

Lecture as part of the Teaching Assistantship Programme 2019

The US Foreign Policy under the Trump Administration and Its Effect on the Integration of Europe

Organizational details

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Date: 08 May, 2019, from 16.00 to 18.00 h

Location: Campus Wirtschaftswissenschaften, Licher Strasse 68, D-35390 Giessen, room 020 (HS 020)

Content

This lecture is designed to teach the participants about the US foreign policy during the presidency of Donald Trump and how it effected the EU's integration process. The aim of this lecture is, first, to introduce the historical evolution of the US foreign policy and explain the basic premises of relations with Europe under the umbrella of the Atlantic Alliance in the post-World War II. With the introduction of the focus questions, the formation of the US foreign policy, and its influence in European politics, will be shortly explained. Furthermore, the change of basic parameters during the Trump Administration as well as its side effects will be elucidated to enhance the understanding of the effect of this particular policy change. Subsequently, major developments during the Trump period, such as Trump's questioning the function of NATO and proposing tariffs to apply European products, will be explained to the participants in regard to the change it created in the US foreign policy towards Europe. This will be followed by the parallel developments in Europe, including the major European countries' increasing defense spending and counter tariffs applied to U.S. products, as well as the creation of own foreign and domestic policies, related to an increase of power of anti-EU political parties (e.g., Italy, Hungary, Germany, U.K.). The remaining part of the lecture will be devoted to explanations and discussions of the effect of the change of the Trump Administration's policy on the integration of Europe. The lecture will finish with the discussion of questions emerging during the lecture.

Key words: Trump Administration, the US foreign policy, transatlantic relations, European integration.

Learning Targets

- Historical evolution of US foreign policy
- The major dynamics of transatlantic relations
- The US foreign policy during the presidency of Donald Trump
- The US foreign policy towards the EU under Trump Administration
- The European integration in the contemporary world
- The effect of the US foreign policy under Trump Administration on the integration of Europe

Target group

Students, Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs of all Faculties

Course language

English

Registration No registration needed