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International Relations in the Baltic Sea Region

International Relations, BA, II year; Academic Year 2017/2018
Friday, 11.10-12.40, Faculty of Political Science (room no. 114)

PART 1. Baltic Sea Region (BSR) or Baltic Sea Area (BSA)

1. Introduction (October 6, 2017)
2. History of the BSR (October 13, 2017 & October 20, 2017)

Readings:

- Gerner, Kristian. 2002. 'Section I: History'. In *The Baltic Sea Region: Cultures, Politics, Societies*, edited by Witold Maciejewski, 46–118. Uppsala: Baltic University Press.
- Wæver, Ole. 1992. 'Nordic Nostalgia: Northern Europe after the Cold War'. *International Affairs* 68 (1): 77–102.
- **The Union of Lublin route** (if the weather conditions would be appropriate)
 - More information on <http://teatrnn.pl/lexicon/articles/guidebook-to-lublin-the-union-of-lublin-route/>

3. Conditions of the international relations in the BSR, BSR in the IR Theory (October 27, 2017)

Readings:

- Best, Edward, and Thomas Christiansen. 2010. 'Regionalism in International Affairs'. In *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*, edited by John Baylis, Steve Smith, and Patricia Owens, 434–49. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Kivikari, Urpo, and Esko Antola. 2004. 'Baltic Sea Region - A Dynamic Third of Europe'. Turku: City of Turku. <http://vanha.soc.utu.fi/jean-monnet/online/balticsea.pdf>.
- Neumann, Iver B. 1994. 'A Region-Building Approach to Northern Europe'. *Review of International Studies* 20 (1): 53–74.

PART 2. Actors in the Baltic Sea Region (states, non-states actors: European Union, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), transnational actors)

4. Foreign Policy of Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland (November 3, 2017)

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- Ferreira-Pereira, Laura C. 2006. 'Inside the Fence but Outside the Walls: Austria, Finland and Sweden in the Post-Cold War Security Architecture'. *Cooperation and Conflict* 41 (1): 99–122.
- Larsen, Henrik. 2009. 'Danish Foreign Policy and the Balance between the EU and the US: The Choice between Brussels and Washington after 2001'. *Cooperation & Conflict* 44 (2): 209–30.
- Tunsjø, Øystein. 2011. 'Geopolitical Shifts, Great Power Relations and Norway's Foreign Policy'. *Cooperation and Conflict* 46 (1): 60–77.

5. Foreign Policy of the Russian Federation and the Baltic states (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania): November 10, 2017

Readings:

- Kļaviņš, Didzis, Toms Rostoks, and Žaneta Ozoliņa. 2014. 'Foreign Policy "On the Cheap": Latvia's Foreign Policy Experience from the Economic Crisis'. *Journal of Baltic Studies* 45 (4): 435–56.
- Oldberg, Ingmar. 2011. 'Russia's "Northern" Foreign Policy. What Is the Long-Term Strategy of Russia in the Baltic Sea an Arctic Regions?' *Cicero Foundation Great Debate Paper*, no. 11/03. http://www.cicerofoundation.org/lectures/Ingmar_Oldberg_RUSSIA_NORTHERN_FOREIGN_POLICY.pdf.
- Park, Ausra, and Milda Paulionyte. 2016. 'Lithuania's Foreign Policy under Grybauskaitė: Change or Continuity?' *Journal of Contemporary European Studies* 24 (4): 509–31.
- Raik, Kristi. 2016. 'Liberalism and Geopolitics in EU–Russia Relations: Rereading the "Baltic Factor"'. *European Security* 25 (2): 237–55.

6. Foreign Policy of Poland and Germany (November 17, 2017)

Readings:

- Etzold, Tobias. 2012. 'A Country on the Brink of a Region? Germany's Baltic Sea Policies, International Reports, Publications, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung'. 5. KAS International Reports. Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. <http://www.kas.de/wf/en/33.31041/>.
- Puka, Lidia. 2012. 'Full Speed Ahead? Poland in Baltic Sea Region Cooperation'. 30. PISM Policy Paper. Warsaw: Polski Instytut Spraw Międzynarodowych (PISM). http://www.pism.pl/files/?id_plik=10733.
- Redłowska, Kinga, and Kazimierz Popławski. 2015. 'A Common Baltic Area: The Goals of the 2015 Polish Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States'. In *Baltic Visions: European Cooperation, Regional Stability*, edited by Kinga Redłowska, 8–15. Warszawa: Foundation Institute for Eastern Studies. <http://www.forum-ekonomiczne.pl/publikacje/publikacje-baltic-visions/>.
- Steinmeier, Frank-Walter. 2016. 'Germany's New Global Role Berlin Steps Up'. *Foreign Affairs* 95 (4): 106–13.

7. The European Union and the NATO in the BSR (November 24, 2017)

Readings:

- Gänzle, Stefan, and Kristine Kern. 2013. 'Towards Cruising Speed? Assessing the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region'. 17. European Policy Analysis. Stockholm: The Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies (SIEPS). http://www.sieps.se/sites/default/files/2013_17epa.pdf.
- Hubel, Helmut. 2004. 'The Baltic Sea Subregion after Dual Enlargement'. *Cooperation and Conflict* 39 (3): 283–98.
- Wieslander, Anna. 2016. 'NATO, the U.S. and Baltic Sea Security'. 3. UI Paper. Stockholm: The Swedish Institute of International Affairs. http://www.ui.se/eng/Files.aspx?f_id=126872.

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8. Regional Intergovernmental Organizations in the BSR (December 1, 2017)

Readings:

- Aalto, Pami, et al. 2017. 'The Coordination of Policy Priorities among Regional Institutions from the Baltic Sea to the Arctic: The Institutions – Coordination Dilemma'. *Journal of Baltic Studies* 48 (2): 135–160.
- Backer, Hermanni, et al. 2010. 'HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan – A Regional Programme of Measures for the Marine Environment Based on the Ecosystem Approach'. *Marine Pollution Bulletin* 60 (5): 642–649.
- Scott, James. 2002. 'Cross-Border Governance in the Baltic Sea Region'. *Regional & Federal Studies* 12 (4): 135–53.

9. Regional Non-governmental Organizations in the BSR (December 8, 2017)

Readings:

- Kern, Kristine, and Tina Löffelsend. 2008. 'Governance beyond the Nation State: Transnationalization and Europeanization of the Baltic Sea Region'. In *Governing a Common Sea: Environmental Policies in the Baltic Sea Region*, edited by Marko Joas, Detlef Jahn, and Kristine Kern, 115–41. London; Sterling, VA: Earthscan.
- VanDeveer, Stacy D. 2011. 'Networked Baltic Environmental Cooperation'. *Journal of Baltic Studies* 42 (1): 37–55.

PART 3. Students' essays

10. Students presentations (December 15, 2017; January 5, 2018)

PART 4. Selected topics in area problems in the Baltic Sea Region

11. Environmental problems in the BSR (January 12, 2018)

Readings:

- Karlsson, Mikael, and Michael Gilek. 2016. 'Governance of Chemicals in the Baltic Sea Region: A Study of Three Generations of Hazardous Substances'. In *Environmental Governance of the Baltic Sea*, edited by Michael Gilek, Mikael Karlsson, Sebastian Linke, and Katarzyna Smolarz, p. 97–124.
- Karlsson, Mikael, Michael Gilek, and Cecilia Lundberg. 2016. 'Eutrophication and the Ecosystem Approach to Management: A Case Study of Baltic Sea Environmental Governance'. In *Environmental...* p. 21–44.
- Smolarz, Katarzyna, Paulina Biskup, and Aleksandra Zgrundo. 2016. 'Biological Invasions: A Case Study of Baltic Sea Environmental Governance'. In *Environmental ...*, p. 73–96.

12. Economic problems in the BSR (January 19, 2018)

Readings:

- Hassler, Björn. 2016. 'Oil Spills from Shipping: A Case Study of the Governance of Accidental Hazards and Intentional Pollution in the Baltic Sea'. In *Environmental ...*, p. 125-146.
- Sellke, Piet, Marion Dreyer, and Sebastian Linke. 2016. 'Fisheries: A Case Study of Baltic Sea Environmental Governance'. In *Environmental ...*, p. 45–71.

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13. Future of the BSR (January 26, 2018)

Readings:

- Ketels, Christian, and David Skilling. 2017. 'The Future of Europe and Globalization: Where Is the Voice of the Baltic Sea Region'. Baltic Development Forum, Tillväxtverket.
<http://www.bdforum.org/publications/the-future-of-europe-and-globalization-where-is-the-voice-of-the-baltic-sea-region/>.

CONDITIONS AND RULES

1. Active participation in classes (50 % of final grade):
 - a. Active participation in discussion: 25 % of final grade
 - b. Presentation on selected topic: 25 % of final grade
2. Essay (essay – up to 2 000 words; endnotes, bibliography), **deadline:** December 3, 2017 (50 % of final grade)

List of possible topics (other could be acceptable after previous discussion):

1. The foreign policy of Denmark towards the BSR after 2004: objectives, initiatives and the main challenges.
2. The foreign policy of Estonia towards the BSR after 2004: objectives, initiatives and the main challenges.
3. The foreign policy of Finland towards the BSR after 2004: objectives, initiatives and the main challenges.
4. The foreign policy of Germany towards the BSR after 2004: objectives, initiatives and the main challenges.
5. The foreign policy of Iceland towards the BSR after 2004: objectives, initiatives and the main challenges.
6. The foreign policy of Latvia towards the BSR after 2004: objectives, initiatives and the main challenges.
7. The foreign policy of Lithuania towards the BSR after 2004: objectives, initiatives and the main challenges.
8. The foreign policy of Norway towards the BSR after 2004: objectives, initiatives and the main challenges.
9. The foreign policy of Poland towards the BSR after 2004: objectives, initiatives and the main challenges.
10. The foreign policy of Sweden towards the BSR after 2004: objectives, initiatives and the main challenges.
11. The foreign policy of the Russian Federation towards the BSR after 2004: objectives, initiatives and the main challenges.
12. International relations in the BSR in the perspective of realism.
13. International relations in the BSR in the perspective of liberalism.
14. International relations in the BSR in the perspective of constructivism.
15. The impact of the national identities in the BSR on the building of regional identity.
16. The concept of a "security community" and its application toward the BSR.
17. The European Union's role in the BSR.
18. The NATO's role in the BSR.
19. The activity of international institutions and the main environmental problems in the BSR.
20. The activity of international institutions and the main social problems in the BSR.