

SYLLABUS DE COURS

Intitulé du cours : External Relations of the EU

Nom de l'enseignant : MET-DOMESTICI

Prénom de l'enseignant : Alexandre

Périodicité : Annuel Semestriel (1) Semestriel (2)

Niveau d'enseignement concerné :

1^{ère} année

2^{ème} année

4^{ème} année Master 1

5^{ème} année Master 2

Cours spécifique étudiants internationaux

Conférence de Méthode

Cours Magistral

Objectifs pédagogiques du cours :

To provide students with an overview of the EU's foreign policy and, more broadly, its role in international relations.

Contenu / descriptif du cours :

The course starts with a historical description of European integration, showing that the European communities grew from an economic cooperation organization to a wide-ranging political and economic union. The obstacles preventing the European communities from playing an actual role in international relations during the cold war are then explained.

The slow process leading to the creation of an EU foreign policy is then analyzed. This part focuses on the breakthroughs achieved thanks to the Maastricht treaty and the Lisbon treaty.

The course then analyzes the institutional framework of the EU's external relations and the improvements brought about by the Lisbon treaty –the merging of the pillars, the High Representative, the External Action Service-.

The legal instruments used in the area of external relations are then studied –mainly common positions and common actions-.

The enlargement process is then analyzed. After a brief description of the successive enlargements, the accession mechanism is thoroughly studied. Current challenges are described and discussed with the students, focusing on candidate countries in the Balkans.

The course ends with an analysis of the EU's Neighboring Policy which can be considered as an alternative to enlargement. The EU offers closer ties to neighbor countries without granting them a right to accession.

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