

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	EU EXTERNAL RELATIONS		
MODULE CODE	IR4026 (L7)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

The module aims to consider the emergence of the European Union as a single voice on the international stage, chart the possible final stages in the European Union's expansion, reflect on the important role, including in trade and conflict settlement, which the European Union can play in the Middle East region and consider the extent to which this new role in the region might come to conflict with the priorities of traditional allies.

MODULE CONTENT

Indicative syllabus content:

1. The Rise of the EU and its Foreign Policy: A Normative Power?
2. CFSP and CSDP
3. Enlargement & the European Neighbourhood Policy
4. Middle East: Geopolitical Importance and Challenges
5. The Eastern Mediterranean: Geopolitical Importance and Challenges
6. Turkish foreign policy and relations with EU
7. The Cyprus Problem, the Palestinian Issue and the EU
8. The challenge of energy security
9. The challenge of the Arab Spring and the EU
10. Major powers, the EU and the Middle East

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

1. Discuss the European Union's enhanced security and diplomatic footprint
 2. Assess the continued eastward expansion of the European Union in its historical context
 3. Determine the potential role that the European Union can assume in maintaining peace and security in the eastern Mediterranean
 4. Determine the emerging priorities of the European Union in its external relations
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TEACHING METHODS

This module is organised into 2-hour weekly seminars. During each seminar, the tutor will deliver a short presentation and facilitate a discussion of critical issues within the said topic led by the students, either working in groups or individually. Some topics may be divided between two Seminars. Students will be expected to have independently researched the issues for discussion in each seminar and to come to seminars prepared to respond and participate in an open and active critical discussion.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through a written assignment.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English.