

# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *German Foreign Policy - 54695*

*Last update 28-09-2016*

*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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*Coordinator Office Hours:*

*Teaching Staff:*

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Course/Module description:

The course is an introduction to the (theoretical and historical) analysis of and debates about German foreign policy since 1945. While dealing with major events and issues in the external relations of Germany - from "Westbindung" (European integration, NATO membership), "Ostpolitik", to the current refugee crisis, and relations to Israel - the course also asks how we can analyze foreign policy. The course will thus discuss empirical-historical as much as highly theoretical and analytical-methodological texts introducing main approaches and major debates in foreign policy analysis.

Course/Module aims:

The course aims to give students an overview of a.) an empirical phenomenon (German foreign policy); b.) the academic debate about this phenomenon (foreign policy analysis); c.) encourage and introduce students to critical analytical work (i.e. theoretically guided empirical analysis and thinking)

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

Good knowledge of German foreign policy after WWII; good understanding of the theoretical approaches in the context of which German foreign policy is explained and discussed; analytical skills: relating empirical observations and historical data and narratives to theoretical arguments and discussions; independent research with a variety of sources

Attendance requirements(%):

80

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Text discussion, Presentations, group work, lectures

Course/Module Content:

02 November 2016

Introduction to the course

Introduction to the topic

Explanation of teaching/learning concept, methods and goals

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*Expectations and requirements*  
*Organizational questions*

*required readings:*

Carlsnaes, Walter. 2013. *Foreign Policy*, chapter 12 in: Carlsnaes, Walter, Thomas Risse-Kappen, Beth A. Simmons, and Inc ebrary. *Handbook of International Relations*. London ; Thousand Oaks, CA: London ; Thousand Oaks, CA : SAGE Publications, 2013, 2013. (available as ebook, HUJI library)

09 November 2016

*Research task: Brexit!*

16 November 2016

*What is Foreign Policy and how can we analyze it?*

*Agents, Structures and Levels of Analysis*

*required readings:*

Walter Carlsnaes. 2012. "Actors, Structures, and Foreign Policy Analysis," in Steve Smith, Amelia Hadfield, and Tim Dunne (eds.) *Foreign Policy: Theories, Actors, Cases* (Oxford University Press), pp. 113-129.

J. David Singer. 1961. "The Levels-of-Analysis Problem in International Relations," *World Politics*, Vol. 14, No. 1, pp. 77-92.

23 November 2016

*The Emergence of a West-German State and Foreign Policy after WWII - "Westbindung" and Transatlantic Relations*

*required readings:*

Haftendorn, H.: *Coming of Age: German Foreign Policy since 1945* (Lanham, Rowman & Littlefield, 2006), chapter 1, pp. 9-49.

Hoffmann, Stefan-Ludwig (2011). *Germany is No More. Defeat Occupation and the Post-War Order*. In: Helmut Walser Smith. *The Oxford Handbook of Modern German History*. 336-359.

Haftendorn, H.: *Coming of Age: German Foreign Policy since 1945* (Lanham,

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Rowman & Littlefield, 2006), chapter 4.

30 November 2016

*(Neo-) Realism and German Foreign Policy*

*required readings:*

Baumann, Rainer, Rittberger, Volker, Wagner, Wolfgang (2001). Neorealist foreign policy theory. In: Rittberger, Volker: *German foreign policy since unification. Theories and case studies*, Manchester University Press, pp. 37-68.

Peters, Dirk (2001). The debate about a new German foreign policy after unification. In: Rittberger, Volker: *German foreign policy since unification. Theories and case studies*, Manchester University Press, pp. 11-37.

07 December 2016

*Liberalism and German Foreign Policy*

*required readings:*

Freund, Corinna, Rittberger, Volker (2001). Utilitarian-liberal foreign policy theory. In: Rittberger, Volker: *German foreign policy since unification. Theories and case studies*, Manchester University Press, pp. 68-105.

Pradetto, August (2006). The Polity of German Foreign Policy. Changes since Unification. In: Maull, Hanns W., *Germany's Uncertain Power. Foreign Policy of the Berlin Republic*. Palgrave Macmillan UK, 2006. pp. 15-28.

14 December 2016

*Constructivism and German Foreign Policy*

*required readings:*

Boekle, Henning, Rittberger, Volker, Wagner, Wolfgang (2001). Constructivist foreign policy theory. In: Rittberger, Volker: *German foreign policy since unification. Theories and case studies*, Manchester University Press, pp. 105-141.

Kundnani, H. (2011). Germany as a Geo-economic Power. *The Washington Quarterly*, 34(3), 31-45.

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21 December 2016

*Role Theory: Germany as Civilian Power?*

*required readings:*

Mauß, Hanns W. "Germany and Japan: the new civilian powers." *Foreign Affairs* 69.5 (1990): 91-106.

Sebastian Harnisch (2001) *Change and continuity in German foreign policy post-unification. German Politics*, 10(1), pp. 35-60.

28 December 2016

*German Foreign Policy and the European Union*

*required readings:*

Wagner, Wolfgang (2001). *German EU constitutional policy*. In: Rittberger, Volker: *German foreign policy since unification. Theories and case studies*, Manchester University Press, pp. 185-225.

Haftendorn, H.: *Coming of Age: German Foreign Policy since 1945* (Lanham, Rowman & Littlefield, 2006), chapter 9, pp. 311-351.

04 January 2017

*German Foreign (Security) Policy within NATO*

*required readings:*

Baumann, Rainer (2001). *German security policy within NATO*. In: Rittberger, Volker: *German foreign policy since unification. Theories and case studies*, Manchester University Press, pp. 141-185.

Overhaus, Marco (2006). *Civilian Power under Stress: Germany, NATO, and the European Security and Defense Policy*. In: Mauß, Hanns W., *Germany's Uncertain Power. Foreign Policy of the Berlin Republic*. Palgrave Macmillan UK, 2006. pp. 66-78.

11 January 2017

*Ostpolitik*

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*required readings:*

*Haftendorn, H.: Coming of Age: German Foreign Policy since 1945 (Lanham, Rowman & Littlefield, 2006), chapter 5, pp. 157-197.*

*Krell, G., 1991. West German Ostpolitik and the German Question. Journal of Peace Research, 28(3), pp.311-323.*

*18 January 2017*

*German Foreign (Trade) Policy within EU and WTO/GATT*

*required readings:*

*Freund, Corinna (2001). German foreign trade policy within the EU and GATT In: Rittberger, Volker: German foreign policy since unification. Theories and case studies, Manchester University Press, pp. 230-271.*

*Haftendorn, H.: Coming of Age: German Foreign Policy since 1945 (Lanham, Rowman & Littlefield, 2006), chapter 6, pp. 197-239.*

*25 January 2017*

*German Foreign Policy and Israel*

*required readings:*

*Beck, Martin (2006). Germany and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict In: Maull, Hanns W., Germany's Uncertain Power. Foreign Policy of the Berlin Republic. Palgrave Macmillan UK, 2006.pp. 260-272.*

*Required Reading:*

*Among others:*

*Carlsnaes, Walter. 2013. Foreign Policy, chapter 12 in: Carlsnaes, Walter, Thomas Risse-Kappen, Beth A. Simmons, and Inc ebrary. Handbook of International Relations. London ; Thousand Oaks, CA: London ; Thousand Oaks, CA : SAGE Publications, 2013.*

*Haftendorn, H.: Coming of Age: German Foreign Policy since 1945 (Lanham, Rowman & Littlefield, 2006).*

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Hoffmann, Stefan-Ludwig (2011). *Germany is No More. Defeat Occupation and the Post-War Order*. In: Helmut Walser Smith. *The Oxford Handbook of Modern German History*. 336-359.

J. David Singer. 1961. "The Levels-of-Analysis Problem in International Relations," *World Politics*, Vol. 14, No. 1, pp. 77-92.

Krell, G., 1991. *West German Ostpolitik and the German Question*. *Journal of Peace Research*, 28(3), pp.311-323.

Kundnani, H. (2011). *Germany as a Geo-economic Power*. *The Washington Quarterly*, 34(3), 31-45.

Mauß, Hanns W. "Germany and Japan: the new civilian powers." *Foreign Affairs* 69.5 (1990): 91-106.

Mauß, Hanns W., *Germany's Uncertain Power. Foreign Policy of the Berlin Republic*. Palgrave Macmillan UK, 2006.

Paterson, W. E. (2011). *The Reluctant Hegemon? Germany Moves Centre Stage in the European Union*. *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies*, 49(1), 57-75.

Rittberger, Volker (ed.): *German foreign policy since unification. Theories and case studies*, Manchester University Press.

Sebastian Harnisch (2001) *Change and continuity in German foreign policy post-unification*. *German Politics*, 10(1), pp. 35-60.

Walter Carlsnaes. 2012. "Actors, Structures, and Foreign Policy Analysis," in Steve Smith, Amelia Hadfield, and Tim Dunne (eds.) *Foreign Policy: Theories, Actors, Cases* (Oxford University Press), pp. 113-129.

#### Additional Reading Material:

#### Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 20 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 20 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

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Quizzes 0 %  
Other 60 %  
seminar paper

Additional information: