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Natolin

## ECTS CARD

### STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

### YEAR

2023-2024

### COURSE TITLE

**The Legal Dimension of EU-Neighbourhood Relations**

### SEMESTER

2

### COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

LANNON Erwan & MARESCEAU Marc

### ACADEMIC ASSISTANT(S)

PASTOR VIDAL Pablo

### COURSE TYPE

Core Course

### MAJOR(S)

EUN

### ECTS CREDITS

4

### TEACHING HOURS

20

### INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

80

### TUTORIAL(S)

### COEFFICIENT

1

### LANGUAGE(S)

EN

### COURSE OBJECTIVE

This course aims at developing a critical understanding of the relations of the European Union with its neighbours, from a legal perspective.

The first part of the course, taught by Professor Erwan Lannon, concentrates on the financial instruments and agreements used by the EU within the framework of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP). It includes an introduction providing the necessary background, an overview of the legal basis and cooperation frameworks of the ENP.

The second part of the course, taught by Professor Marc Maresceau, gives, from a legal perspective a comparative overview of the relationships between the enlarged EU and the EU's "old neighbours" not included in the ENP. It covers relations with the Western Balkans (if not included elsewhere), European Economic Area (EEA), Switzerland, Turkey and a brief reflection on the relations EU-UK after Brexit.

The course combines lectures and discussions with students.

### COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course students should be able to:

- Understand the specific legal nature and variety of relationships established by the EU with its main partners in its neighbourhood and be able to make a comparative analysis of the various legal frameworks organising these relationships;
- Understand the role and importance of the various legal basis and instruments, in particular the various types of agreements and overall legal structures used to link the EU to its main partners in its neighbourhood;
- Develop a critical argumentation on the key aspects of the legal dimension of EU-neighbourhood relations.

## RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

A compulsory reading will be provided ahead of the course of Prof. Lannon.

## TEACHING METHOD(S)

Lectures and discussions.

## ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

Two-hour, in-class, closed-book, digital, written examination (100%). Two 'essay questions': one for each of the two parts of the course. The answer must be properly structured. The word count is limited (2,100 minimum to 2,800 maximum in total, depending on the type of questions).

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Retake examinations, i.e., exams passed in the second examination session, will have the same format as those taken during the first exam session. The only exception concerns oral exams, which are replaced in the second exam session by written exams. When a student takes an examination during the second session, the final mark for the course is based solely on the result of the retake examination. No other element of evaluation which would have been taken into consideration in the calculation of the final mark during the first examination session will be considered in the second session.

## COURSE CONTENTS

Part I (Professor Erwan Lannon):

- Session 1 Introduction: Overview of the legal basis and frameworks of the European Neighbourhood Policy
- Session 2 The EU's financial instruments used within the framework of the ENP
- Session 3 The importance of bilateral agreements for the implementation of the ENP

Part II (Professor Marc Maresceau):

- Session 1 Introduction: brief overview of the changing legal frameworks of EU neighbourhood relations as a result of the various EU enlargements. This does section does not include ENP.
- Sessions 2, 3 & 4 Case-studies:
  - Western Balkans
  - European Economic Area (EEA) and EU-Switzerland
  - EU-Turkey

## COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Use of a syllabus (including official documents, excerpts of scientific articles), Internet websites, PowerPoint presentation (consult Course Outline).