

“New Era of Europe”
(CIVICA Honour Seminar at SGH Warsaw School of Economics)

Course description

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A. COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course is focused on contemporary economic relations in Europe. The pandemic and the war in Ukraine have unprecedentedly marked the forming international relations in both geopolitical and geo-economic contexts. The topics of the course include the contemporary conditions of economic cooperation between European countries and Europe with the rest of the world, analysis of past cooperation and its historical milestones, as well as the recently implied policies and formed economic ties within the EU and extra-EU.

B. REQUIRED READINGS

Christopher Hill, Michael Smith, and Sophie Vanhoonacker. (2023) International Relations and the European Union, Fourth Edition, Oxford University Press.

European Commission, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, Carraro, C., Coeuré, B., Dhand, O. et al., A new era for Europe? How the European Union can make the most of its pandemic recovery, pursue sustainable growth, and promote global stability, Publications Office of the European Union, 2022, <https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2765/584797>

European Commission, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, Ratto, M., Székely, I., A new era for Europe. Volume II, Emerging challenges, Ratto, M.(editor), Székely, I.(editor), Publications Office of the European Union, 2023, <https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2765/70616>

C. COURSE CONTENT

1. Introduction to the recent EU developments.
2. Current economic and social challenges in Europe.
3. ESG - a driver of the new era.
4. Industrial policy in the new UE. New sustainability-based economic development.
5. The UE trade policy.
6. Green Europe. Energy transformation and security.
7. Digital economy and policy in the UE.
8. Skills for future. European labor market in the XXI century.
9. Innovation and cohesion policy.
10. European strategic autonomy and technological sovereignty.
11. EU-US economic and political relations. Bridging the Atlantic.
12. EU-China: cooperation or competition.
13. EU-Russia is it realistic.
14. Building a resilience in the time of turbulences. Transmission mechanisms of economic crises in European countries.
15. Case studies. Course review session.