



Preparatory questions for the final exam
in International Public Service Relations (MA degree)

2016

Subjects included:

1. International Organisations – Law and Policy-making

- How might we assess the impact of an international organization? What evidence or effects should we look for, and how can these be studied?
- If states are as legally free to withdraw their consent to obligations as they are to give it, then of what significance is their consent to be bound by an international treaty?
- How might a “global governance” perspective lead to different insights about the practice of international organizations than an approach that focuses on their formal rules?
- What evidence is there of an international organization that has more power than has been delegated to it by its member states? What are the implications of this power for the relationship between states and IOs?
- What difference does it make if a strong state acts unilaterally as opposed to acting through an international organization? If there is a difference, why does it come about and what does it say about the place of international organizations in international society?

2. International political economy

- What does globalization mean for the national economy? (Positive and negative developments, opportunities and threats.)
- What do you know about the political economy of international trade? (Free trade vs protectionism, trade policy instruments and their effects.)
- Describe the multilateral and regional economic and trade policy co-operations (types, objectives, results).

- What are the economic motivations and effects of migration?
- How international financial cooperation can help development and structural change? (IMF and World Bank)

3. **Regional Security Challenges**

- Explain the theory of regional security complexes by Barry Buzan, including the different sectorial security aspects!
- Choose one regional security complex and describe it!
- What is an insular state! Give example and present one insular state!

4. **EU Sectoral Policies**

- How do you typologize the policies of the EU?
- What are the latest policy objectives in Juncker's working program?
- Choose one of the sectoral policies of the EU and introduce it (historical development, decision-making, role of institutions in shaping that policy, current challenges etc.)!
- Explain the "spill over" logic of launching new policies in the EU!
- Explain the *policy-making cycle in the EU* on the basis of a chosen policy area!

5. **EU Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)**

- What are the main international roles of the EU?
- What are the key objectives of the European Union's Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)?
- What is the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) of the EU?
- What are the key tasks and roles of the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission (HR/VP)?
- How does the decision-making process in CFSP matters work?