Europe in the Changing World Order

Course Description and Objectives

In the 21st century, Europe finds itself between an introvert America, a resurgent Russia and a rising China. For the new generation of leaders, shaped by experiences other than the Cold War, the often-invoked concept of “Atlantic Partnership” is no longer taken for granted. This course will analyze European perceptions of Trump’s «America First» doctrine and its impact on policy changes in Europe. In this context we will examine trade issues as well as changes in the European dependence on the Atlantic security structure. PESCO, the European Defense Fund, and the European Army proposals will be discussed.

On the other hand, we will discuss the security challenges posed by a resurgent and revisionist Russia. The new Russian assertiveness, as evidenced in Georgia, Ukraine, the Balkans and Syria, and its interference in the domestic politics of Western democracies will be examined.

Finally, we will examine how Europe is affected by the rise of China. How Europe can guard itself against Chinese economic and technological influence while defending its democratic values at home.

Assessment

The final grade will be based on a final exam, an individual research project, and a class presentation of the draft paper of your research project. The final exam will account for 40% of the grade. The individual research project (of 15-20 pages) will account for 40% of the grade. Class participation and the oral presentation will account for the rest 20% of the grade.

You are strongly recommended to consult relevant scholarly and policy journals, as the following:

✔ Journal of Common Market Studies
✔ European Journal of Political Research
The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy
The Karamanlis Chair in Hellenic & European Studies

✓ West European Politics
✓ World Politics
✓ International Organization
✓ Foreign Affairs
✓ European Journal of International Relations
✓ European Integration online Papers
✓ Country Profiles and Country Reports published by the Economist Intelligence Unit

Course Structure and Readings

1. The Historical Background

Required:

Suggested:


2. From the End of History to the End of the Liberal Order?

Required:

Suggested:


3. Europe as a Civilian Power

*Required:*


*Suggested:*


4. European Perceptions of the US after the Cold War:

*Required:*

a. The neoconservative tide

*Required:*

*Suggested:*


b. Obama’s Pivot to Asia

*Required:*

*Suggested:*

c. Trump’s Rhetoric of Decoupling

*Required:*
Suggested:  


5. Europe, Russia and the Changing Global Order  

Required:  

Suggested:


6. Russia’s New Nationalism

Required:

Suggested:


7. Putin’s Trojan Horses

Required:


Suggested:


8. Russian Hybrid Warfare

Required:

**Suggested:**


9. Implications for EU, NATO and Transatlantic Relations

**Required:**

**Suggested:**


10. The Challenge of a Rising China

**Required:**

**Suggested:**


11. Europe in the New Era of Great Power Competition

Requested:

Suggested:


