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1. THE AIM OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Political Science and International Relations of the University of the Peloponnese was established in 2007 and is part of the School of Social and Political Sciences based in the city of Corinth. Students were first enrolled in the academic year 2007-2008. The aim of the Department is the high-quality education of its students in the fields of Political Science, International Relations, International Political Economy, International and European History, Culture and Philosophy, Regional Studies, and New Technologies.

Both the department's undergraduate and postgraduate curricula keep pace with dynamic developments in the complex political, social and economic Greek and international environment.

2. AIM AND OBJECTIVE

The PhD Programme in "Southeast European Studies" is organized in the framework of the third cycle of the Department of Political Science and International Relations of the University of Peloponnese. The PhD Programme in "Southeast European Studies" aims to promote original scientific research and leads to the award of a Doctoral Degree in Southeast European Studies, which certifies the completion of original scientific research and the substantial contribution of its holder to the development of knowledge in the relevant scientific field.

Successful completion leads to level eight (8) of the National and European Qualifications Framework, according to article 47 of Law No. 4763/2020.

2.1 Learning Outcomes

The proposed doctoral programme promotes high-level social research on the region of South-Eastern Europe, and is predominantly multi- and/or interdisciplinary as well as interdisciplinary. The doctoral programme may conduct research grounded in theoretical and methodological approaches in political science, international relations, economics, sociology, sociology, social geography, political philosophy, European studies or other social sciences.

Upon completion of the programme, doctoral students are expected at the level of knowledge, skills and abilities to:

- have specialized knowledge in Area Studies and in the specific field of Southeastern European Studies as a basis for original thinking, perception of cutting-edge issues in the specific field of knowledge and for the development of research and professional activity,

- demonstrate a critical understanding of the principles, theories, methodologies and practices that underpin Area Studies and develop their ability to formulate and test original research hypotheses, to conduct original research that pushes the boundaries of knowledge and develops work of international significance in Southeastern European Studies,

- have an increased critical understanding of the evolutionary dynamics and cuttingedge issues in the field of Political Science and International Relations, and in particular in the field of Southeastern European Studies - apply in their research with fluency the theories and methodologies that govern Political Science and International Relations and in particular Southeast European Studies where their research is conducted,

- apply with originality their specialised knowledge in analysing and finding innovative solutions to complex, (inter)scientific issues.

3. INFRASTRUCTURE

The Department of Political Science and International Relations of the University of Peloponnese is housed in a modern building in the center of the city of Corinth, on Athinon Av. and Aristotelous street. The Department has five classrooms with modern educational equipment, a Library and a fully equipped Computer Laboratory.



Furthermore, since 2014, the Municipality of Sikyonia granted a modern building with a total area of 400 square meters. The Department used the new infrastructure for the organization of Summer Schools and lifelong learning programs. The results are encouraging for strengthening the Department's actions that benefit the local community.



3.1. Library & Reading Hall

The Department operates an autonomous specialized Library that follows international standards while using, for its operation and for the electronic lending of its books, modern radio frequency systems.



The Library provides for lending to the entire university community, a wide variety of Greek and foreign language books as well as a number of scientific journals.

Furthermore, through the Consortium of Greek Academic Libraries (HEAL-link) it provides access to full articles of electronic international journals.



3.2 Computer Room and Network Services

The Department utilizes modern IT and communication technologies in the entire range of teaching and administrative procedures in order to facilitate students' access to teaching and administration resources.



It has to be mentioned that the Department provides a fully operational distancelearning platform (<u>http://eclass.uop.gr</u>) by which students have access to a wide range of material and tools for every taught course, while it facilitates communication and cooperation with the teaching staff in addition to lectures for the provision of bibliography and the preparation of assignments.

Moreover, the e-secretary facility (<u>https://e-secretary.uop.gr/unistudent/</u>) allows students to gain full access to online administrative resources essential for their studies.

The male and female students of PSiR also have access to an up-to-date computer laboratory, which strengthens both the educational and research work of the Department. It provides professional software for statistical analysis and decisionmaking, as well as open-coding software necessary for working with graphics, etc.

Access to Greek and international electronic databases of bibliographic data and scientific journals is provided through the laboratory's PCs. The teaching-research staff and students of the Department of Political Science and International Relations utilize the telecommunications capabilities already provided by the Data Network of the University of Peloponnese.

These include:

- E-Mail services
- Forum and News services
- Data Transfer>www-server for website hosting (sites of Department teaching members, courses, etc.)
- Virtual Private Network (VPN) facility that allows access to online bibliographical resources and academic journals,
- Distance-learning platform (through e-class),
- Online marking system (through universis)

3.3 Career Office

The Career Office operates centrally, in Tripoli. In collaboration with the Departmental Academic Coordinators, it provides support and information to students and graduates on issues such as:

- Postgraduate studies
- Scholarships
- Career planning
- CV-making and interviews
- Psychological support throughout the studies

At the same time, it studies the academic and professional development of students and graduates through questionnaires which are available through the link: https://politech.uop.gr/surveys/index.php/896443?lang=el/

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5. STRUCTURE OF THE DOCTORAL THESIS PROGRAMME

During the first (1st) year of the doctoral thesis, doctoral candidates are required to attend compulsory courses offered by the Department of Political Science and International Relations. The successful completion of the compulsory courses of the first year is a prerequisite for the completion of the doctoral thesis. The structure of the programme is:

Semester A

A/A	Course Title/Educational-Research Activities	ECTS	Teaching Hours
1	Research Methods in Social Sciences and	5	2x7
	Humanities I		
2	Research Issues in Political Science and	5	2x7
	International Relations		
3	Research and Thesis Writing)	20	-
Total		30	

Semester B'

A/A	Course Title/Training-Research Activities	ECTS	Teaching Hours
1	Research Methods in Social Sciences and		2x7
	Humanities II		
2	Research Issues in Area Studies	5	2x7
3	Research and Thesis Writing	20	-
Total		30	

2nd year: 60 ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System)

- Conducting research and writing a doctoral thesis

Year 3: 60 ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System)

- Completion of research
- Writing of a doctoral thesis
- -Public support for the thesis

Minimum total ECTS credits for the award of the doctoral degree: 180 ECTS.

The course teaching programme may be implemented in synchronous, asynchronous and hybrid formats.

5.2. Monitoring and evaluation of educational activities

Attendance of all educational activities is mandatory and is a prerequisite for the successful completion of the doctoral programme. The evaluation of the doctoral candidates in each course shall be marked 'pass' or 'fail'.

The evaluation of the performance of each doctoral candidate shall be completed within the academic term in which the course is taught and the results of the evaluation shall be communicated within 15 days of the completion of the last evaluation activity and recorded in the annual progress report.

5.3. Language of course attendance and assessment

In the Doctoral Programme in Southeastern European Studies, the language of attendance and assessment shall be English.

5.4. Course Descriptions

Course: Research Methods in Social Sciences and Humanities I (1st semester)

The ambition of this course is to introduce students to the general spirit of original research and to cultivate critical research skills. It teaches fundamental issues of research such as writing a research project, and the ethical dimension of research, and discusses methods of theoretical exploration of new ideas and their application to research. It also aims to familiarize students with established methods of collecting and techniques of quantitativestatistical and qualitative data analysis, including the use of primary sources in literature research, expert interview techniques, questionnaires and focus group interviews.

Course: Research Methods in Social Sciences and Humanities II (2nd semester)

The aim of this course is to broaden the range of research skills that students are required to develop by asking specific methodological questions in the field of social, political and human sciences. The course opens with issues of historiography and continues with further ontological and epistemological questions. It also considers issues such as the study of social movements, and methods for investigating ethical phenomena and political systems, and a lecture is devoted to research methods used in European Studies.

Lesson: Research Issues in Political Science and International Relations (1st semester)

The main objective of this course is to expose Doctoral Students to the research process with the aim of academically strengthening DS through their confrontation with central concepts and critical issues in the field of Political Science and International Relations such as the concept of sovereignty, the relationship between religion and international politics, the study of civil society, and the place of women in politics. It also addresses issues of militant politics and violence, such as populism, insurgency and revolution, and the theory of just war. The course aspires to expose doctoral students to knowledge and fields of study that they can utilize in their doctoral studies and to enrich the knowledge of their specific discipline with the knowledge of neighboring disciplines so that they are receptive to interdisciplinary approaches and promote scientific, cultural and technological progress in the knowledge society. The programme varies each year.

Lesson: Research Issues in Area Studies (second semester)

The aim of this course is to enrich the knowledge of DS on specific topics in the discipline of Southeastern European Studies, as well as in the adjacent fields of European and Area Studies in order to strengthen the academic strength of DS, thus encouraging interdisciplinary considerations and inspiring innovative research approaches. DS are thus exposed to central concepts and critical issues in the interdisciplinary field of Area Studies in relevance to European and Southeastern European Area Studies. To this end, the course includes lectures on related topics and concepts such as: nationalism in the Balkans, critical geopolitics in Southeast Europe, the question of democracy and the rule of law in Southeast Europe, foreign policy, post-colonial perspectives in Southeast Europe, issues of public policies in Greece.

5.5. eclass platform

Through the eClass platform (<u>https://eclass.uop.gr/</u>), students have access to educational material posted by the teaching staff for each course they teach, announcements of all kinds and of course, course syllabuses. They are also able to submit written assignments. The eclass platform includes all the necessary information for each course and enables teacher- doctoral student collaboration.

5.6. ERASMUS+ programme and International Cooperation

Doctoral candidates of the Department have the opportunity to participate in the European academic exchange programme ERASMUS+, (information at the Erasmus Office of the University or at the website <u>http://www.uop.gr/erasmus/</u> as well as the <u>PEDIS website</u>).They can go to a foreign country in order to broaden not only their knowledge in science but also to get to know the way European universities operate, as well as the daily life and attitudes of other European societies. The Department has a number of bilateral Erasmus+ agreements with universities of the European Union and third countries. The following universities are mentioned as examples:

- Università di Bologna (Italy).
- Università per Stranieri di Perugia (Italy).
- University of Catania (Italy).
- University of Salerno (Italy).
- Università di Torino (Italy).
- Universite de Cergy-Pontoise (France).
- Universidade de Vigo (Ισπανία).
- Universidad Alfonso X El Sabio (Spain).
- Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Portugal).
- INALCO Institut National Des Langues et Civilizations Orientales (France).
- Catholic University of Vendee (France).
- Aston University (United kingdom).
- Tallinn University (Estonia).
- Mykolo Romeris University (Lithuania).
- University of Warsaw (Poland).
- Panstwona Akademia Nauk Stosowanych w Przemyslu (Poland).
- Charles University (Czechia).
- Alexander Dubcek University of Trencin (Slovakia).
- Scoala Nationala De Studii Politice si Administrative (Romania).
- Universitatea Babes-Bolyai (Romania)
- Universitatea Alexandru Ioan Cuza Din Iasi (Romania).
- University of National and World Economy (Bulgaria).
- University of Cyprus (Cyprus).
- University Neapolis Pafou (Cyprus).
- Sabanci University (Turkey).
- Yasar Universitesi (Turkey).
- Istanbul Esenyurt Universitesi (Turkey)
- International Antalya University (Turkey).

For the selection process of students, information on the PEDIS website: <u>https://pedis.uop.gr/en/erasmus-academic-mobility-psir-international-cooperation</u>

Furthermore, doctoral candidates have the opportunity to carry out part of their research within the framework of bilateral cooperation and mobility agreements that the Department has concluded with institutions in the USA and Canada.

6. RESEARCH

6.1 Research Centers and Groups

6.1.1 Research Centers

Center for International and European Economy and Governance

Since 2015, the Center for International and European Political Economy and Governance (CIEPEG) has been operating with the aim of implementing and promoting modern scientific methods in the fields of International and European Political Economy and Governance. The activities of CIEPEG aim to meet the research and educational needs at undergraduate and postgraduate level both of the PSiR Department and of the School of Social and Political Sciences, as well as of the University in general, in the conduction of research, as well as in the provision of consulting and training services in the matters of its activity to public and/or private bodies.

Director: Professor Pantelis Sklias.

Coordinator: Antonis Klapsis, associate professor Website: <u>http://www.kedepod.gr/</u>

Center for Political Analysis

Since 2015, the Center of Policy Analysis has been operating with the aim of research and study in the field of "Policy Analysis", and in particular in the field of planning, implementation and evaluation of public and private policies regarding issues that arise or concern different levels from the local and regional to the European and international level.

Coordinator: Professor Asteris Huliaras

Website: https://centreforpolicyanalysis.wordpress.com/

6.1.2. Research Groups

Centre for Mediterranean, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies

The "Centre for Mediterranean, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies" (CEMMIS, <u>http://www.cemmis.edu.gr/</u>) is operating as a research group in the Department of Political Science and International Relations of the University of the Peloponnese.

KEMMIS is made up of a group of mainly young scientists who in the last five years have shown particular activity in the scientific analysis of the issues of the Middle East and the Islamic world. This group has built a dynamic website that includes the English edition of the multi-issue *MiddleEastBulletin* and a large number of independent current affairs analyses on the Middle East and Islam. Also important is the development of multimedia applications such as the interactive resource map for the Middle East and a series of video and audio presentations. At the same time, the Center trains undergraduate and postgraduate students from Greece and abroad through internships, collaborates with researchers in subjects related to its fields of study and prepares policy proposals and studies.

Academic Coordinator: Professor Sotiris Roussos

Website: http://www.cemmis.edu.gr/

Research Group "Political Leadership"

The purpose of the research group is to highlight the concept of Leadership as a distinct issue of study in the field of Political Science with particular importance for the analysis of the functioning of political systems and institutions (governments, parties, parliaments, etc.). The research team will rely on a strong theoretical framework, as derived from the international literature, and will explore the analytical utility of political leadership in different fields of study of the political phenomenon.

The research group will seek cooperation with research groups of the Department, as well as research groups with a corresponding subject active in universities and research centers abroad. The group's research outputs include the political leadership analysis text series with an emphasis on evaluating the theoretical and empirical evidence that documents cases of leadership.

Academic Coordinator: Emmanuel Papazoglou, associate professor More details: <u>https://leaderpolitics.org</u>

Research Group "Study of Southeast Europe"

In the context of the operation of the Policy Analysis Center, a Southeast European Research Unit/"Southeast European Research Unit (SEER-Unit)" was established. The purpose of the research group is the study of contemporary political and socioeconomic developments in Southeast Europe, emphasizing the management of the chronic security problems plaguing the region and in the course of the integration of all the countries of South-Eastern Europe into the Euro-Atlantic institutions. The SEER-Unit consists of members of the Department of Political Science and International Relations, postdoctoral researchers, doctoral candidates and postgraduate and undergraduate students of the Department of Political Science and International Relations with related and related scientific interests to its field of activity. The research group contributes to the training of undergraduate and postgraduate students and doctoral candidates in basic and applied research in the field of "area studies" with an emphasis on Southeast Europe. SEER-Unit research results will be presented at an annual workshop and in published research studies. **Academic Coordinator:** Professor Nikolaos Tzifakis

Research group "philosophy, Culture and Social Practices"

It is an interdisciplinary research group, which is active in the broad field of philosophy, culture and related social practises. The research group aims at the investigation and study of contemporary issues in the field of culture and philosophy as well as the innovative and interactive approach of different theoretical objects through the analysis of the dynamics of the respective social practices. Teaching staff at the PEDIS or other Departments, visiting researchers at PEDIS, undergraduate,

postgraduate and doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers can participate and collaborate in the Group.

Among others, the following have been defined as research fields:

• immigrant cultures, phenomena of diaspora and intercultural influences, postcolonial literatures, film writing and History with an emphasis on phenomena of political violence, women's writing of exile, cosmopolitanisms in the Mediterranean.

• Emergence of collective identities and formation of rational action criteria through the traditions of social practices. Typologies of phenomena of lawlessness, institutional instability and mobilization. Issues of modernization, secularization and political change (Revolutions and social movements). Relations between political power and society.

The research group collaborates with the following research centers and research groups abroad: "Centre d'Histoire des systèmes de pensée moderne", Université Paris 1 Pantheon Sorbonne, Research Group ELITE, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Observatoire des écritures contemporaines, Université Paris Ouest -Nanterre La Défense and CERLOM, Université INALCO-Paris Sorbonne

Academic Coordinators: Professor Vasiliki Lalagianni and Dimitris Rozakis, assistant professor

6.2. Research Networks

Consortium for the Promotion of Greek-Chinese and Sino-European Relations (http://chinaandgreece.wordpress.com)

The University of Peloponnese, EKEM, ELIAMEP, the Institute of International Relations of Panteion University and the Institute of International Economic Relations are participating.

Coordinator for PSiR: Professor Asteris Huliaras.

Greek Network of African Studies (http://hellenicafricanstudies.wordpress.com)

It was created by the University of Peloponnese (PSiR) and the University of the Aegean (Department of Mediterranean Studies) and its members are Greek-speaking Africanologists from Greece and abroad. The Network held an international conference in September 2014 on EU-Africa relations. **Coordinator for PSiR:** Professor Asteris Huliaras.

Coordinator for PSIR: Professor Asteris Hullaras.

Hellenic Network for the Study of the Third Sector

It was created by PSiR and the Department of Political Science and Public Administration of the University of Athens. **Coordinator for PSiR**: Professor Asteris Huliaras.

6.3. Research Projects

HORIZON 2020 Kids4All

Coordinator: Universita Degli Studi Di Torino supported by a consortium of 13 partners from 8 different countries (Belgium, Germany, Spain, Italy, Norway, Hungary, Turkey and Greece) The University of Peloponnese acts as deputy coordinator. **Deputy Coordinators at PSIR**: Professor Asteris Huliaras and Associate Professor Sotiris Petropoulos Objectives of the Project



This large project concerns education that facilitates the integration of migrant children (especially unaccompanied minors, refugees and asylum seekers). It involves the development of a number of innovative educational tools such as a KIDS Learning Platform as well as Learning Laboratories and the implementation of a number of actions and events with non-profit organisations (in Greece with ARSIS).

Implementation period: 2021-2024

Website: https://www.kids4alll.eu/



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Social Impact Manager (SIM) Funding: Erasmus+ (EDU-2022-PI-ALL-INNO) Academic Coordinator: Professor Pyrros Papadimitriou



The aim of the SIM project is to gradually change the attitudes and perceptions of society towards the concept of social value, creating conditions in which the invocation of social value and social impact will increasingly become a prerequisite for the implementation of actions, initiatives and

investments. The term social impact is used interchangeably with the term social outcome or social benefit. In this context, the SIM project seeks to establish the role of the Social Impact Manager as a new profession that will identify the values created by the allocation of funds, while creating a more effective system of social control. Ex-ante social impact assessment contributes to a) a holistic approach to value from the economic, environmental and social aspects, b) providing reliable and meaningful information through numerical results on the effectiveness of actions, c) improving the evaluative capacity of all those affected by the implementation of projects, actions and investments, d) gradually changing attitudes and perceptions as to what is considered socially beneficial, and e) improving the efficiency/effectiveness in terms of cost.

Implementation period: 1/6/2023 - 31/5/2026



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Jean Monnet Chair in EU Foreign Policy and the Western Balkans

Funding: European Commission

Academic Coordinator: Nikolaos Tzifakis

The Jean Monnet Chair in European Union Foreign Policy and the Western Balkans will develop teaching, research and outreach activities on the EU's role internationally in promoting conflict resolution, democracy and economic development, with a focus on the Western Balkans.

Duration: October 2022 - October 2025

Website: https://econtent.pedis.uop.gr/jmc-eupf-wb/







Democracy at Risk: EU Politics in the 21st Century "DEAR" Erasmus+, Jean Monnet Module (JMO-2022-HEI-TCH-RSCH)

Academic Coordinator: Efstathios Fakiolas, Assosiate Professor

The project seeks to contribute to the democratic participation of the public sphere in the EU and to make democratic values in the EU more visible in a globalized world. In particular, it aspires to provide knowledge, skills and specialized training on how the democratic condition in the EU is changing. At the same time, it aims to implement the values of democracy, participation and



representation through the creation of the European Democracy Observatory.

Implementation period: 2022-2025

Website: https://www.project-democracy-at-risk.eu/

Improving VET Distance Learning Through a Gamified Asynchronous eLearning Methodology "d-ICT"

Erasmus+, Key Action 2 (KA2)

Scientific Coordinator: Maria Eleftheria Galani Special Educational Staff

The main objective of the d-ICT project is to create an innovative pedagogical method in asynchronous vocational education and training that aims to promote the attractive aspect of distance learning through gamification. It is a partnership of eight partners from seven countries (Greece, Cyprus, Italy, Spain, France, Portugal, Belgium, Cyprus, Greece and Spain) with the University of Peloponnese as main coordinator.

Implementation period: 2022-2024

Entrepreneurship Support Mechanism of the Region of Western Greece Funding: Regional Development Fund of the Region of Western Greece Academic Coordinator: Professor Pyrros Papadimitriou The aim of the project is the development of an information, support and guidance mechanism for businesses operating in the Region of Western Greece.

The project includes the creation of an "Entrepreneurship Support Mechanism" (ESM) with the establishment of three offices in the capitals of the prefectures of the Region of Western Greece. The PSI aims to support businesses in the Region through the provision of services in the areas of (a) needs diagnosis, (b) consultancy, (c) business plan preparation, (d) marketing, (e) investment plan preparation, (f) market analysis, (g) funding and grants. The project also operates an "Entrepreneurship Observatory" with the main responsibility of supporting the Region in the implementation of the Region's strategy for the development of entrepreneurship and innovation. The Observatory carries out targeted studies and surveys to assess the current situation and undertakes the design of actions to support entrepreneurship, promote the extroversion of the local economy and networking of enterprises.

Implementation period: 1-10-2021 - 30/11/2023

Citizenship Engagement Through Economic Literacy Gamification in Adolescents "CETERIS PARIBUS"

Erasmus+ Programme

Academic Coordinator: Sotiris Petropoulos, Assistant Professor

CETERIS PARIBUS aims to enhance the understanding of economic theory and the impact of economics on citizens' and especially young people's perception of the world around them and their place in it as active citizens. Through the development of an interactive educational material, a handbook for youth workers on how to approach financial education, as well as a modern educational e-game, the project aims to engage young people and youth workers from across Europe in an exploration of important financial terms and theories, in order to strengthen their participation in all democratic processes.

Project Start Date: 01/04/2022 Project End Date: 31/12/2023

7. PSIR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The PSIR Department operates an Alumni Association with an online hub at <u>https://alumnipedis.uop.gr/</u>.



The purpose of the online hub is to support and provide counselling and information to PSIR graduates through a platform of contacts, synergies and actions that will contribute, both to the strengthening of the professional prospects of the graduates themselves, and of the Department itself through the recognition and evaluation of professional needs and opportunities in the labour market. At the same time, the graduates will maintain their connection with the Department and the academic community.

8. ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2024-2025 (indicative)

Winter Term

Teaching01/10/2024 - 26/01/2025 (15 teaching weeks)period:[According to the decision of the Assembly of the PSiR Department,
the following applies:
- 1st week: no classes are held,
- 2nd -14th week: teaching of courses (13 weeks)
- 15th week: 1 week of make-up classes]
Starting date: 9/10/2024
make-up classes week: 22/1/2025 - 26/1/2024Exam period:29/01/2024 - 16/02/2024