

EU Democracy Promotion and Human Rights Policy

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This course will investigate EU policies towards the support for democracy and human rights around the world. We will look at EU concepts of democracy and how these have influenced foreign policies; how EU institutions incorporate democracy promotion instruments; and different views on democracy questions between member states. We will compare EU democracy support policies across different regions, including North Africa and the Middle East, the Balkans, Russia and Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa. We will try to explain what drives but also dilutes the EU's focus on democracy around the world, and relate these factors to our conceptual understandings of the EU as a foreign policy actor.