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### UČNI NAČRT PREDMETA / COURSE SYLLABUS

<b>Predmet:</b>	Zunanje meje in širitev Evropske Unije v luči mednarodnih migracij
<b>Course title:</b>	The External Borders and the Enlargement of the European Union in Light of International Migrations

Študijski program in stopnja Study programme and level	Študijska smer Study field	Letnik Academic year	Semester Semester
Mednarodne in diplomatske študije – II. stopnja	Varnostni in migracijski modul	2	3
International and diplomatic studies– 2nd degree	Security and Migration module	2	3

**Vrsta predmeta / Course type**

Obvezni/mandatory

**Univerzitetna koda predmeta / University course code:**

Predavanja Lectures	Seminar Seminar	Vaje Tutorial	Klinične vaje work	Druge oblike študija	Samost. delo Individ. work	ECTS
30	0	0	0	0	95	5

**Nosilec predmeta / Lecturer:**

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**Jeziki /  
Languages:**

**Predavanja /  
Lectures:** slovenski / slovenian, optional angleščina/english  
**Vaje / Tutorial:** /

**Pogoji za vključitev v delo oz. za opravljanje študijskih obveznosti:**

Vpis v tekoči letnik.  
Obvezna prisotnost na prvem predavanju.  
Vsaj 80% prisotnost na predavanjih.

**Prerequisites:**

Enrollment in the current year of studies.  
Compulsory attendance at the first lecture  
At least 80% attendance at lectures.



### Vsebina:

#### Modul 1: Evropa - politično in societalno oblikovanje prostora in identitete

- Kulturno-zgodovinski izvori političnega in societalnega oblikovanja prostora in identitete Evrope ter vprašanja njenih mej segajo v antično obdobje.
- Eden glavnih problemov mednarodnih odnosov, svetovnega reda oz. geopolitike so meje in migracije. Na začetku bomo predstavili meje Rimskega imperija, njegovo razdelitev na vzhodni in zahodni del, propad Zahodnega Rima l. 476 in vsega cesarstva l. 1453.
- Spoznali bomo koncept imperija in njegove razlike glede na koncept nacionalne države. Ob tem bomo spoznali problem migracij in mej, ki niso samo geografsko-politične, ampak tudi meje nekega reda, so tudi etnične, verske in kulturno civilizacijske meje. Ti vidiki so pomembni tudi kot podlaga kasnejšim modulom. V smislu teoretskega preučevanja evropske integracije z vidikov konstitutivnega vpliva na družbene procese prek mej EU se je namreč s koncem hladnovojne bipolarnosti in z možnostjo širitve EU prek mej nekdanje železne zavesa okrepilo preučevanje imperijev.
- Sledi kratka predstavitev naslednika Zahodnega Rima - Svetega rimskega cesarstva in njegovih mej. Pomembna je tudi kot podlaga za kasnejše module. Pri preučevanju kompleksnosti institucionalne arhitekture EU in ravni pristojnosti glede na različna področja

### Content (Syllabus outline):

#### Module 1: Europe - the political and social formation of space and identity

- The cultural and historical origins of the political and social formation of Europe's space and identity and the question of its borders go back to antiquity. This class focuses on two important issues for international relations, world order, and geopolitics: borders and migrations. At the beginning, we present the borders of the Roman Empire, its division into Eastern and Western parts, the demise of Western Rome (476 a.d.), and then of the rest of the empire in 1453.
- We will discuss the concept of empire and compare it to the concept of the nation state. At the same time, we introduce and discuss the issues of migrations and borders, which are not only geographical-political, but also borders of a certain order (cultural-civilizational, religious, and even ethnic borders). These aspects are also important as a basis for later modules. In terms of the theoretical study of European integration from the standpoint of its constitutive impact on social processes beyond the EU's borders, the study of empires has intensified with the end of Cold War bipolarity and the possibility of EU enlargement beyond the borders of the former Iron Curtain.
- The following section is a brief presentation of the successor of Western Rome - the Holy Roman Empire



njenega delovanja se je namreč zaradi podobnosti s prekrivajočimi se in diferenciranimi jurisdikcijami v evropskem srednjem veku (Karolinško in Sveto rimsko cesarstvo) razvila paradigma novega srednjega veka (neomedievalizem).

Anderson, 1996; Cooper, 2003, str. 3-12; Huntington str. 195-210, 219-225, 263-275; Jambreč, 2018, str. 21-29, 36-51; Marks, 2012.

#### Modul 2: Povezovanje Evrope: 1948–1989

- Predmet obravnave je širitve evropske integracije, njenih normativnih podlag in zgodovinskega poteka z osredotočenjem na vsakokratno specifično problematiko širitve.

Kajnič, Lajh, 2009, str. 17–28, 406–412; Schuman, 2003.

#### Modul 3: Združevanje Evrope in širitev Evropske unije

- Osrednja pozornost pri širitvi evropskih integracij je posvečena obdobju padca železne zavese in vprašanju novega evropskega reda, ki ga predstavlja Pariška listina o novi Evropi.
- V nadaljevanju je obravnavano udejanjanje paradigem *vrnitev v Evropo* ter *celovita in svobodna Evropa*; obravnavali bomo vlogo Nata in

and its borders. These aspects are also important as a basis for later modules. In examining the complexity of the EU's institutional architecture and the level of competence in relation to its different areas of activity, the similarities with the overlapping and differentiated jurisdictions of the European Middle Ages (the Carolingian and Holy Roman Empires) have led to the development of neo-medievalism.

Anderson, 1996; Cooper, 2003, pp. 3-12; Huntington, pp. 155-168, 174-179, 209-218; Jambreč, 2018, pp. 21-29, 36-51; Marks, 2012.

#### Module 2: European integration: 1948-1989

- This module focuses on Europe after the end of the WWII: European integration, its normative bases, and historical course – focusing on the specific issues of each enlargement.

Kajnič, Lajh, 2009, pp. 17–28, 406–412; Schuman, 2003; The Schuman Declaration.

#### Module 3: European unification and the enlargement of the European Union

- The main focus of the enlargement of European integration is on the period of the fall of the Iron Curtain and the issue of the new European order represented by the Paris Charter for a New Europe.
- The implementation of the paradigms of *return to Europe* and *Europe whole and free* are introduced and discussed, followed by the role of NATO and its



njegovo širitev, širitev EU (2004-2013) ter perspektivo širitve EU na območju jugovzhodne Evrope.

Bobbitt, 2002, str. 610-639; Bush, 1989; Charter of Paris for a New Europe, 1990  
Kuus, 2007; Marten, 2018; Okrepitev pristopnega procesa – verodostojna perspektiva EU za Zahodni Balkan, 2020; Presidency Conclusions – Copenhagen European Council, 1993; Zielonka, 2007.

#### Modul 4: Evropska sosedstva politika

- Obravnavana je evropska sosedstva politika z osvetlitvijo problematik Unije za Sredozemlje (politični pretresi so sprožili izreden migracijski pritisk na Evropo) ter vzhodnega partnerstva (zamrznjeni spori in barvne revolucije) s poudarkom na geopolitičnih vidikih spričo vojne Rusije proti Ukrajini.

Browning, Joenniemi, 2008; Cooper, 2003, str. 12-80; Manners, 2008; Snyder, 2018, str. 67-109.

#### Modul 5: Območje svobode, varnosti in pravice

- Modul je posvečen temeljiti obravnavi območja svobode, varnosti in pravice, schengenskega območja, skupne politike o azilu in dublinskega sistema ter problematike deljenja bremen med državami članicami.

enlargement, the enlargement of the EU (2004-2013), and the prospects of EU enlargement for the region of South-East Europe.

Bobbitt, 2002, pp. 610-639; Bush, 1989; Charter of Paris for a New Europe, 1990; Enhancing the accession process - A credible EU perspective for the Western Balkans, 2020; Kuus, 2007; Marten, 2018; Presidency Conclusions – Copenhagen European Council, 1993; Zielonka, 2007.

#### Module 4: European Neighbourhood Policy

- This module focuses on the European Neighborhood Policy, which sheds light on the issues of the Union for the Mediterranean (political turmoil has triggered extreme migratory pressure on Europe), and on the Eastern Partnership (frozen conflicts and color revolutions) with an emphasis on geopolitical aspects in the light of Russia's war against Ukraine.

Browning, Joenniemi, 2008; Cooper, 2003, pp. 12-80; Manners, 2008; Snyder, 2018, pp. 67-109.

#### Module 5: Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

- The purpose of this module is a in-depth discussion of the area of freedom, security and justice, the Schengen area, the common asylum policy and the Dublin system, as well as the issue of burden-sharing between Member States.



Konvencija o statusu beguncev, 1951;  
uredba Dublin III.

#### Modul 6: Migracije

- Predstavljena je demografska in migracijska situacija Evrope. Sledita obravnava preseljevanja l. 2015 zaradi kriz v Sredozemlju (nekdanjem Rimskem imperiju) ter novi pakt EU o migracijah in azilu.

Carrera, S., et al., 2015; Guild, 2021; Miller, 2016; Pakt o migraciji in azilu, 2024.

Convention and protocol relating to the  
status of refugees; Regulation Dublin III.

#### Module 6: Migration

- Europe's demographic and migration situation is presented, followed by a discussion of the 2015 migration crisis in the Mediterranean (former Roman Empire) and the EU's new pact on migration and asylum.

Carrera, S., et al., 2015; Guild, 2021; Miller, 2016; Pact on Migration and Asylum, 2024.

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#### Cilji in kompetence:

Poglobljena informiranost in znanje o najbolj perečih problemih Evropske unije in Sredozemlja na podlagi zgodovinske refleksije ter teoretskih pristopov, s poudarkom na geopolitičnem vidiku integracije, procesu širitve Evropske unije ter na izzivu, ki ga za ta

#### Objectives and competences:

In-depth learning/understanding and knowledge of most acute problems and challenges of the EU and Mediterranean based on historical experiences and theoretical approaches, focusing on the geopolitical aspect of integration, on the process of the enlargement of the European union and the



prostor predstavlja azilna in migracijska problematika.

Zmožnost uvrstitve vseh teh pojavov na dnevni red oblikovanja politik.

**Kompetence:**

Pričujoči predmet prispeva k razvoju naslednjih splošnih in specifičnih kompetenc študentov :

**a) Splošne kompetence :**

- sposobnost uporabe pridobljenega teoretičnega znanja pri obravnavanju konkretnih problemov in iskanju primernih rešitev;
- sposobnost in razvoj kritičnega mišljenja pri obravnavi temeljnih vprašanj, procesov in problemov mednarodne skupnosti;
- sposobnost prehoda od opisnega načina učenja do analitičnega učenja s poudarkom na kritičnem mišljenju;
- vključevanje pridobljenega teoretičnega znanja v delovni proces, sposobnost iskanja rešitev in njihove uporabe pri konkretnih problemih;
- sposobnost interdisciplinarnega učenja in uporabe znanj iz različnih strokovnih področij;
- sposobnost samostojnega dela in samorefleksije;
- razvoj sposobnosti pisanja strokovnih prispevkov na visoki strokovni ravni;
- sposobnost kritične presoje ter analize in interpretacije aktualnih dogodkov;
- izboljšanje sposobnosti odločanja o temeljnih dilemah slovenske družbe v konkretnih primerih;
- sposobnost iskanja utemeljenih alternativnih rešitev in njihovo uporabo pri konkretnih problemih.

challenge posed to the region by asylum and migration issues.

Ability to place all this phenomena on the policy-making agenda.

**Competences:**

The present subject contributes to the development of following generic and specific competences of students:

**a) General competencies:**

- the ability to apply acquired theoretical knowledge to concrete problems and find appropriate solutions;
- development of critical thinking in addressing the fundamental issues, processes and problems of the international community;
- ability to transition from a descriptive approach/learning/understanding of issues to analytical approach/learning/understanding with an emphasis on critical thinking;
- integrate acquired theoretical knowledge into the work process, ability to search for solutions and their application to concrete problems;
- ability to employ interdisciplinary learning and to apply the knowledge from different areas of expertise;
- the ability to work independently and be self-reflective;
- develop the ability to write policy papers and professional/academic articles on a professional level;
- the ability to make critical judgements and analyse and interpret current events;
- improve skills to decide on the fundamental dilemmas of Slovenian society in concrete cases;



### b) Specifične kompetence

- zmožnost kategorizacije in uvrstitve vseh teh problematik na dnevni red oblikovanja politik;
- razvoj sposobnosti razumevanja in analiziranja razvoja širitvenega procesa EU ter refleksije o možnostih za prihodnjo širitev EU in njenem potencialnem pomenu za EU in Evropo;
- sposobnost analiziranja širše problematike migracij in sposobnost za prispevanje k reševanju problemov, dilem in konfliktov, povezanih s širitveno politiko in politikami mejnih kontrol, azila, priseljevanja in zaščite zunanjih meja EU;
- poznavanje teoretskega ozadja analitskih pristopov, ki omogočajo poglobljeno razumevanje vseh ključnih fenomenov, ki jih obravnava ta predmet.

- the ability to find reasoned alternative solutions and apply them to concrete problems.

### b) Specific competences

- the ability to categorise these issues on the policy-making agenda;
- the ability to understand and analyse the evolution of the EU enlargement process and to reflect on the prospects for future EU enlargement and its potential significance for the EU and Europe;
- the ability to analyse the broader issue of migration and contribute to the resolution of the problems, dilemmas, and conflicts related to the EU enlargement policy and the policies of border control, asylum, immigration and the protection of the EU's external borders;
- knowledge of the theoretical background of the analytical approaches that enable an in-depth understanding of all the key phenomena addressed in this course.

### Predvideni študijski rezultati:

#### Znanje in razumevanje:

- razumevanje procesa širitve Evropske Unije in problematike, ki je s tem povezana, vključno z geopolitičnimi vidiki integracijskega procesa;
- razumevanje procesa združevanja Evrope po kolapsu komunističnega totalitarizma v Evropi ter razvoja politik Evropske unije do njene južne in vzhodne sosečine;

### Intended learning outcomes:

#### Knowledge and understanding:

- to gain understanding of the process of European Union enlargement and the issues involved, including the geopolitical aspects of the integration process;
- to gain understanding of the European integration process following the collapse of communist totalitarianism in Europe and the development of the



- razumevanje razvoja politik, ki so vodile do koncepta Območja svobode, varnosti in pravice v Evropski uniji;
- razumevanje širše problematike migracij z vidika demokratične politične skupnosti v kontekstu Območja svobode, varnosti in pravice v Evropski uniji.

- European Union's policies towards its southern and eastern neighbourhood;
- to gain understanding of the evolution of the policies that led to the concept of an Area of Freedom, Security and Justice in the European Union;
  - to gain understanding of the broader issue of migration from the perspective of a democratic political community in the context of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice in the European Union.

**Metode poučevanja in učenja:**

Predavanja, individualne konsultacije, e-učenje, kombiniran način študija.

**Learning and teaching methods:**

Lectures, individual consultations, e-learning, blended learning.

**Načini ocenjevanja:**

Delež (v %) /  
Weight (in %)

**Assessment:**

Način:	Delež (v %) / Weight (in %)	Type:
- seminarska naloga (1800 besed)	40 %	- term paper (1800 words)
- analiza petih znanstvenih člankov/povzetkov izbranih tekstov iz spiskatemeljne literature (5x300 besed)	50 %	- analyses of 5 scientific-academic articles/summaries of 5 selected texts from the assigned reading list (5x300 words)
- esej na določeno temo (300 besed)	10 %	- essay on an assigned topic (300 words)

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Njegovo raziskovalno in akademsko delo je osredotočeno na evropske integracijske procese, preučevanje solidarnosti, na politično ekonomijo ekonomske in monetarne unije, na mednarodne odnose, geopolitiko in migracije.

Njegova bibliografija je dostopna na:

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