages length (90% of the final grade).

Possible topics for term paper will be published in the module.

Please feel free to contact Dr. Lopatin by email or phone (052-3348991).