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• European politics
• Political institutions
• Regime change, democratization
• Parties and interest groups, social movements

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• International relations theory and foreign policy analysis
• International security: strategic studies, security studies, R2P
• Ethnicity, nationalism, conflict, and conflict management
• International political economy: political economy of the EU, varieties of capitalism, development
• European identities, migration, and citizenship

Political Economy
• Comparative political economy: advanced capitalist countries, Central and Eastern Europe, welfare states, institutions, political economics
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• Political economy of European integration: interest groups, collective action

Political Theory
• Political philosophy: political obligation and legitimacy, theories of justice, egalitarianism
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• Institutional political theory: constitutional theory, institutional political theory
• Applied political philosophy: cosmopolitanism, theory of violent conflicts, human rights

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• Public administration, bureaucratic politics, governance, corruption control
• European integration, EU public policy, comparative European politics
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- Outline of master’s thesis or other substantial academic work

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