

## BEUR405 Europe and the Wider World

ECTS Value     5 ECTS

### Overall Objectives and Outcomes

This module will give an overview of the way the European Union deals with what are referred to as Third Countries. It will mainly focus on two aspects: The Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Trade Relations with Third Countries. The latter will enter into the different trade agreements Europe has with different countries, mainly its relationship with European non-EU countries (including candidate countries) and non-European countries. It will identify the major European economic blocs and institutions and focus on the way how Multilateral/regional agreements and bilateral agreements are conducted, the policies and the procedures followed.

By the end of this module, the learner will be able to:

### Competences

- a. critically assess the main movers that shape the external agenda;
- b. critically evaluate the role of multilateral and bilateral agreements entered to the EU;
- c. evaluate the importance of the Common foreign and security policy for the EU.

### Knowledge

- a. identify the main internal and external trading partners of the EU – USA, China, etc.;
- b. comprehend the major European economic blocs and institutions EU, EEA, EFTA and Union for the Mediterranean;
- c. identify the main political drivers that shape the EU external agenda;
- d. Identify the policies and procedures used for multilateral and bilateral trade agreements;
- e. Understand the rational and main elements of the Common Foreign and Security Policy.

### Skills

- a. demonstrate an understanding of the main internal and external partners of Europe;
- b. determine the relationship between the EU and other main trading blocs;
- c. demonstrate and understanding of the CFSP (Common Foreign and Security Policy);
- d. analyse the European political agenda that shape the external policies.

## Mode of Delivery

This module adopts a blended approach to teaching and learning. Information related to the structure and delivery of the module may be accessed through the IfE Portal. For further details, kindly refer to the Teaching, Learning and Assessment Policy and Procedures found on the Institute for Education's website.

## Assessment Methods

This module will be assessed through: Critical Analysis, Presentation, and Practical Assignment

## Suggested Readings

### Core Reading List

1. [https://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/record/9200235/download\\_type\\_document\\_docid\\_341340.html?q=economy+globalisation+](https://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/record/9200235/download_type_document_docid_341340.html?q=economy+globalisation+)
2. Blouet, B.W. (2018) *The EU and Neighbours: A Geography of Europe in the Modern World*. Wiley.
3. Directorate General For Communication. (2016) *EU Publications Trade*. ISBN 978-92-79-55724-8  
Downloadable <https://publications.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/9a2c5c3e-0d03-11e6-ba9a-01aa75ed71a1>
4. Eurostat (2018). *The EU in the World* ISBN 9789279864858 Downloadable  
[https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/The\\_EU\\_in\\_the\\_world](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/The_EU_in_the_world)

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1. Briguglio, B. and Brown, M. (Eds) (2016). *Sociology of the Maltese Islands*. Malta: Agenda.
2. Haralambos and Holborn (2013) *Sociology: Themes and Perspectives* (8<sup>th</sup> edition). HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.