

# **JEAN MONNET MODULE ON EU Russia/China Relations and the Foreign Policies of the EU Member States [EURCFPMS]**

## **DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS AND EUROPEAN STUDIES**

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### **Course Information**

Course number: EUR405a

Department: Politics and European Studies

Course Meeting days: Monday and Thursday

Course Meeting Time: 10.45-12.05

Course Meeting Place: BAC 202

Prerequisites: EUR 212: Introduction to European Integration

### **Instructor Information**

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### **Course description**

The course has four main components. The first one is to assess EU-Russia and EU-China relations at the level of the world international order in the early 21st Century. The second is to see how EU-China and EU-Russia relations intersect with the foreign policies of the EU member states, with a focus on the Central and Eastern European member states. The third is to assess the extent to which these relations are being discussed, if not challenged, within the domestic politics of the same EU member States. The fourth component is to contribute via small research assignments to a research project on establishing scoreboards of the foreign policies of the EU Member States towards China and Russia within the format of research seminars. Prerequisites: EUR 212 or permission by instructor. Credits [6 ECTS].

## Learning Outcomes

After completing this course, the student should be able to:

- 1) Demonstrate a general knowledge of the different aspects of the interactions between EU foreign policy and member states' foreign policy towards Russia and China
- 2) To assess critically individual member states' foreign policy towards Russia and China
- 3) Master the different theoretical concepts linked to international relations used in the course.

## Learning activities

- Lectures
- Group discussions on Member States' Foreign Policy

## Assessments

**Assessment is conducted through course participation, presentations, and written examination, with an emphasis on independent and critical thinking.**

**Students will also be asked to write a research brief [2500 words].**

## Grading

**2 Midterm Exams: 35% each of final grade**

**1 Research Brief [2500 words]: 15% final grade**

**Class Participation: 10% of final grade**

## Grading Scale

Over 85 = A	80-84 = A -	75-79 = B +	70-74 = B
65-69 = B -	60-64 = C +	55-59 = C	50-54 = C -
45-49 = D +	42-44 = D	40-41 = D-	Below 40 = F

## TOPICS AND SCHEDULES

### Week 1:

**Thursday 8 September 2022: *Presentation of the Course***

### **PART I: EU Member States Foreign Policies and EU foreign policy: Theoretical & Conceptual Approaches**

### Week 2

**Monday 12 September 2022: *Introduction: EU and Member States' Foreign Policies***

**Thursday 15 September 2022: *Europeanization and De-Europeanization of National Foreign Policies***

Alec de Flers, N. & Müller, P. (2012) Dimensions and Mechanisms of the Europeanization of Member State Foreign Policy: State of the Art and New Research Avenues, *Journal of European Integration*, 34:1, 19-35 [Canvas]

Müller, P, Pomorska, K. & Tonra, B. (2021) The Domestic Challenge to EU Foreign Policy-Making: From Europeanisation to de-Europeanisation?, *Journal of European Integration*, 43:5, 519-534 [Canvas]

### Week 3

**Monday 19 September 2022: *EU Foreign policy and the domestic dimensions: Politicization and Contestation***

Biedenkopf, K., Costa, O. & Góra, M. (2021) Introduction: shades of contestation and politicization of CFSP, *European Security*, 30:3, 325-343 [Canvas]

Cadier, D. & Lequesne, C. (2020). How Populism impact EU Foreign Policy, EU-Listo Policy Paper 8 (November). Link:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5afd4286f407b4a0bd8d974f/t/5fbb7e8a3e9b65302dd6b9fb/1606123146987/EU-LISTCO+Policy+Paper+8+-+How+Populism+Impacts+EU+Foreign+Policy.pdf>

**Thursday 22 September 2022: *No Classes-Bulgarian National Holiday***

### Week 4

**Monday 25 September 2022: *Large and Small Member State in EU Foreign Policy***

Haugevik, K. and Rieker, P., 2017. Autonomy or integration? Small state responses to a changing European security landscape. *Global Affairs*, 3 (3), 211-221 [Canvas]

Lehne, S. [2012], The Big Three in EU Foreign Policy [The Carnegie Papers], July, link: [https://carnegieendowment.org/files/eu\\_big\\_three1.pdf](https://carnegieendowment.org/files/eu_big_three1.pdf)

**Thursday 29 September 2022: *Formal and Informal grouping of MS in EU Foreign Policy***

Veceré, M.G.A (2021) Informal and Formal Groupings of MS in EU Foreign Policy Informal Groupings in EU Foreign Policy: A Sustainable Arrangement? European Policy Analysis [Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies], February, Link: [https://sieps.se/globalassets/publikationer/2021/2021\\_2epa-eng.pdf](https://sieps.se/globalassets/publikationer/2021/2021_2epa-eng.pdf)

## Week 5

### **PART II: Member states foreign policies and EU foreign policy towards China and Russia**

#### **Monday 3 October 2022: EU –Russia: General Setting**

Russel, M. (2020), The EU and Russia. Locked into Confrontation [European Parliament Research Service-Brief], July. Link: [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2020/652030/EPRS\\_BRI\(2020\)652030\\_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2020/652030/EPRS_BRI(2020)652030_EN.pdf)

Szép, V., 2019. New intergovernmentalism meets EU sanctions policy: The European Council orchestrates the restrictive measures imposed against Russia. *Journal of European Integration* [Canvas]

#### **Thursday 6 October 2022: EU Russia and foreign policy in the EU member states (i):**

##### ***Italy, France and Germany***

Cadier, D. (2018) 'Continuity and change in France's policies towards Russia: a milieu goals explanation', *International Affairs* 94(6): 1349–69 [Canvas]

Siddi, M. (2016) 'German Foreign Policy towards Russia in the Aftermath of the Ukraine Crisis: A New Ostpolitik?', *Europe-Asia Studies* 68(4): 665–77 [Canvas].

Siddi, M. (2018): Italy's 'Middle Power' Approach to Russia, *The International Spectator*, 1-16 [Canvas]

## Week 8

#### **Monday 10 October 2022: EU Russia relations and Small Central European Member States**

Dangerfield, M. (2012) 'Visegrad Group Co-operation and Russia', *Journal of Common Market Studies* 50(6): 958–74 [Canvas]

Racz, A. (2014), « The Visegrad Cooperation: Central Europe divided over Russia », *L'Europe en Formation*, 2014/4 (n° 374), p. 61-76. DOI : 10.3917/eufor.374.0061. URL : <https://www.cairn.info/revue-l-europe-en-formation-2014-4-page-61.htm>

#### **Thursday 13 October 2022: NO CLASS DUE PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE**

#### **Week 7: NO CLASSES-STUDY TRIP TO BRUSSELS**

## Week 8

#### **Monday 24 October 2022: EU-Russia Relations and Polish and Baltic States Foreign Policy**

Galeoti, M. (2019), The Baltic States as Targets and Levers: The Role of the Region in Russian Strategy [Marshall Center, European Center for Security Strategy], link: <https://www.marshallcenter.org/en/publications/security-insights/baltic-states-targets-and-levers-role-region-russian-strategy-0>

Buras, P. (2021), How Poland Lost its Foreign Policy Compass [Balkan Insight, June], Link: <https://balkaninsight.com/2021/06/29/how-poland-lost-its-foreign-policy-compass/>

Zwolski, K. (2017) Poland's Foreign-Policy Turn, *Survival*, 59:4, 167-182, DOI: 10.1080/00396338.2017.1349825 [Canvas]

### **Thursday 27 October 2022: *EU-Russia Relations and Romanian & Bulgarian Foreign Policy***

Nitoiu, C. & Moga, T/ (2021) Change and continuity in Bulgaria and Romania's foreign policies post-EU accession, *European Politics and Society*, 22:2, 277-294 [Canvas]

Crombois (2021), Small country and European security: The case of Bulgaria-Russia relations since 2014, in Weiss, T. & Edwards G. (eds) *Small States and Security in Europe*, London: Routledge, pp. 155-170 [Canvas]

### **Week 9: MIDTERM BREAK**

### **Week 10:**

### **Monday 7 November 2022: Midterm Review**

### **Thursday 10 November 2022: *EU-China: General Setting***

Jochheim, U. & Chahri, S.[2021] EU-China relations in challenging times, European Parliament Briefing. Link:

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2021/698751/EPRS\\_BRI\(2021\)698751\\_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2021/698751/EPRS_BRI(2021)698751_EN.pdf)

Saverio Montesano, F. (2019) EU-China Security Relations: Discourse vs Practice and the Role of EU Member States, *The International Spectator*, 54:2, 139-158 [Canvas]

### **Week 11**

### **Monday 14 November 2022: Mid-Term Exam**

### **Thursday 17 November 2022: *China relations and the Foreign Policy of the Large EU member States: France, Germany and Italy***

Xiao, Y & Parenti, M. (2021) China–Italy BRI Cooperation: towards a new cooperation model?, *Area Development and Policy* [Canvas]

Pongrast, B. (2020) Germany: Covid-19 a catalyst for current trends in relations with China, In J, Seaman (ed.) *Covid-19 and Europe-China Relations A country-level analysis*, French Institute of International Relations, pp. 25-29. Link:

[https://www.ifri.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/etnc\\_special\\_report\\_covid-19\\_china\\_europe\\_2020.pdf](https://www.ifri.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/etnc_special_report_covid-19_china_europe_2020.pdf)

Julienne, M. (2020), France: Between healthcare cooperation and political tensions with China amid Covid-19, , In J, Seaman (ed.) *Covid-19 and Europe-China Relations A country-level analysis*, French Institute of International Relations, pp. 21-25. Link:

[https://www.ifri.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/etnc\\_special\\_report\\_covid-19\\_china\\_europe\\_2020.pdf](https://www.ifri.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/etnc_special_report_covid-19_china_europe_2020.pdf)

### **Week 12**

### **Monday 21 November 2022: *EU-China relations with Poland and the Baltic States***

Berzina-Cerenkova U.A. (2020) Latvia: Mask Diplomacy in Minor Key, In J, Seaman (ed.) *Covid-19 and Europe-China Relations A country-level analysis*, French Institute of International Relations, pp. 39-425.

Link: [https://www.ifri.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/etnc\\_special\\_report\\_covid-19\\_china\\_europe\\_2020.pdf](https://www.ifri.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/etnc_special_report_covid-19_china_europe_2020.pdf)

Berzina-Cerenkova U.A. (2018), China's New Role in the Baltic States [Foreign Policy Institute-Eurasia Program, 30 January]. Link: <https://www.fpri.org/article/2018/01/chinas-new-role-baltic-states/>

Bohman, V. (2021), The limits of economic coercion Why China's red-line diplomacy is failing in Lithuania and the wider European Union [A report from the Swedish National China Centre], Link: <https://www.ui.se/globalassets/ui.se-eng/publications/other-publications/the-limits-of-economic-coercion.pdf>

Szczudlik, U. (2020) Poland: Mutual "charm offensive" with China amid Covid-19, In: In J, Seaman (ed.) Covid-19 and Europe-China Relations A country-level analysis, French Institute of International Relations, pp. 40-53. Link: [https://www.ifri.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/etnc\\_special\\_report\\_covid-19\\_china\\_europe\\_2020.pdf](https://www.ifri.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/etnc_special_report_covid-19_china_europe_2020.pdf)

### **Thursday 24 November 2022: EU-China Relations and Small Central European Member States Foreign Policy**

Turcsanyi, Q. & Simalcik M. (2020), Slovakia: Changing views of China during the Covid-19 pandemic, In: In J, Seaman (ed.) Covid-19 and Europe-China Relations A country-level analysis, French Institute of International Relations, pp. 60-63. Link: [https://www.ifri.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/etnc\\_special\\_report\\_covid-19\\_china\\_europe\\_2020.pdf](https://www.ifri.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/etnc_special_report_covid-19_china_europe_2020.pdf)

Furst, R. (2020), Czechia: Covid-19 puts China at centre of increasingly divisive national debate, In: In J, Seaman (ed.) Covid-19 and Europe-China Relations A country-level analysis, French Institute of International Relations, pp. 17-20-63. Link: [https://www.ifri.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/etnc\\_special\\_report\\_covid-19\\_china\\_europe\\_2020.pdf](https://www.ifri.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/etnc_special_report_covid-19_china_europe_2020.pdf)

Jozwiak, V. (2018), China's Role in Hungarian Foreign Policy [Bulletin: Polish Institute of Foreign Affairs], Link: [file:///C:/Users/user/AppData/Local/Temp/Bulletin%20PISM%20no%2071%20\(1011\)%2021%20July%202017.pdf](file:///C:/Users/user/AppData/Local/Temp/Bulletin%20PISM%20no%2071%20(1011)%2021%20July%202017.pdf)

### **Week 14**

### **Monday 28 November 2022: EU-China and Romanian & Bulgarian Foreign Policy**

Popescu, L. & Brînză, A. (2018), Romania-China Relations. Political and Economic Challenges in the BRI Era, Romanian Journal of European Studies, Vol. 18, 2, pp. 20-38. Link: [http://rjea.ier.gov.ro/wp-content/uploads/articole/RJEA\\_vol.18\\_no.2\\_December-2018\\_art2.pdf](http://rjea.ier.gov.ro/wp-content/uploads/articole/RJEA_vol.18_no.2_December-2018_art2.pdf)

Tchakartova, V. & Tonchev, P. (2020), Bulgaria: Limited dependence on medical supplies from China, but proactive Chinese public diplomacy, In: In J, Seaman (ed.) Covid-19 and Europe-China Relations A country-level analysis, French Institute of International Relations, pp. 15-17. Link: [https://www.ifri.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/etnc\\_special\\_report\\_covid-19\\_china\\_europe\\_2020.pdf](https://www.ifri.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/etnc_special_report_covid-19_china_europe_2020.pdf)

Oelher-Sinca, I. (2020), Romania: China's actions amid Covid-19 generate contradictory opinions, In: In J, Seaman (ed.) Covid-19 and Europe-China Relations A country-level analysis, French Institute of International Relations, pp. 17-20-63. Link: [https://www.ifri.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/etnc\\_special\\_report\\_covid-19\\_china\\_europe\\_2020.pdf](https://www.ifri.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/etnc_special_report_covid-19_china_europe_2020.pdf)

### **Thursday 1 December 2022: : Research Seminar: Score-board of Member State Foreign Policy Towards China and Russia: Poland and Baltic States**

**Week 15**

**Monday 5 December 2022: Review Session**

**Thursday 8 December 2022: CLASS RELEASE**

**Week 16**