



PO331 MEDITERRANEAN POLICY OF SPAIN AND THE EUROPEAN UNION
IES Abroad Granada

DESCRIPTION:

This course will focus on the study of the exterior action of the European Union towards the Mediterranean through its formal instruments and channels as well as through the non-institutionalized instruments, developing the origin, evolution, objectives and expectations about the future of both instruments. Special attention will be paid to the Barcelona Process and the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (EMP), and the European Neighborhood Policy (ENP). Other topics will cover the Spanish' foreign policy towards the Maghreb and the Middle East as a privileged actor among Euro-Mediterranean relations.

The history shared among the Maghreb region (Algeria, Tunisia, Lebanon and Mauritania) and Spain as well as their political and economic interests, generate regional dynamics in the West Mediterranean zone rather distant from the Middle East ones. Throughout this course, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the attempt of Turkey entering the EU, all the revolts occurred in the Arab countries during Spring'11, the current migratory crisis and the BREXIT from the United Kingdom, will be treated because of the strong effect they have on the Mediterranean Policy of Spain and the European Union.

CREDITS: 3 credits

CONTACT HOURS: 45 hours

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: Spanish

PREREQUISITES: A course on European Politics or International Relations

ADDITIONAL COST: None

METHOD OF PRESENTATION:

Lectures and class discussion: the instructor will provide the students with an overview of the course content and will complete the readings assigned to each topic. Documentaries will also support certain lectures. Participation in class debates will be highly valued.

Class exercises: they will serve as a facilitator to understand the political and social dynamics of the actors involved in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

Research paper in groups: Students will have to develop a long essay/paper about a topic related to the course, based on a list of topics provided by the instructor. This paper will be presented in class, with a duration of 15-20 minutes each. The instructor will send a guide for the presentation to the students in the first weeks of the course.

REQUIRED WORK AND FORM OF ASSESSMENT:

- Course Participation - 10%
- Paper and Presentation - 45%
- Midterm Exam - 20%
- Final Exam - 25%

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Know the Mediterranean region and to determine the key concepts which are under political, social and economic controversy.
- Assimilate the interests and key aspects of both the European Union and Spain towards the Mediterranean region.
- Learn about the measurements developed, the limits and perspectives of the EU and the Spanish governments towards the Mediterranean region.
- Analyze the processes of political freedom and the results of 2011 Arab Spring in the Maghreb countries, as the main partners in the Mediterranean Policy of Spain and the EU.

- Understand the inter-Maghrebi questions which regulate the region’s dynamics (women, civil society, initiatives for regional integration, among other issues).
- Analyze the history and composition of the European Union, as well as its design and the limitations of its foreign policy and actions.
- Know the elements and components of the immigration policy of the European Union and of Spain as part of its foreign policy.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Attendance is mandatory for all IES classes, including course-related trips. For this course, if a student misses more than three classes, one third of a letter grade will be deducted from the final grade for every additional absence. Missed exams, presentations, or any other assignments can only be rescheduled in case of documented medical or family emergencies.

CONTENT:

Unit	Content	Assignments
<p>Unit 1</p>	<p>Introduction. The Mediterranean zone: New and old factors of influence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The region as a firm priority for Spain: interests and territorial disputes. 	
<p>Unit 2</p>	<p>Social and political context of the Mediterranean zone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political systems in the Mediterranean zone: among freedom and dictatorships. • The process of democratization in the Maghreb. The Arab Spring and the changes in the Mediterranean. • Morocco as a privileged partner of Spain and the European Union. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larramendy y Thieux (2018) Protestas en la periferia. Contestación y desequilibrios en el Magreb. <i>CIDOB</i>: 203, 1-6
<p>Unit 3</p>	<p>The European Union as an actor in the Mediterranean.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The geo-political environment in the Mediterranean. • European Union: expansion and institutions of the EU. • External actions of the EU: political and institutional boundaries. • Security and border policy of the European Union. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garcés-Mascreñas, B., & Montijano, E. S. (2017). El acuerdo Optenhögel, U. (2017). La Unión Europea como actor global: Políticas de defensa, paz y soft power. <i>Nueva Sociedad</i>, (270).

Unit	Content	Assignments
Unit 4	<p>The Policy of the European Union towards the Mediterranean.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Barcelona Process (Euro-Mediterranean Partnership -EMP): assessment and challenges for the future. The European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) and the Association Agreements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecha, E. S., & Tocci, N. (2016). Implications of the EU Global Strategy for the Middle East and North Africa. <i>MENARA Project Future Notes</i>, (1), 1-4.
Unit 5	<p>The Spanish foreign policy in the Mediterranean.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuities, changes and crisis in the Spanish external agendas. Economic, political and security cooperation in the Mediterranean. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arteaga, F. (2014). España mirando al Sur: del Mediterráneo al Sahel. <i>Informe Elcano</i>, (18). [sólo el informe ejecutivo]

RECOMMENDED READINGS:

Topic 1

- ABUFALIA, D. (ed.). 2003, *El Mediterráneo en la historia*. Crítica, Barcelona.
- ECHAGÜE, A. 2011, "Time for Spain to lead the EU's Mediterranean policy", *Policy Brief*, 54.
- LÓPEZ GARCÍA, B. y HERNANDO DE LARRAMENDI, M. 2003, "España y el norte de África: hacia una 'estabilidad dinámica'", en *Ágora. Revista de Ciencias Sociales*, nº 8.
- NÚÑEZ VILLAVERDE, J. 2001, "The Mediterranean: A firm priority of Spanish foreign policy?", in GILLESPIE, R. y YOUNGS, R. 2001, *Spain: the European and international challenges*. Frank Cass, Londres.
- "Implications of the EU Global Strategy for the Middle East and North Africa", *OPINION CIDOB* 2016

Topic 2

- BUSTOS, R. 2005, "Tendencias y límites del cambio en los sistemas políticos del Magreb: los años noventa en retrospectiva", *Papers* 75, 2005 141-167. Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona.
- GARCÍA ORTIZ, A. y JORDÁN, J. 2006, *El proceso de privatización y las reformas económicas en Marruecos: un recorrido histórico desde la Independencia a la Política Europea de Vecindad*. Documentos CIDOB, Barcelona.
- EL-KATIRI, M. 2012, "La primavera islamista en Marruecos, o el efecto Gatopardo", *Notes Internacionals CIDOB*, marzo 2012.
- SZMOLKA, I. (2012) *Factores desencadenantes y procesos de cambio político en el mundo árabe*, Fundación CIDOB.
- "El progreso de Marruecos es lento, frágil pero real", *Notes Internacionals CIDOB*, JULIO 2015

Topic 3

- HERRERO DE LA FUENTE, Alberto A. 2008, "La evolución de la Política exterior y de seguridad común de la Unión Europea: el Tratado de Lisboa de 13 de diciembre de 2007", *Revista de Estudios Europeos*, 49, julio-diciembre.
- SANCHEZ, B. 2012, *La UE como actor global. Algunas cuestiones analizadas desde el Tratado de Lisboa*. Tirant Lo Blanch, Valencia. Pp. 17-45
- SOTILLO, J.A. 2010, *La Unión Europea con el Tratado de Lisboa: cambios en tiempos de crisis*. Fundación Carolina, Madrid.
- "Mogherini y el Mediterráneo: tres citas inmediatas", *Opinión CIDOB* 2014

Topic 4

- ARANGO, Joaquín, et al. Introducción: Inmigración y asilo, en el centro de la arena política. *Anuario CIDOB de la Inmigración*, 2018, p. 14-21.

- GUINEA, M. 2015. La política europea de vecindad hacia el mediterráneo (2003-2015): impotencia de la unión europea ante un entorno cada vez más hostil. *Revista UNISCI*, (39), 253-272.
- BARBÉ, E.; MESTRES, L.; y SOLER, E. 2007, “La política mediterránea de España: entre el Proceso de Barcelona y la Política Europea de Vecindad”, *Revista CIDOB d’Afers Internacionals* 79-80.
- JOFFÉ, G. 2008, “Capítulo 15: La política europea y la orilla sur del Mediterráneo”, in ZOUBIR, Y. y AMIRAH, H. (coord.), *El Magreb. Realidades nacionales y dinámicas regionales*. Síntesis, Madrid.
- SANCHEZ, B. 2012, *La UE como actor global. Algunas cuestiones analizadas desde el Tratado de Lisboa*. Tirant Lo Blanch, Valencia. Pp. 79-110
- Topic 5
- AMIRAH, H. 2008, “Capítulo 17. La política española hacia Marruecos y Argelia”, in ZOUBIR, Y. y AMIRAH, H. (coord.), *El Magreb. Realidades nacionales y dinámicas regionales*. Síntesis, Madrid.
- FERNÁNDEZ, I. y SOLER, E. 2013, “España-Marruecos: una continuidad inesperada”, *Anuario Internacional CIDOB 2013*.
- MARTÍN, I. 2014, España-Marruecos: más allá de las relaciones diplomáticas y económicas. Opinión. CIDOB, julio 2014.

Regular Publications

- *Actividades, Textos y Documentos de la Política Exterior Española*, Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores, Madrid, edición anual también disponible en formato PDF desde 1996 en www.mae.es
- *Afers Internacionals*, (revista) CIDOB, Barcelona.
- *Afkar/Ideas*, (revista), Estudios de Política Exterior/Institut Catala de la Mediterrania www.afkar-ideas.com/
- *Algérie confidentiel*: <http://www.suisu.com/algerie>
- *Alternatives Économiques* <http://www.alternatives-economiques.fr/>
- *Arabies*: <http://www.arabies.com>
- *Anuario del Mediterráneo* www.medyearbook.com/
- *Anuario CIP*. Centro de investigaciones para la Paz, Madrid.
- *Anuario Internacional CIDOB*, Barcelona www.cidob.org/castellano/publicaciones/Anuarios/anuario.cfm
- *Atlantic Monthly*: <http://www.theatlantic.com/>
- *Cahiers de Chaillot*: <http://www.weu.int/institute/chaillot/>
- *Confluences Méditerranée*: <http://confluences.ifrance.com/>
- *Courrier International*: <http://www.courrierint.com/>
- *Economía Exterior* (revista), Ediciones de Política Exterior, Madrid.
- *Foreign Policy. Edición española* (revista), FRIDE, Madrid. www.fride.org
- *Foreign Affairs en español*, México. www.foreignaffairs-esp.org/
- *Jeune Afrique*: <http://www.jeuneafrique.com>
- *Journal of North African Studies*: <http://www.frankass.com/jnls/nas.htm>
- *Maghreb Confidentiel*: <http://www.indigo-net.com/>
- *Mediterranean Politics* <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/13629395.asp>
- *Middle East Policy*: <http://www.mepc.org/>
- *Monde Diplomatique*: <http://www.monde-diplomatique.fr/>
- *Monografías del Ceseden*, Ministerio de Defensa, Madrid.
- *North Africa Journal*: <http://www.north-africa.com>
- *Política Exterior*, (Revista), Ediciones de Política Exterior www.politicaexterior.com/
- *Revista Española de Desarrollo y Cooperación*, Universidad Complutense, Madrid.
- *Tiempo de Paz*, Ediciones Paz y Libertad, Madrid

Institutions

- Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional www.aeci.es
- Barcelona + 10 www.barcelona10.org
- Cumbre Euromediterránea de Barcelona www.euromedbarcelona.org/
- Departamento de Estado de Estados Unidos www.state.gov/
- Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores de Argelia www.mae.dz/
- Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores de España www.mae.es

- Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores de Marruecos www.maec.gov.ma/
- Ministerio de Defensa www.mde.es
- Congreso de los Diputados <http://www.congreso.es/>
- Proceso de Asociación Euro mediterránea http://europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/euromed/publication.htm
- Presidencia del Gobierno Español www.la-moncloa.es/

Research Centers about Foreign Policy and International Relations

- Centre for Political and Strategic Studies <http://www.ahram.org.eg/acpss/Eng/index.asp>
- Centre d'études de relations internationales, (CERI) www.ceri-sciencespo.com
- Cirpes: <http://www.ehess.fr/centres/cirpes/>
- Centro de Análisis de Seguridad www.ugr.es/~ceas/
- Centro de Estudios Internacionales www.ceibcn.com/
- Center for Arab unity Studies www.caus.org.lb/
- Center for Strategic & International Studies www.csis.org/
- Centro de investigación para la Paz www.fuhem.es/portal/areas/paz/
- Centro de Información y Documentación Africana www3.planalfa.es/cidaf
- CIDOB (Barcelona) www.cidob.org
- DiplomaticNet www.diplomaticnet.com/index1.html
- Fundación para las relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior www.fride.org
- Groupe de Recherche et d'Information sur la Paix et la sécurité (Bruselas) www.grip.org
- Grupo de Estudios Estratégicos www.gees.org
- International Crisis Group www.icg.org
- Instituto de Cuestiones Internacionales y Política Exterior (INCIPE) www.incipe.org
- Instituto Complutense de Estudios Internacionales www.ucm.es/info/icei/inicio.html
- Instituto de Estudios sobre Conflictos y Acción Humanitaria (IECAH) <http://www.iecah.org>
- Instituto Español de Estudios Estratégicos <http://www.ieee.es/>
- Institut Europeo de la Mediterránea www.iemed.org/
- Institut International d'Études Stratégiques IIES (París) www.strategicsinternational.com
- Institute for Security Studies – EU ISS-EU (París) www.iss-eu.org
- Institut Français des Relations Internationales www.ifri.org
- Institut de Relations Internationales et Strategiques www.iris-france.org
- International Institute for Strategic Studies (Londres) www.iiss.org
- Observatori de Política Exterior Europea http://selene.uab.es/_cs_iuee/catala/obs
- Observatorio de Política Exterior Española <http://www.fundacionalternativas.com/cgi-bin/WebObjects/OPEXweb.woa>
- Real Instituto Elcano (Madrid) www.realinstitutoelcano.org
- Virtual Library. Internacional Affaire Resources www2.etown.edu/vl/index.html