

THE EUROPEAN EQUATION: EUROPE IN A GLOBALIZING WORLD

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Language of instruction: **English**

Number of hours of class: **36h**



Objective of the Course

This course explores the role of the European Union in a rapidly shifting global landscape shaped by the competing influences of internal European social and political dynamics, as well as global engagement with major powers, particularly the United States and China. The first theme examines the EU's history, institutions, and political frameworks, as well as competing identities, laying the foundation for understanding its internal cohesion and external ambitions. The second theme focuses on the EU's transatlantic relationship with the US, analyzing strategic alliances and areas of tension. The third theme delves into the EU's engagement with China, addressing issues such as trade, technology, and the green transition in the context of global power competition. Through these themes, the course provides a comprehensive understanding of the EU's position and influence in navigating 21st-century geopolitics.



Organization of the course

- Theme 1. The EU: History, institutions, politics
- Theme 2. International dimension, focus US
- Theme 3. International dimension, focus China



Lecturers



Jan Rovny is a professor at the Sciences Po Center for European Studies (CEE). His research concentrates on political competition in Europe with the aim of uncovering the ideological conflict lines in different countries. At the Summer School, he will teach the themes “History of the European Integration” and “The Political System of the EU.”



Earl Wang is a doctoral researcher and adjunct lecturer at the Centre for International Studies - Sciences Po/CNRS. He is also a research fellow at the Franco-German Observatory of the Indo-Pacific, and is associated with the Institute for Strategic Research. His research focuses on European Union foreign policy and grand strategy. At the Summer School (University Programme), he will teach the theme "Europe in the World".



Ronja Sczepanski is an assistant professor at the Sciences Po Center for European Studies. Her research focuses on how citizens perceive the European Union and how that influences citizens support for the EU. Another focus of her research is how politicians use social groups in their political communication. At the summer school, she will teach “Politics and identities in the EU”.



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