

# International Relations BA

## Final Exam

*You will be given two questions: 1 from the general block and 1 from the specialisation*

### General Questions

(1) Describe the emergence of the discipline of International Relations. What were the first theoretical considerations of discipline and what are the main objectives today?

*Literature:*

- *Mingst, Karen A. – Arreguín-Toft, Ivan M.: Essentials of International Relations. Seventh Edition. W. W. Norton & Company, New York – London, 2017: 3-18.*
- *Jackson, Robert – Sørensen, Georg: Introduction to International Relations – Theories and Approaches. Fifth Edition. Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2012: 4-61.*

(2) Describe the most relevant features of the three classical ideologies: liberalism, conservatism, socialism (social democracy).

*Literature:*

- *Heywood, Andrew: Political Ideologies (3rd edition or any other). Palgrave MacMillan.*  
*a. 2. Chapter: Liberalism; b. 3. Chapter: Conservatism; c. 4. Chapter: Socialism*

(3) Analyze these definitions: party and party system. Furthermore, describe parties by their functions and types.

*Literature:*

- *Kitschelt, Herbert: Party Systems. In: The Oxford Handbook of Political Science. Edited by Robert E. Goodin. Oxford, 2011. (related chapters)*

(4) From the Truman Doctrine to the Cuban Missile Crisis: Summarize the main chapters of the Cold War between 1947 and 1962.

*Literature:*

- *Anthony Best – Jussi M. Hanhimäki – Joseph A. Maiolo – Kirsten E. Schulze: International History of the Twentieth Century and Beyond. Routledge, New York, 2008: 216-246, 271-274.*

(5) Describe the main events and aftermath of the “Short Cold War” period (1979-1991).

*Literature:*

- *Gaddis, John Lewis: The Cold War – A New History. New York, 2005. Chapter Six*

(6) Describe the fall of communist systems in Central and Eastern Europe (1980s-1991). Outline (1) Soviet history during this period and (2) the transition history of one additional Eastern Bloc state.

*Literature:*

- *Best, Anthony – Hanhimäki, Jussi M. – Joseph A. Maiolo – Kirsten E. Schulze: International History of the Twentieth Century and Beyond. Routledge, New York, 2008: 480-489.*
- *Grenville, J. A. S.: A History of The World: From the 20th Century to the 21st Century. Routledge, 2005: pp. 887-902.*
- *Berend, Ivan T.: Central and Eastern Europe 1944-1993, Detour from Periphery to Periphery, Cambridge University Press, 1996 (7-9<sup>th</sup> chapters)*
- *A. C. Janos: East Central Europe in the Modern World, The Politics of the Borderlands from pre- to postcommunism, Stanford University Press, 2000 (relevant chapters)*

(7) Explain the classical typology of orientations and elements of political culture in the Almond–Verba model of Civic Culture. How does Dahrendorf's 'Clock Theory' interpret the role of the informed and active citizenry in system transformations?

*Literature:*

- *Tarrósy, István: Political Culture in a Glocal Perspective. Textbook and Reader. University of Pécs, Department of Political Studies, 2015 (e-book)*
- *Almond, Gabriel A.: The Intellectual History of the Civic Culture Concept. In: Gabriel A. Almond, Gabriel A. – Verba, Sidney: The Civic Culture Revisited. Newbury Park, CA–London: SAGE Publications, 1989. pp: 1-36.*
- *Sztompka, Piotr: The Intangibles and Imponderables of the Transition to Democracy. Studies in Comparative Communism, vol. 24, no. 3., 1991. pp: 295-311.*

(8) Analyse the economic actors and the changing role of the state in the economy in the short 20th century. How can economic crisis affect state intervention? Provide some examples from the past.

*Literature:*

- *Berend, Ivan: An Economic History of Twentieth-Century Europe, Cambridge University Press, 2006. Related chapters*

(9) What have been the driving forces behind European integration after WWII? Define the reasons for its success and describe the most outstanding milestones of EU integration until the present day.

*Literature:*

- *Dinan, Desmond: Europe Recast: A History of European Union. London, Palgrave Macmillan, 2004 or the revised edition of 2014.*
- *Kaiser, Wolfram – Varsori, Antonio (eds.): European Union History. Themes and Debates. Palgrave Macmillan, 2010.*

- *Bickerton, Chris J.: European integration. From Nation States to Member States. Oxford University Press, 2012.*

(10) Present the sources of public international law and give a detailed description on one of them. Present the subjects (actors) of public international law and give a detailed description of them.

*Literature:*

- *Shaw, Malcolm N.: International Law, 6th edition, Cambridge University Press, 2008. Chapters 3 and 5.*

(11) Present the basic rules of international responsibility of States for international wrongful acts.

*Literature:*

- *Shaw, Malcolm N.: International Law, 6th edition, Cambridge University Press, 2008. Chapter 13.*

(12) Describe the basic principles of security policy, security studies through the definition of security, its content (approaches) and the subjects of security (modern and traditional approaches), and then present the main stages of the nuclear disarmament negotiations and the current situation.

*Literature:*

- *Stoddart, K. (2012): Losing an Empire and Finding a Role: Britain, the USA, NATO and Nuclear Weapons, 1964-70 (Nuclear Weapons and International Security since 1945) Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.*
- *Sidhu, W. P. (2018): 'The Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Regime'. In Security Studies: An Introduction (London: Routledge), edited Paul Williams and M. MacDonald., Chapter 22.*
- *Williams, P.D. – MacDonald, M. (2018): An introduction to security studies. In Security Studies: An introduction, pp. 1-14.*

(13) Describe global and regional trends of contemporary armed conflicts and the alternatives for their resolution.

*Literature:*

- *Kacziba, Péter: Introduction to Conflict Resolution. University of Pécs, Pécs, 2022.*
- *Ramsbotham, Oliver – Woodhouse, Tom – Miall, Hugh: Contemporary Conflict Resolution. Polity Press, 4th edition, 2016.*

(14) Describe the European Union as a special type of regional integration and give some examples focusing on its challenges.

*Literature:*

- *Cameron, Fraser: The European Union as a model for regional integration. Available at: <https://www.cfr.org/report/european-union-model-regional-integration>*

- Bilal, Sanoussi: *Is the EU a Model of Regional Integration? Risks and challenges*, 2007. Available at: <http://ecdpm.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/EU-Model-Regional-Integration-Risks-Challenges-2007-.pdf>
- Phelan, William: *What Is Sui Generis About the European Union? Costly International Cooperation in a Self-Contained Regime* *International Studies Review*, 2012, 14, 367–385

(15) Explain what international migration is, detailing the following theories: Everett S. Lee’s push-pull model, the segmented labour market theory, and the networks and systems theories. Talk about the migration-development nexus, as well as the migration-security nexus.

*Literature:*

- Castles, Stephen, De Haas, Hein and Miller, Mark J. (2014): *The Age of Migration. International Population Movements in the Modern World*. 5th ed. Palgrave Macmillan.
- Koser, Khalid (2016): *International Migration: A Very Short Introduction*. 2/e. OUP Oxford.
- Castles, Stephen (2017): *Migration policies are problematic – because they are about migration*. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 40:9, 1538-1543, DOI: 10.1080/01419870.2017.1308532
- Zsuzsa Császár, Istvan Tarrosy, Gabor Dobos, Janos Varjas & Levente Alpek (2023): *Changing geopolitics of higher education: economic effects of inbound international student mobility to Hungary*, *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*, 47:2, 285-310. DOI: 10.1080/03098265.2022.2045572

(16) How has the United States’ approach to global leadership evolved since the end of the Cold War, and what are the key factors influencing its foreign policy today?

*Literature:*

- Tomja, A. (2023). *The “CNN Effect” and Its Influence on US Foreign Policy Decision-Making*. *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research and Development*, 10(1 S1), 19. <https://doi.org/10.56345/ijrdv10n1s104>
- Păun, D. (2023). *The Dynamics of Change in United States Foreign Policy: Contexts, Leadership, and Hegemonic Legitimacy*. *Sustainability*, 12(10), 560. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su12100560>
- Smeltz, D. (2022). *Polarization and US foreign policy: key debates and new findings*. *International Politics*, 59(3), 329–349. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41311-022-00381-0>

(17) How does popular geopolitical inquiry differ from traditional geopolitical approaches?

*Literature:*

- Dittmer, Jason – Bos, Daniel (2010): *Popular Culture, Geopolitics, and Identity*. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield. 1-68.

(18) What is the difference between civil society and global civil society? In your answer, use the example of NGOs and GONGOs to illustrate the essence of this difference.

*Literature:*

- Jordan, Liza (2012): 8. *Global Civil Society* pp. 93-106 In. Michael Edwards (ed.): *The Oxford Handbook of Civil Society. Oxford Handbook*, pp. 93-106.
- Cooper, Rachel (2018): *What is Civil Society, its role and value*  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5c6c2e74e5274a72bc45240e/488\\_What\\_is\\_Civil\\_Society.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5c6c2e74e5274a72bc45240e/488_What_is_Civil_Society.pdf)
- Kákai, László (2015): *Focus on NGOs. Nonprofit Organizations in Europe and Hungary*. pp. 11-19.  
[https://www.academia.edu/18998033/Focus\\_on\\_NGOs.\\_Nonprofit\\_organizations\\_in\\_Europe\\_and\\_Hungary](https://www.academia.edu/18998033/Focus_on_NGOs._Nonprofit_organizations_in_Europe_and_Hungary)
- Hasmath, R. – Hildebrandt, T. – Hsu, J.Y.J. (2019): “Conceptualizing Government-Organized Non-Governmental Organizations”, *Journal of Civil Society* 15.  
[https://eprints.lse.ac.uk/100174/1/Conceptualizing\\_GONGO.pdf](https://eprints.lse.ac.uk/100174/1/Conceptualizing_GONGO.pdf)

(19) Describe how nationalism works in the process of nation- and identity-building, with particular emphasis on the role of historical processes (Janus-face). Provide examples of this, illustrating why it is difficult to resolve territorial disputes and conflicts.

*Literature:*

- Anderson, Benedict: *Imagined Communities, Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*. London, Verso, 1983. Introduction, Chapter I. Marx, Anthony W.: *The Nation-State and Its Exclusions. Political Science Quarterly* 117, no. 1 (2002): 103–26.
- Flint, Colin – Taylor, Peter: *Political Geography*. Routledge, 2011 (6th ed.), Érintett fejezetek.
- Hobsbawm, E. J. – David J. Kertzer: *Ethnicity and Nationalism in Europe Today. Anthropology Today* 8, no. 1 (1992): 3–8.
- Smith, Anthony D.: *The Ethnic Origins of Nations*. Malden, Blackwell, 1988. Part II. 129-227.

## EU Specialisation

### 1. The four fundamental freedoms of the EU – their evolution and main rules

Literature:

- Schütze, Robert: *An Introduction to European Law*, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781139177368>. Part III. European Law: Substance, Chapters 9-10.
- Horváth, Zoltán: *Handbook on the European Union*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, HVGORAC, 2011.

### 2. List and describe the sources of EU law, explain the concept of direct applicability and direct effect

Literature:

- Schütze, Robert: *An Introduction to European Law*, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781139177368> - Direct effect pp. 107-132, 6 - (Legal) Supremacy pp. 133-149,
- Reinisch, August: *Essentials of EU Law*, Cambridge UP, 2012. Chapter 4.

### 3. Explain the ordinary legislative procedure in the EU. Explain the differences between ordinary legislative procedures and special legislative procedures, describe one of the latter

Literature:

- Schütze, Robert: *An Introduction to European Law*, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781139177368> ; Chapter 2 - Union legislation pp. 35-58

### 4. Features of common policies of the EU. List a few policies and describe one of the followings: Common Agricultural Policy, Common Foreign and Security Policy, Common Environmental Policy

Literature:

- Reinisch, August: *Essentials of EU Law*, Cambridge UP, 2012. Chapter 10.

### 5. What is harmonisation of law? Explain the definition, the goal and the tools for harmonisation

Literature:

- Di Costanzo, Lucia: *Harmonisation and Unification of the Law. Journal of Management and Change*. 2015/2016 No 1/2 (34/35), pp. 155-167.

## Regional Specialisation

**1. Describe the post-Cold War developments and current problems of the European Union's South-Eastern neighbourhood, with particular reference to the Balkans or Türkiye (select one for in-depth description).**

*Literature:*

- Džuverović, Nemanja – Stojarová, Věra: *Peace and Security in the Western Balkans: A Local Perspective*. Routledge, London, 2022.
- Balci, Bayram – Monceau, Nicolas (eds.): *Turkey, a Century of Change in State and Society*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham, 2023.

**2. Describe the role of China's social, economic and natural-environmental factors in the global world in the light of its current position and future prospects.**

*Literature:*

- Flint, C. – Zhu, C. (2019). *The geopolitics of connectivity, cooperation, and hegemonic competition: the Belt and Road Initiative*. *Geoforum* 99, 95–101.
- Thornton, W. H. & Thornton, S. H. (2018). *Sino-globalisation: The China model after Dengism*. *China Report*, 2., 213–230.
- Vörös, Z. – Somsack, P. (2020). *Laos and the Belt and Road Initiative: An Interconnector Helping the Chinese Needs?* *Foreign Policy Review*, 13, 24-38.

**3. How have historical and economic factors shaped the political stability and development of Latin American countries in the 20th and 21st centuries?**

*Literature:*

- Skidmore, T. E. – Smith, P. H. (2022). *Modern Latin America* (9th ed.). Oxford University Press.
- Levitsky, S. – Murillo, M. V. (2019). *The Politics of Institutional Weakness in Latin America*. Cambridge University Press.
- Fergusson, L. – Robinson, J. A. – Torres, S. (2023). *The Interaction of Economic and Political Inequality in Latin America*. London School of Economics.

**4. Describe the neo-patrimonial state in Africa, explaining patrimonialism, rent-seeking and the policy of the state towards development.**

*Literature:*

- Huertas, F. A. (2010). *Neopatrimonialism in Contemporary African Politics*. <https://www.e-ir.info/2010/01/24/to-what-extent-can-neopatrimonialism-be-considered-significant-in-contemporary-african-politics/>
- Bach, D. (2011). *The African neopatrimonial state as a global prototype*. *Heidelberg Papers in South Asian and Comparative Politics, Democracy, Governance and Citizenship: A Comparative Perspective of Conceptual Flow*, 59, pp.33-41.
- Thomson, A. (2004). *Introduction to African Politics*. (2nd ed.) Routledge, London-New York. <http://ndl.ethernet.edu.et/bitstream/123456789/58061/1/22.pdf>