Course description: Course “EU, NATO and Central Europe” provides students with an overview of key issues of the political, economic and security integration in Central Europe. Based on specific case-studies, the course will analyze the most recent policies and initiatives triggered by the EU/NATO enlargement(s), the economic crisis in the EU and the Eurozone debt crisis and by the post-Cold War challenges to the European security. The course covers not only the internal agenda of Central Europe but also its influence on the development of the EU and NATO in general.

Grading policy
- Class participation/attendance: 10%
- In class presentation: 20%
- Mid-term: 35%
- Final (final paper comparing a specific issue of European vs. US integration approach; approx. 2000 words): 35%

Schedule of classes

Week 1
14 February - Overview of course + Introduction I: Central Europe in 2012

16 February - Introduction II: EU in 2012
CEPS, Egmont, EPC: Second Look at Lisbon Treaty, p. 5-62
Kaczynski: Polish Presidency 2011

Week 2
21 February – Introduction II: European Security in 2012
Ojanen - The EU and NATO: Two Competing Models for a Common Defence Policy

23 February – Introduction IV: Czech Republic within EU and NATO in 2012

Week 3
28 February - Homework(s) Before Enlargement(s): Romania/Bulgaria 2007 and Croatia 2013 (i)
Lazovski: And they were 27..., Vachudová: Consolidating Liberal Democracy in Romania and Bulgaria

1 March - Homework(s) Before Enlargement(s): Romania/Bulgaria 2007 and Croatia 2013 (ii)
Week 4
6 March - EU and Economic Crisis 2008: Survival of Internal Market (i)
Hojnik: Free movement of Good in Crisis
Lisbon Treaty: articles 26, 28, 34-37 TFEU

8 March– EU and Economic Crisis 2008: Survival of Internal Market (ii)

Week 5
13 March - Eurozone Crisis 2010-2012 (i)
Ruffert: Eurozone Debt Crisis

15 March - Eurozone Crisis 2010-2012 (ii)

Week 6
20 March - Story of a Polish Plumber: EU, CE and mobility of people (i)
Lisbon Treaty: articles 18-21 TFEU
Directive on Free Movement of EU Citizens (excerpts)

22 March - Story of a Polish Plumber: EU, CE and mobility of people (ii)

Week 7
27 March - Europe without borders (?): Schengen (i)
Carrera, Guild, Merlino, Parkin: The Schengen Regime and Franco Italian Affair, CEPS 2011

29 March - Europe without borders (?): Schengen (ii)

Week 8
3 April – Mid term exam

5 April – Guest lecture

Week 9 – Spring Break – no classes

Week 10
17 April - Peace in Own Backyard: EU, NATO and Balkans (i)
Koeth: EU in Kosovo – State Building Without a State

19 April - Peace in Own Backyard: EU, NATO and Balkans (ii)

Week 11
24 April - Troubled relations: Turkey and EU (i)
Economist October 21,2010 – Special Repor on Turkey

26 April- Guest lecture
Week 12
1 May – National Holiday – no classes

3 May – Troubled relations: Turkey and EU (ii)

Week 13
8 May- National Holiday – no classes

10 May EU and Energy security (i)
De Jong, Wouters, Strekx: The 2009 Russian-Ukrainian Gas Dispute: Lesson for European Energy Crisis Management

Week 14
15 May - EU and Democracy (i): Case of Slovakia and Hungary

17 May - EU and Democracy: (ii): Case of Slovakia and Hungary

Week 15 --Exam week Final Papers due May 24, 15.00