



COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
Globalization, EU and Sustainable Social Policy Globalizacija, ES ir tvari socialinė politika	

Academic staff	Core academic unit(s)
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Study cycle	Type of the course unit
First (Bachelor)	Mandatory

Mode of delivery	Semester or period when it is delivered	Language of instruction
Face to face and individual work	2 nd semester (spring)	English

Requisites	
Prerequisites: None	Co-requisites (if relevant): None

Number of ECTS credits allocated	Student's workload (total)	Contact hours	Individual work
5	135	48	87

Purpose of the course unit		
Aim of this course is to provide students with knowledge about globalization's impact on social and environmental policies globally and within the European Union (globalization's dynamics, history, and influence on global and regional governance); to deepen their understanding about main challenges and strategies in global and regional social policies (particularly within the EU) and significant environmental policies; and to develop their abilities to navigate and influence sustainable policy development in a globalized context.		
Learning outcomes of the course unit	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
Will understand and will learn to apply the concepts of globalization, social policy and eco-social policy.	Lectures based on active learning methods, seminars, individual studies and group research projects.	Active participation in seminars, assignments, exam (final paper / project and presentation).
Will be able to critically evaluate globalization's impact on social and environmental policies globally and within the European Union.		
Will deepen their understanding about main challenges and strategies in global and regional (EU) social policies and develop abilities to navigate and influence sustainable policy development in a globalized context.		

Content	Contact hours							Individual work: time and assignments	
	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Workshops	Laboratory work	Internship	Contact hours, total	Individual work	Tasks for individual work
1. Introduction to Globalization, EU and Social Policy. Globalization & social policy: concepts, history, phases, drivers, links. Global and regional governance: theories, actors, mechanisms. Global governance: IGOs, INGOs, social movements and corporations. UN system. Regional governance. EU integration and institutions.	8		4				12	19	Reading: Yeates & Holden (2022), Chapters 1-2, 5-6; Vanhercke B., Ghailani D. and Spasova S. 2020. Chapter 1-2. Seminars: Global social policy: issues and processes. Presentations and discussion based on Stubbs, (2023); IGOs, INGOs, social movement and corporations: balancing the role of different actors. Presentations & discussion.
2.Sustainable Development Framework and Policies. Sustainable development and SDGs globally and in the EU Balancing environmental, social and economic goals	2		2				4	8	Reading: Sachs (2015). Chapters 3, 7, 8. Scully-Russ (2018). Duit et al. (2016). P. 1-23. Seminars: discussion and site visit based on selected texts.
2.1. Global and regional economic policies. The role of international economic and financial organizations. Development aid. International and regional trade. Free trade and fair trade. Towards new models of economic growth: green growth, postgrowth, degrowth.	4						4	6	Reading: Yeates & Holden (2022), Chapters 3-4; Yeates, N. Globalization and Social Policy. P.33-50 Koch (2021). P. 115-133. Mastini et al. (2023).
2.2. Global and regional social policies. Global social policy, actors and main challenges. EU social policy initiatives and strategies. The policy dynamics of climate migration. EU social model and eco-social welfare state: a way forward?	8		4				12	19	Reading: Vanhercke B., Ghailani D. and Spasova S. 2020. Chapters 6-8; Alexandris Polomarkakis, Konstantinos & Palinkas (2020) Schoyen et. al. (2022). Chapters 1, 2, 11. Seminars: presentations and discussion based on selected chapters (9-15) by Yeates & Holden (2022); discussion of selected chapters by Vanhercke B., Ghailani D. and Spasova S. (2020); discussions based on Schoyen (2022).
2.3. Global and regional environmental policies. Ecological challenges and	6		4				10	18	Reading: Graziano (2024). P. 27-38.

their impact globally and in the EU. Global Sustainable Development Report, The Paris Agreement, and The European Green Deal. Environmental Justice and Just Transition Mechanism in the Context of the Climate Crisis.									Schoyen et. al. (2022). Chapters 9-10. Seminars: presentations, discussion and site visits based on selected texts.
3. Emerging trends and future challenges for regional and global sustainable development.		4	2				6	17	Final paper / project, consultations, preparation for a public seminar and presentations.
Total	28	4	16				48	87	

Assessment strategy	Weight %	Deadline	Assessment criteria
Seminar assignments	50	During the semester	Total weight of 40% is divided equally between seminar assignments based on the following assessment criteria: - Quality of submitted assignments; - Completion of assignments within the specified time. 10% of assessment is based on the quality of presentations of assignments and engagement of students during seminars. Students are expected to actively engage in discussions and textual analyses, contributing thoughtful insights that deepen understanding. They must critically evaluate theories and arguments, pose significant questions, and demonstrate creativity by proposing innovative solutions to discussed issues.
Exam: Final paper and presentation	50	During the exam session	The quality of the final paper (40%) and the quality of presentation (10%) are evaluated. Relevant issue is selected and comprehensively assessed, grounded in relevant scientific literature and empirical data.
Attending seminars and completing assignments is mandatory for a positive course evaluation. No more than three seminars can be missed. Submission and presentation of the final paper is mandatory for a positive course evaluation.			

Author (-s)	Publishing year	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing house or web link
Required reading				
Yeates, N., Holden, C. (eds.)	2022	Understanding Global Social Policy.	Third or earlier edition	Bristol university press.
Stubbs, P. (eds).	2023	Global Social Policy at 25: Reflections and Prospects.		EIZ, Zagreb. ISBN 978-953-6030-59-0
Vanhercke B., Ghailani D. and Spasova S. with Pochet P. (eds.)	2020	Social policy in the European Union 1999-2019: the long and winding road		Brussels, European Trade Union Institute (ETUI) and European Social Observatory (OSE), 230 p.
Alexandris Polomarkakis, Konstantinos	2020	The European Pillar of Social Rights and the Quest for EU Social Sustainability		Social & Legas Studies. SAGE. URL: https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0964663919829199

Duit, A., Feindt, P. H., & Meadowcroft, J.	2016	Greening Leviathan: the rise of the environmental state?	Environmental politics, 25 (1)	
Graziano, P.	2024	The Politics of the EU Eco-social policies.	Eur Polit Sci 23, 27–38 (2024). https://doi.org/10.1057/s41304-023-00455-4	
Koch, M.	2020	The state in the transformation to a sustainable postgrowth economy. The Political Prospects of a Sustainability Transformation.	Environmental Politics, 29(1), 115–133. https://doi.org/10.1080/09644016.2019.1684738	
Schoyen, M. A., Hvinden, B., & Dotterud Leiren, M. (Eds.).	2022	Towards Sustainable Welfare States in Europe: Social Policy and Climate Change.		Edward Elgar Publishing
Scully-Russ, E.	2018	The dual promise of green jobs: Sustainability and economic equity.		In: Brinkmann, R., Garren, S. (eds) The Palgrave Handbook of Sustainability. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-71389-2_27
Sachs, J. D.	2015	The Age of Sustainable Development. .		Columbia University Press
Palinkas, L.A..	2020	Fleeing Drought: The Great Migration to Europe.		In: Global Climate Change, Population Displacement, and Public Health. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-41890-8_5
Mastini, R., Kallis, G., & Hickel, J.	2021	A green new deal without growth?	Ecological Economics, 179	
Recommended reading				
European Commission	2021	A Socially Fair Transition		URL: https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_it
Anguelovski, I., & Alier, J. M.	2014	The 'Environmentalism of the Poor'revisited: Territory and place in disconnected glocal struggles.	Ecological Economics, 102	
Latouche, S.	2009	Farewell to growth		Polity.