



Code: GSPS-04/B

Credits: 8 for L-36; 9 for LM-52

Matter: Euro-Mediterranean Relations

Main language of instruction: Italian

Other language of instruction: English

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Introduction

1. Objective of the course:

The teaching of the course "Euro-Mediterranean Relations" helps the students to deepen the role of Italy in the Euro-Mediterranean equilibrium, from Cold War to the so-called "Arab spring". In particular, the lessons are focused on an analysis of the traditional Italian foreign policy in the Mediterranean area: its main characteristics are a strong loyalty to the Atlantic Alliance and to European Institutions (EEC and EU) as well as direct initiatives towards the States of the South of the Mediterranean Sea. The course examines different aspects of bilateral relations of Italy with Libya, Syria, Lebanon, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, included in a larger frame, in which the protagonist are also Eu, world forums and Middle-East countries.

Through this perspective, the most important current political events are analyzed: Middle-East war, nuclear weapons, illegal immigration, energy supplies (oil & gas), international terrorism.

Objectives

2. Course Structure:

The course "Euro-Mediterranean Relations" main objectives are:

1. Analyze the attempts of the Italian governments to be protagonists in the dialogue between North and South Mediterranean neighboring countries
2. Focus on bilateral relations between Italy and African Mediterranean States
3. Recognize the most important actors of the Italian policy in the Mediterranean area, from an historical, political and economic point of view
4. Understand the European extent of the Italian relations with Middle East and North African countries.
5. Develop the ability to judge economic and political problems
6. Develop the ability to interpret historical data, military and strategic elements of the Italian and Ue action in the Mediterranean.



Competencies:

1. To know the Italian policy in the Mediterranean area since Cold War
2. To understand the Italian decision making process about the Mediterranean policy
3. To know the most important events occurred from the end of the Second World War in the Mediterranean area
4. To develop the skill to judge actors, institutions, agreements in the Italian-South Mediterranean States relations
5. To predict the consequences of current problems emerging in the Mediterranean area
6. To be able to analyze changes and continuities in Italian policy towards the Mediterranean Sea, Europe and the world
7. To define causes and consequences of the Italian political choices in the Mediterranean area
8. To explain with appropriate language and with clarity the most important historical and political events in the Mediterranean area.
9. To put into action the knowledge the student has acquired to do any job in international relations, diplomacy, international study centers.

Syllabus

3. Programme of the course:

The course is organized in 5 subjects.

Subject 1. France, the US and the Mediterranean

- 1st phase: competition
- 2nd phase: cooperation
- 3rd phase: transatlantic perspective

Subject 2. Greece

- Its importance in the East-west competition
- From the Mediterranean to a transatlantic perspective

Subject 3. Italy

- Italy and the Mediterranean Sea after WW2
- Italy between Europe and Nato
- Immigration

Subject 4. Spain

- Between Europe and Africa
- The boundaries of the Mediterranean Sea



Subject 5. From cold war to the Arab springs

- The Mediterranean and the end of the cold war
- Democracy and authoritarianism in Northern Africa

Evaluation system and criteria

The assessment of the course is based on a final essay that explains at least three of the subjects contained in the program of the course. In the essay, the students' have to demonstrate their skills in learning, understanding, making judgements, communicating. The essay can be in English, Spanish, French or Italian.

Bibliography and resources

4. Materials to consult:

Video-lessons, teachers' handout and e-tivities.

5. Textbook:

Roberto Aliboni (ed.), *Southern Europe And The Mediterranean: National Approaches And Transatlantic Perspectives*, IAI, 2011. The paper is at disposal among the materials of the course.