

## **THE EUROPEAN EQUATION:** EUROPE IN A GLOBALIZING WORLD

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Session: **July 2026**

Language of instruction: **English**

Number of hours of class: **36h**



### **Objective of the Course**

This course explores the role of the European Union in a rapidly shifting global landscape shaped by the competing influences of internal European social and political dynamics, as well as global engagement with major powers, particularly the United States and China. The first theme examines the EU's history, institutions, and political frameworks, as well as competing identities, laying the foundation for understanding its internal cohesion and external ambitions. The second theme focuses on the EU's transatlantic relationship with the US, analyzing strategic alliances and areas of tension. The third theme delves into the EU's engagement with China, addressing issues such as trade, technology, and the green transition in the context of global power competition. Through these themes, the course provides a comprehensive understanding of the EU's position and influence in navigating 21st-century geopolitics.



### **Organization of the course**

- Theme 1. The EU: History, institutions, politics
- Theme 2. International dimension, focus US
- Theme 3. International dimension, focus China



## Lecturers



**Jan Rovny** is a professor at the Sciences Po Center for European Studies (CEE). His research concentrates on political competition in Europe with the aim of uncovering the ideological conflict lines in different countries. At the Summer School, he will teach the themes "History of the European Integration" and "The Political System of the EU."



**Earl Wang** is an associate researcher and adjunct lecturer at the Centre for International Studies - Sciences Po/CNRS. He is also an associate researcher at the Institute for Strategic Research (IRSEM). His research focuses on EU foreign policy and grand strategy. At the Summer School (University Programme), he will teach the theme "Europe in the World".



**Giovanni Grevi** is a Senior Associate Fellow at the Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS) of the Brussels School of Governance (BSoG-VUB). He teaches European foreign policy and international relations at the BSoG-VUB, at the College of Europe, Bruges, and at Sciences Po, Paris. Giovanni has worked and published extensively on EU foreign and security policy, global order, foresight, US foreign policy and EU politics and institutions. Between 2016 and 2020, Giovanni was the Head of the Europe in the World programme and a Senior Fellow with the European Policy Centre (EPC). Previously, he worked at the Foundation for International Relations and External Dialogue (FRIDE) as Director and Senior Researcher (2010-2015). Giovanni served as a Senior Research Fellow at the EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) from 2005 to 2010 and worked at the EPC as Policy Analyst and Associate Director of Studies (1999-2005). He is a Senior Associate Fellow with ISPI and with the EPC.