**MM The EUs Common Security and Defence Policy- its development, practical aspects of implementation and challenges.**

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 **Course description**

The master course will present and explain the EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), including its development and institutional-legal framework. It will zoom in on the EU as Global player as well as the nexus of EU’s external and internal security, key actors in this area, as well as relevant partnerships and agreements. The course will include practical examples of military and civilian CSDP missions and operations in light of current political and security challenges world-wide. It will touch on global political and security challenges. The course would also touch on relationship with the EU’s Common Foreign Security Policy (CFSP) and relevant EU support (EU Development/Security assistance). By providing these foundations, the course will help students understand the EU CSDP as part of EU’s CFSP, EU’s security and defence architecture, relevant EU actors (Council, EU institutions and Member States), EU external action at political/strategic level and partnerships and the practical application of the relevant provisions of the TEU.

**Objectives**

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

• Better understand the origins, objectives and development and implementation of the EU’s Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) as part of EU’s Common Foreign and Security Policy and related EU policies

• Overview of EU Crises management and its global security challenges

• Overview of relevant EU CSDP missions and operations – its different types

• In light of political and security challenges to understand why the EU is present in specific scenarios

• Understand the EU Integrated Approach and its challenges in the field

• EU interaction with partners worldwide – UN, NATO, African Union, OSCE, regional partners

• Comprehend the basic documents

**Course structure**

The course has following components

- lectures centred around EU Common Security and Defence Policy, its decision making, challenges, its implementation in the field, interaction with other instruments and players. For each session students should read two set of texts – primary documents (EU decisions) and academic articles (if available). The readings are obligatory and constitute a knowledge base for class discussions.

- oral presentations, group work and role play to propose possible CSDP action, role play, possible guest lectures - all to enable students a more practical perspective on topics studied in lectures and all relevant challenges for decision makers

- Students are also invited to facultative to follow developments of current crisis and position of relevant players

- Students will present their findings in relevant final pares/essays

**Requirements**:

Students’ performance will be assessed throughout the semester. The final grade is based on three assignments: oral presentation, group project (policy paper) and final paper.

1) Oral presentation (evaluated individually, 30 % of the grade):.

Oral presentation of selected topic – presentation skills

Short paper outlining the structure and reasoning of presentation

2) Group work - Case study – role play of EU decision makers (evaluated per group, 30 % of the grade): Students will be divided into groups (before 1/3/24). Each group will upload the deliverable paper well in advance

• Presentation in class – 10 min

• comments on the research process, data and materials collection, and the result per se including main findings and recommendations– 25 points

• Q+A – 5 points

3) Final Paper/essay (evaluated individually, 40 % of the grade

• Topics to be agreed by 12/4

• Structure, findings, line of argumentation and conclusions (define/explain/sources)

• Topics based on obligatory readings and outcomes of courses discussions

 **Course evaluation:**

A - "výborně - A" - "excellent”

B - “velmi dobře - "very good"

C - "dobře – “good”

D - " dostatečný” - “sufficient”

E - "neprospěl/a - "fail”

**Readings:**

All obligatory course materials will be accessible

REQUIRED READING

For sessions on 29/2, 1/3

TEU ,Title V ‘Provisions on the Common Security and Defence Policy’, especially CSDP policy TEU Articles 42 to 46, in Chapter 2, Section 2 of, and in Protocols 1, 10 and 11 and Declarations 13 and 14.

EU Global Strategy (2016)

EU Strategic Compass (March 2022)

EU Civilian Compact (May 2023)

For sessions 11/3, 12/3, 2/5 and 3/5

European Council https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/defence-security/Council Conclusions on Security and Defence May 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 (to be elaborated)

EEAS websites https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/common-security-and-defence-policy\_en

EP websites https://www.europarl.europa.eu/factsheets/en/sheet/159/common-security-and-defence-policy

ESDC Handbook on Common Security Defence Policy (Volume I, 4th edition, 2021) general overview of EU Common Security and Defence Policy. https://esdc.europa.eu/documentation/handbook-on-csdp/

**Course structure/programme:**

3 blocks over 2 days (Thursday/Friday)

29 February – 1 March 2024

11 – 12 April 2024

2-3 May 2024

29/2 Introduction

Course structure, deadlines, assignments (presentation, group work,

Origins of CFSP and CSDP - A chronology of factual developments in CSDP and its legal basis

Introduction to key documents of CFSP/CSDP (EU Global Strategy, Strategic Compass, Civilian CSDP Compact)

1/3

The core objectives of CSDP as such as part of the CFSP

CSDP Decision making, role of Member States, EU institutions and other actors

11/4

Main challenges to CSDP in global context (political/security) – second part including presentations

EU Crises Management, EU CSDP missions and operations

* CSDP in Europe, MENA/Middle East (possible guest lecture)
* Presentations

12/4

CSDP in Africa

EU interaction with international and regional partners

* EU Integrated Approach – practical challenges – cooperation EU instruments (planning and implementation in the field)
* Ownership host counties

2/5

CSDP cooperation with UN, NATO, regional partners

Group work – role play of decision makers

3/5

Future of CSDP (Strategic Compass & CSDP Compact including civilian/military CSDP and JHA cooperation) and Conclusions

Provision of written papers