

Name of the course	Field of study and its code	Faculty	Research Department
Cooperation and Integration in Europe	Political science 02S	IIRPS	Center of European Studies

Study method	Number of credits ECTS	Study method	Number of credits ECTS
Lectures	–	Consultations	1
Individual work	6	Seminars/colloquium	1

Course abstract

Cooperation and Integration in Europe is an optional PhD course that focuses on the purpose, institutional framework, experience and development problems of international cooperation organisations in the European continent (the European Union, the Council of Europe, NATO, OSCE and other sub-regional organisations). The key focus of the course is Europe's main integration complex – the European Union.

Course structure:

1. Empirical-historical dimension:

- 1 topic. European institutionalisation during the Cold War.
- 2 topic. Changes in European institutionalisation after the Cold War.
- 3 topic. Reform and enlargement dilemmas of the European Union in the 21st century.

2. Institutional-organisational dimension:

- 4 topic. Specific features of the separation of powers and its changes in the European Union.
- 5 topic. Topical issues of the evolution and development of public policy in the European Union.
- 6 topic. Key innovations in the political and economic governance of the European Union.

3. Theoretical dimension:

- 7 topic. Liberal-economic interpretation of integration.
- 8 topic. Realistic-geopolitical interpretation of integration.
- 9 topic. Normative-constructivist interpretation of integration.

Assessment:

- Research paper (or a review) on a topic agreed with consulting lecturers – 70 %
- Discussion with consulting lecturers (or a public lecture in the presence of the consulting lecturers) on the topic related to the course content – 30 %

Course literature

Hubert Zimmermann, Andreas Dür (2021), *Key Controversies in European Integration (3rd Edition)*, Red Globe Press

Sieglinde Gstöhl, Simon Schunz (2021), *The External Action of the European Union: Concepts, Approaches, Theories*, Red Globe Press

Richard Youngs (2021), *The European Union and Global Politics*, Red Globe Press
 Laurie Buonanno, Neill Nugent (2021), *Policies and Policy Processes of the European Union* (2nd Edition), Red Globe Press
 John McCormick (2020), *Understanding the European Union* (8th Edition), Red Globe Press
 Sergio Fabbrini (2019), *Europe's Future: Decoupling and Reforming*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
 Webber D. (2018), *European Disintegration? The Politics of Crisis in the European Union*, Red Globe Press
 Christopher J. Bickerton, Dermot Hodson, Uwe Puetter, eds., (2015), *The New Intergovernmentalism: States and Supranational Actors in the Post-Maastricht Era*, Oxford University Press

Research Centres on European Integration

- Arena Center for European Studies (University of Oslo)
- Bruegel (Brussels)
- Center for European Reform – CER (London)
- Center for European Policy Studies - CEPS (Brussels)
- European Council on Foreign Relations – ECFR
- European University Institute (Florence)
- Notre Europe
- EU Institute for Security Studies
- Robert Schuman Foundation

Lecturer	Academic rank	Major works published in the last 5 years
Prof. Gediminas Vitkus	Dr.	<p>Gediminas Vitkus (2019), “Trilemmas of recognition in the Baltic states’ foreign policies”, <i>Journal of Baltic Studies</i>, Volume 50, Issue 3, p. 307-326.</p> <p>Gediminas Vitkus (2018), “Societal security in Lithuania: What’s so different about it?” in Mika Aaltola, Boris Kuznetsov, Andris Sprūds, Elizabete Vizgunova, eds. (2018), <i>Societal Security in the Baltic Sea Region: Expertise Mapping and Raising Policy Relevance</i>, Rīga: Latvian Institute of International Affairs, p. 143-161.</p> <p>Gediminas Vitkus (2017), “Small Is Small: Euroscepticism in Lithuanian Politics” in Karlis Bukovskis, Aldis Austers, eds. (2017), <i>Euroscepticism in the Baltic States: Uncovering Issues, People and Stereotypes</i>, Riga: Latvian Institute of International Affairs / Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, p. 38-50.</p> <p>Gediminas Vitkus (2016), “Lithuania: A Case of</p>

		<p>Confidence in the European Project” in Vivien Pertusot, ed., <i>The European Union in the Fog: Building Bridges between National Perspectives on the European Union</i>, p. 135-142 (IFRI – Institut français des relations internationales).</p> <p>Gediminas Vitkus (2015), “Towards Stronger Normative Power: the Nature of Shift in EU Foreign Policy in the Context of the Crisis in Ukraine”, <i>European Integration Studies</i>, no. 9, p. 8-19.</p>
<p>Prof. Ramūnas Vilpišauskas</p>	<p>Dr.</p>	<p>Ramūnas Vilpišauskas, “Susceptibility of Ukrainian and Belarussian domestic actors to external actors’ approaches: puzzling patterns of transition” (co-author), in <i>East European Politics</i>, 2020, published online 30 March, 2020, https://doi.org/10.1080/21599165.2020.1745190.</p> <p>Ramūnas Vilpišauskas, “Lithuania: Euroscepticism – present on the margins”, in <i>Euroscepticism and the Future of Europe. Views from Capitals</i> (eds. M. Keading, J. Pollack, P. Schmidt), Palgrave Macmillan, 2020, pp. 89-92;</p> <p>Ramūnas Vilpišauskas, “Lithuania and the European Union”, in <i>Oxford Encyclopedia of European Union Politics</i>. Oxford University Press. doi:10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.1113, online version published May 2019;</p> <p>Ramūnas Vilpišauskas, “Lithuania and the EU: pragmatic support driven by security concerns”, in <i>The Future of Europe. Views from Capitals</i> (eds. M. Keading, J. Pollack, P. Schmidt), Palgrave Macmillan, 2018, pp. 69-72;</p> <p>Ramūnas Vilpišauskas, “European Union or Eurasian Union? Dilemma for the Eastern Partnership countries and the limits of EU’s influence”, in <i>The European Neighborhood Policy in a Comparative Perspective: Models, Challenges, Lessons</i>, S. Gstohl (ed.), London: Routledge, 2016, p. 259-281;</p> <p>Ramūnas Vilpišauskas, “Parliamentary scrutiny of EU affairs in Lithuania: the dog that rarely barks”, in <i>Palgrave Handbook of National Parliaments and the European Union</i>, C. Heffler, Ch. Neuhold, O. Resenberg, J. Smith, (eds.), Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015, pp. 563-577.</p>

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Chair of the IIRPS Council: Alvydas Jokubaitis