

Name of the course	Field of study and its code	Faculty	Research Department
Theories of International Relations	Political Science 02S	IIRPS	Department of International Relations

Study method	Number of credits ECTS	Study method	Number of credits ECTS
Lectures	–	Consultations	1
Individual work	6	Seminars	1

Course abstract
<p>An optional course for PhD studies in political science. The course focuses on analysing and applying international relations theories and methodological debates in political and social science.</p> <p>This course aims to enhance the knowledge about international relations theories, enable students to understand and discuss the main theoretical and methodological controversies in the discipline, and comprehensively analyse the literature in the chosen international relations sub-field .</p> <p>At the beginning of the course, students will be asked to choose a specific topic (sub-field, theory/ies or topic/s) in the international relations discipline and then to select and analyse the most relevant literature in the chosen topic. The course lecturers have to approve the final literature list.</p> <p>Course assignments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analyse the selected literature and participate in a discussion with the course lecturers. 2. Prepare a written literature review: identify the main topics, issues, controversies and ideas, identify problematic questions relevant to the chosen research field and selected literature. <p>Course structure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Methodological literature reading. 2. Seminar: a workshop on literature analysis (two weeks later). 3. Individual work: literature reading, preparation of a list of the literature (3 weeks). The list should be sent to the course lecturers by e-mail. 4. Independent work: reading and analysis of the selected literature (5 weeks). 5. Seminar discussion. 6. Independent work: drafting the text of the written assignment, sending it for review to the lecturers (6 weeks). 7. Independent work: preparation of the final version of the written assignment (4 weeks).

The final assessment of the course will consist of: a written assignment (70 %) and participation in the seminar (30 %). The topic of the written assignment has to be approved by the lecturers. The written assignment has to be around 40000 characters (with spaces).

Course literature

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- Keohane R. O. (ed.). Neo-Realism and Its Critics. New York, 1986.
- Morgenthau, H. J. Politics among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace, 6th edn. New York: Knopf, 1985.
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- Ripsman, N. M., Taliaferro, J. W., and Lobell, S. E. (2016). Neoclassical Realist Theory of International Politics. Oxford University Press.
- Waltz K. Theory of International Politics. London: McGraw-Hill, 1979.
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Lecturer	Academic rank	Major works published in the last 5 years
Prof. Dovilė Jakniūnaitė	Dr.	Jakniunaite, D., “Permanent Periphery of the Baltic States”, In A.Filippov, Nicolas Hayoz, Jens Herlth (eds.), Centres and Peripheries in the Post-Soviet Space: Relevance and Meanings of Classical Distinction, Berlin: Peter Lang, pp. 223-242. Jakniunaite, Dovile (2020) “Lithuania.” In Europe’s Coherence Gap in External Crisis

		<p>and Conflict Management: Political Rhetoric and Institutional Practices in the EU and Its Member States, edited by Bertelsmann Stiftung, 224–36. Bertelsmann Stiftung.</p> <p>Vilpišauskas, Ramūnas, Dovilė Jakniūnaitė, Marta Jaroszewicz, and Laurynas Jonavičius (2020), “Susceptibility of Ukrainian and Belarussian Domestic Actors to External Actors’ Approaches: Puzzling Patterns of Transition”, <i>East European Politics</i>, 1–24.</p> <p>Jakniūnaitė, D. (2017) “When States Lose Territory: Georgia’s Post-2008 Adjustment”, <i>Baltic Journal of Political Science</i>, 6, pp. 60–74.</p> <p>Jakniūnaitė, D. (2017) “Invested in Ukraine: The Struggle of Lithuania against Russia Over the Future of Europe”, in Besier, G. and Stoklosa, K. (eds), <i>Neighbourhood Perceptions of the Ukraine Crisis: From Soviet Union into Eurasia?</i>, Routledge, pp. 119–132.</p> <p>Jakniūnaitė, D. and Vaicekauskaitė, Ž. M. (2017) “Baltic Sea Region-Building: An Impossibility, or an Inability to Finish?”, in Makarychev, A. and Yatsyk, A. (eds), <i>Borders in the Baltic Sea Region: Suturing the Ruptures</i>, London, Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 103–124.</p> <p>Jakniūnaitė, D. (2017) <i>Kaip tapti valstybe: sienos ir erdvės Gruzijos teritoriniuose konfliktuose</i>, Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla.</p> <p>Jakniūnaitė, D. (2016) “Changes in Security Policy and Perceptions of the Baltic States 2014 – 2016”, <i>Journal of Baltic Security</i>, vol. 2, no. 2, pp. 6–34.</p> <p>Jakniūnaitė, D. (2016) “Sienos ir erdvės: konceptualizacijų paieškos XXI amžiaus teritoriniams konfliktams Rytų Europoje analizuoti”, <i>Politologija</i>, vol. 83, pp. 66–92.</p> <p>Jakniūnaitė, D. (2015) “A Small State in the Asymmetrical Bilateral Relations: Lithuania in Lithuanian-Russian Relations since 2004”,</p>
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Prof. Tomas Janeliūnas	Dr.	<p>Janeliūnas T. (2021) <i>Foreign Policy Analysis of a Baltic State. Lithuania and ‘Grybauskaitė Doctrine’</i>. Abingdon& London: Routledge.</p> <p>Janeliūnas T. (2019). <i>D. Grybauskaitės doktrina: Lietuvos užsienio politikos kaita 2009-2019</i>. Vilnius: Eugrimas.</p> <p>Janeliūnas, T. (2021). Energy transformation in Lithuania: aiming for the grand changes,. In Mišik M.</p> <p>& Oravcová V. (Eds.), <i>From Economic to Energy Transition</i> (pp. 283-313) London: Palgrave Macmillan.</p> <p>Janeliūnas T. (2020). Changes and adjustments in foreign policy of Lithuania during the Grybauskaitė’s presidency. <i>Journal of Baltic Studies</i>. https://doi.org/10.1080/01629778.2021.1876120</p> <p>Janeliūnas T., Tumkevič A. (2020). Avoiding a cyber world war: rational motives for negative cooperation among the United States, China and Russia. In Vladlena</p>

		<p>Benson, John McAlaney (Eds.) <i>Emerging cyber threats and cognitive vulnerabilities</i>. 1st edition (pp. 117-143). Elsevier. https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-816203-3.00006-X</p> <p>Janeliūnas, T., Kojala L. (2019). External forces and Russian foreign policy: Simulation of identity narratives inside Putin’s regime. <i>International Journal: Canada’s Journal of Global Policy Analysis</i>, Volume: 74 issue: 2, 258-281. https://doi.org/10.1177/0020702019854003</p> <p>Janeliūnas, T. (2018). “The Deterrence Strategy of Lithuania: In Search of Right Combination” in <i>Deterring Russia in Europe. Defence Strategies for Neighbouring States</i> (Eds. Nora Vanaga, Toms Rostoks), Routledge, (pp. 180-199). ISBN-9780815370154.</p> <p>Janeliūnas, T. (2017). “Gruzijos saugumo politikos pokyčiai po 2012 m. ir kintanti saugumo tapatybė”, <i>Politologija</i>, 2017/1 (85), P. 56-101.</p> <p>Janeliūnas T., Ivanauskas V., Jasutis G., Jonavičius et al. (2016). <i>Rusijos raidos scenarijai: implikacijos Lietuvos ir regiono saugumui</i>. Kolektyvinė monografija. Vilnius: Aukso žuvis.</p>
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