LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- **Actors and Cooperation Processes**
  Module 1 is conceived as a thorough introduction to the course. Thanks to compulsory readings illustrated and debated in class, it provides students with the analytical and methodological tools to understand ongoing political processes in the Mediterranean area. In particular, this Module stimulates their capacity to apply IR theoretical approaches and methodological tools to ongoing regional processes. Students must read all the related readings and comment them during the class discussion.

- **EuroMediterranean Relations**
  Module 2 allows students to focus upon specific topics that are investigated via oral presentations and with the drafting of written papers. This interactive method enables students to experience their autonomous analytical skills and challenge their colleagues through stimulating debates. This interactive methodology improves a lot the students’ oral skills and their capacity to defend their opinions. The written papers offer students the opportunity to elaborate original ideas and experience a scientific IR oriented approach to research.

DETAILED COURSE CONTENT

- **Actors and Cooperation Processes**
  In order to depict the main features of Mediterranean Politics, Module 1 investigates relations between regional and global actors (EU, USA and Southern Mediterranean Countries, but also Russia and China), state and non-state actors (e.g. party politics, civil society organizations, transnational movements). It explores the most relevant on-going political processes in the Mediterranean area: EMP/UfM, ENP, MEPP, NATO Mediterranean Dialogue, etc.. New readings (mostly Journal’s articles) are selected every year to follow the current crucial events.

- **EuroMediterranean Relations**
Module 2 tackles crucial issues such as the difficult democratization processes and persistent authoritarianism, regional territorial disputes (in particular war in Syria and Israeli-Palestinian conflict), socio-economic disparities, terrorism, Islamist threats, migration, energy security, maritime security, etc.

TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

- **Actors and Cooperation Processes**

- **Euro-Mediterranean Relations**
  Students' presentations are based upon selected readings. Academic articles are yearly updated. Samples.

  Euro-Mediterranean relations

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Mediterranean’, in “Mediterranean Politics”, 16: 1, 59-78

The EU as an international actor
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Ayata Bilgin (2015), ‘Turkish Foreign Policy in a Changing Arab World: Rise and Fall of a Regional Actor?’, in: Journal of European Integration, 37:1, 95-112.
Comelli Michele (2010), ‘Sub-regional Cooperation around the Mediterranean and the Role of the EU’, in: European foreign affairs review, 15: 3, 385-401
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Regimes amid the Arab Uprisings’, in: Mediterranean Politics, 20:1, 36-54
Masoud Tarek (2015), ‘Has the Door Closed on Arab Democracy?’, in: Journal of Democracy, 26: 1, pp. 74-87

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Fargues Philippe and Fandrich Christine (2012), Migration after the Arab Spring, MPC Research Report 2012/09, European University Institute, Florence


Mallia Patricia (2013), The Challenges of Irregular Maritime Migration, Jean Monnet Occasional Paper No. 4/2013, University of Malta


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Panebianco Stefania & Marcello Carammia (2009), ‘The EU as a Selective Migration-Controller in the Mediterranean? EU Political Discourse, Regional Cooperation and Migration Flows’, in Ángel Chueca, Víctor Luis Gutiérrez and Irene Blázquez (eds), Las migraciones internacionales en el Mediterráneo y Unión Europea, Huygens Editorial, Barcelona, 73-102


Security issues


Energy security


Conflits, Civil wars and R2P
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