



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

German Foreign Policy in the European Context - 54854

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

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

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Teaching Staff:

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Course/Module description:

The course is an introduction to Germany's foreign policy since 1945 from historical, empirical, conceptual, and analytical point of view. Torn between West and East, the beginning of the course will focus on the Federal Republic of Germany during the cold war and its alignment with the West – NATO and especially the European Union. Most of the course will focus on the period after unification and the end of the cold war and will examine both "hard" and "soft" foreign policies and tools.

An emphasis will be put on the European Union's Common Foreign and Security Policy as the main vehicle of multilateral German foreign policy.

Many questions arise on the topic: What (who and why) are the drivers of German's foreign policy in the past decades? Does Germany have "normal" foreign policy? Has it been normalized since WWII? Is it still a "sleeping giant"? Only a civil power? What are the domestic trends of continuity and change in Germany's position and behavior in European and world politics? What are the institutional frameworks which both limit and enable Germany to formulate and act in its foreign policy? These are some of the questions we'll ask and debate during the course.

Course/Module aims:

1. Widening and deepening empirical knowledge and understanding of German FP and the other FP circles surrounding it: EU, NATO, etc.
2. Analyzing the empirics by paradigms, around conceptual frameworks, theories and methodologies
3. Enhance group discussion and individual analysis and research in the field

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

Demonstrate good knowledge of main issues in German foreign policy after 1945;
Understand and use relevant terminology, conceptual and theoretical approaches to analyze German foreign policy;
Conduct analysis and research in the field

Attendance requirements(%):

80

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lectures, presentations, debates and discussions

Course/Module Content:

The course begins with the historical – empirical part and moves to conceptual and analytical part, analyzing factors influencing and determining German FP. Last part of the course will examine different case studies.

Required Reading:

Below are examples of required reading. Exact reading materials would be in moodle.

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

Harnisch, Sebastian (2009), "German Politics Lecture: The politics of domestication: A New Paradigm in German foreign policy", German Politics 18:4, 455-468.

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.

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

Hyde-Price, Adrian 2001. Germany and European Order: Enlarging NATO and the EU, Manchester: Manchester University Press.

Rainer Baumann & Gunther Hellmann (2010) Germany and the use of military force: 'total war', the 'culture of restraint' and the quest for normality, Pages 61-82

Wolfgang Wessels (2001) "Germany in Europe: return of the nightmare or towards an engaged Germany in a new Europe?", German Politics, 10(1), 107-116.

Sebastian Harnisch, (2018) Germany and EU Foreign Policy, Chapter for Klaus Larres (Ed.) Oxford Handbook of German Politics, pp. 2-17.

Adebahr, Cornelius (2015), Germany: The Instinctive Integrationist, in: Balfour, Rosa et al. (eds.). The European External Action Service and National Foreign Ministries, London: Ashgate, 107-120.

Simon Bulmer and William Paterson (2019), Germany and the European Union: Europe's Reluctant Hegemon?, , London, Macmillan, Red Globe Press.

Laura Chappell, Jocelyn Mawdsley, Richard Whitman (2016) The EU, Strategy and Security Policy, Chapter 11: "The national priorities of Germany, France and the UK"

Koenig, Nicole/Walter-Franke, Marie 2017. France and Germany: Spearheading a European Security and Defence Union? (Policy Paper 202), Berlin: Jacques Delors Institute.

Philipp Brugger (2019) The Erosion of German Elite Trust in the United States of America, German Politics, 28(4), 521-540.

Frank W. Steinmeier (2016), Germany's New Global Role: Berlin Steps Up Foreign Affairs, 95.

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 80 %
Assignments 20 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: