

# State Final Examination Questions – Bachelor’s Degree Programme in Political Science

## International Relations and the European Union

### 1. The Emergence of the Modern State and the Formation of the Westphalian International System (1648–1914)

*Nye, J. S. – Welsch, D. A.: Understanding Global Conflict and Cooperation: An Introduction to Theory and History. 10th ed. New York: Pearson, 2017 (Chapter 1).*

### 2. The Short Twentieth Century – From the Beginning of the First World War to the End of the Second World War (1914–1945)

*Nye, J. S. – Welsch, D. A.: Understanding Global Conflict and Cooperation: An Introduction to Theory and History. 10th ed. New York: Pearson, 2017 (Chapter 3).*

### 3. The Cold War – Basic Aspects of the Bipolar Structure of International Relations, the Cold War in the So-Called Third World, the Nature of the Two Antagonistic Blocs, Military Bipolarity

*Westad, Odd Arne. 2007. The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of Our Times. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 8–72.*

### 4. The World After the End of the Cold War – Characteristics of Post-Bipolarity, Economic Globalization, Conflict Areas

*Cox, M.: From the End of the Cold War to a New World Dis-order?  
Hurrell, A.: Rising Powers and the Emerging Global Order.  
In: Baylis, J. – Smith, S. – Owens, P. (eds.): The Globalization of World Politics. 8th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020, pp. 70–97.*

### 5. Actors in International Relations – States (Definition of the State, Types of States, the Sovereign State and Globalization)

*Lake, David. 2010. The State and International Relations.  
In: Reus-Smit, C., Snidal, D. (eds.), The Oxford Handbook of International Relations. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 41–61.*

### 6. Actors in International Relations – Non-State Actors (International Organizations, NGOs, Illegal Organizations)

*Curtis, D. E. A., Taylor, P.: The United Nations.  
In: Baylis, J. – Smith, S. – Owens, P. (eds.): The Globalization of World Politics. 8th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020, pp. 334–347.*

*Joachim, J.: NGOs in World Politics.*

*In: Baylis, J. – Smith, S. – Owens, P. (eds.): The Globalization of World Politics. 8th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020, pp. 349–363.*

## **7. Classical Theories of International Politics I: Realism and Neorealism**

*Jackson, R. – Sorensen, G.: Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches. 5th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 65–98.*

## **8. Classical Theories of International Politics II: Liberal Theories**

*Jackson, R. – Sorensen, G.: Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches. 5th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 99–131.*

## **9. Classical Theories of International Politics III: Constructivism and Marxism**

*Drulák, Petr. 2003. Teorie mezinárodních vztahů. Prague: Portál, pp. 110–139.*

## **10. Hegemony, Order and Conflict in International Relations (Definition of War Conflicts, Causes of Wars, Types of Armed Conflicts)**

*Barkawi, T.: War and World Politics.*

*In: Baylis, J. – Smith, S. – Owens, P. (eds.): The Globalization of World Politics. 8th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020, pp. 225–239.*

## **11. Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict (The Influence of Nationalism on International Politics, Ethnic Fragmentation and Civil Wars, Nationalism and Decolonization)**

*Henderson, E. 2005. Not Letting Evidence Get in the Way of Assumptions: Testing the Clash of Civilizations Thesis with More Recent Data. International Politics 42, pp. 458–469.*

*Barša, P. & Strmiska, M. Národní stát a etnický konflikt: politologická perspektiva. Brno: CDK, pp. 112–139.*

## **12. International Political Economy**

*Jackson, R. – Sorensen, G.: Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches. 5th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 180–207.*

## **13. Normative Perspectives on International Relations, International Law**

*Kapur, R.: Human Rights.*

*In: Baylis, J. – Smith, S. – Owens, P. (eds.): The Globalization of World Politics. 8th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020, pp. 498–513.*

**14. Non-Traditional Security Threats: Terrorism (Development of International Terrorism, Strategies of Terrorist Movements, Goals of Terrorism, Examples of Terrorist Groups)**

*Martin, S. & Weinberg, L. 2017. The Role of Terrorism in Twenty-First-Century Warfare. Manchester: Manchester University Press, pp. 24–42.*

**15. How Did European Integration Develop from the 1950s to the Beginning of the 1990s? (What Were the Key Moments of European Integration During This Period and Why Were They Important?)**

*Gilbert, M. 2003. Surpassing Realism: The Politics of European Integration since 1945. Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, pp. 15–38; 119–154.*

*Gilbert, M. 2012. European Integration: A Concise History. Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, pp. 117–142.*

**16. How Has European Integration Developed from the Creation of the EU to the Present? (What Were the Key Moments of European Integration During This Period and Why Were They Important?)**

*Archick, K., 2018. The European Union: Current Challenges and Future Prospects. Congressional Research Service, pp. 1–14. Available at:*

<https://sqp.fas.org/crs/row/R44249.pdf>

*Gilbert, M., 2012. European Integration: A Concise History. Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, pp. 143–172; 205–222.*

**17. How Do Theories of European Integration Explain the Emergence and Development of the EC/EU?**

**(Choose Two Theories from the Following and Use Them to Explain European Integration: Functionalism/Neofunctionalism, Intergovernmentalism (Liberal and Realist), Social Constructivism, Critical Political Economy)**

*Wiener, A., Diez, T., 2009. European Integration Theory. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 45–66; 67–87; 144–160; 221–240.*

**18. Describe and Explain the Institutional Framework of the EU (Explain the Basic Functioning of the EU. What Roles Do the Main EU Institutions Perform? What Interests Do Individual Institutions Represent and How Is This Reflected in Practice?)**

*Hix, S. 2011. The Political System of the European Union. Houndmills and New York: Palgrave, pp. 1–18.*

*Nugent, N. 2017. The Government and Politics of the European Union. London: Palgrave, pp. 435–446.*

*Lelieveldt, H., Princen, S. 2019. The Politics of the European Union. Cambridge University Press: New York, pp. 47–75.*

## **19. EU Policymaking: Interest Groups, Legislative Process and Decision-Making in the EU**

*Lelieveldt, H., Princen, S. 2019. The Politics of the European Union. Cambridge University Press: New York, pp. 128–150; 329–344.*

## **20. Selected EU Policies: Present and Compare a Chosen Pair of Policies**

**(Principles of the Policies, Their Development, Current Issues):**

**The Single Market and Economic and Monetary Policy or the Common Agricultural Policy and the Common Foreign and Security Policy**

*Cini, M. & Pérez-Solórzano Borragán, N., 2019. European Union Politics. 4th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 281–294; 295–309; 343–357; 358–372.*

*Available at: [https://european-union.europa.eu/priorities-and-actions/actions-topic\\_cs](https://european-union.europa.eu/priorities-and-actions/actions-topic_cs) (selected topics).*