

## **Dissertation topics for study admissions 3rd degree in the international economic relations study program at the FMV EU in Bratislava for the academic year 2024/2025**

**Title:**

Status of the Australian community in international economic relations

**Supervisor:**

doc. Ing. Martin Grešš, PhD.

**Annotation:**

The Asia-Pacific region has undergone a major economic transformation and is home to the world's leading exporter of mineral resources - Australia. Modern international relations cannot fully function without the inclusion of this actor, which is significant not only because of its geographical location, but also because of its favourable natural conditions, its huge economic potential and its developed scientific and technological base. Economic importance of the Commonwealth of Australia is gaining in importance, influencing international trade and providing opportunities for economic progress in developing countries. The thesis will focus on assessing the changing circumstances that have contributed to improved economic Australia's economic efficiency and have strengthened its presence in the international environment.

**Thesis objective:**

The aim of the dissertation is to identify the role of the Australian economy in international economic relations.

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**Title:**

Critical Discourse Analysis of Slovak and foreign greenfluencers from a political economy perspective

**Supervisor:**

doc. Dr. Tomáš Imrich Profant

**Annotation:**

The discursive reproduction in contemporary societies no longer occurs solely through schools, families, media, or political speeches. Social networks have become a significant discursive space, especially for younger generations. The key actors in this space are influencers. Many of them focus on issues such as sustainable development, climate change, and green transition. The aim of the thesis is to analyze discourses related to these topics from a political economy perspective and to compare the discourses of Slovak greenfluencers with those of selected foreign greenfluencers, whose discourses differ from Slovak ones. The goal is thus to analyze the Slovak greenfluencer discourse and suggest alternatives to its direction from abroad. The method of study will be Critical Discourse Analysis.

**Thesis objective:**

The aim of the thesis is to analyze discourses focusing on sustainable development, climate change, and green transition from a political economy perspective. Additionally, the goal is to compare the discourses of Slovak greenfluencers with those of selected foreign greenfluencers, whose discourses differ from those in Slovakia.

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**Title:**

Brexit's ripple effect: Assessing the economic, political, and social impacts on the European Union.

**Supervisor:**

doc. Mgr. Ing. Katarína Seresová, PhD.

**Annotation:**

The dissertation thesis examines changes in international relations resulting from Brexit and its impact on the European Union community post-2016, when the United Kingdom decided to exit the union through a referendum. The departure of the United Kingdom from the EU represents a historic milestone in the process of European integration, the concepts and significance of which in economic, political, and social dimensions will be the subject of the theoretical part of the thesis. The empirical part of the study will focus on analyzing specific economic, political, and social impacts of Brexit on the European Union. Concurrently, it will investigate the various approaches employed by the EU to respond to these consequences and the measures undertaken to minimize negative effects and fortify its position in the global context.

**Thesis objective:**

The aim of this dissertation thesis is to examine the economic, political, and social impacts of Brexit on the European Union and analyze the measures that the EU is endeavoring to address the challenges posed by Brexit.

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**Title:**

Foreign Investment Protection in Times of Armed Conflict

**Supervisor:**

Dr.habil. JUDr. Ing. Katarína Brocková, LL.M. PhD.

**Annotation:**

The effects of armed conflict on the protection of foreign investments is an area of international law, which, in connection with the current geopolitical situation, is gaining momentum in the European context. Modern international investment law as an area bordering and interacting with several thematic areas of international public law, especially international humanitarian law, is constantly developing dynamically, and the legal regime for the protection of foreign investments is far from a stable monolithic whole. Many issues that arise in connection with the protection of foreign investments in the territory of the state affected by the armed conflict require further investigation.

**Thesis objective:**

The aim of this thesis is to analyse the existing legal regime for the protection of foreign investment in the event of an armed conflict on the territory of the host state.

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**Title:**

Economic and Political Development of the V4 Countries in the post-covid Period in a Comparative Perspective

**Supervisor:**

doc. PhDr. Rudolf Kucharčík, PhD.

**Annotation:**

The economic and political development of the V4 countries is undergoing by fundamental changes in the third decade of the 21st century. It is facing challenges that could not be predicted in the previous period. There are two key moments - the COVID-19 pandemic and Russian aggression in Ukraine. Both events were logically reflected in key economic and political measures in the V4 countries. The thesis will focus on the identification of priorities, common but also specific procedures of the governments of the V4 countries.

**Thesis objective:**

The goal of the dissertation thesis will be to examine the economic and political development of the Slovak Republic, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland in a comparative perspective. The thesis will focus on the characteristics of the political map of the mentioned countries and the key political themes and slogans. The main part of the thesis will be devoted to the economic development of these countries, the consequences of the pandemic, the consequences of Russian aggression in Ukraine and the identification of key economic partners. The thesis will outline various scenarios of political and economic development.

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**Title:**

Islamic economic principles and their influence on the economic and financial policy of Turkey during the government of the Justice and Development Party (AKP)

**Supervisor:**

doc. PhDr. Lubomír Čech, CSc.

**Annotation:**

Since the 1980s, the activities of countries that prefer the functioning of economies according to Islamic Shari'a law have significantly increased in international economic and financial structures. The rise of competition between the classical commercial sector of finance and its Islamic counterpart increasingly confirms the need to deal with this new segment of the world economic and financial system. The Republic of Turkey plays an important role in this process, where the so-called the "Islamic card game" strongly underlines the country's economic and financial direction.

**Thesis objective:**

The aim of the work is to find out whether we can really connect the future of Turkey with the functioning of the Islamic economy and what are the possibilities and limits of the Justice and Development Party (AKP), which has been ruling the country since 2002, in this regard.

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**Title:**

Labour Market in the European Union Countries within the Process of Global Migration

**Supervisor:**

prof. Ing. Mgr. Renáta Pitoňáková, PhD.

**Annotation:**

Dissertation thesis offers the synopsis of the labour market in selected EU countries depending on observed indicators (e. g. population structure, migration, economically active population, and rate of unemployment). Theoretical part of this work is based upon postulates of labour market theory in the context of the implementation of new technologies. A detailed inspection into the labour market of selected countries regarding defined indicators will be further reduced on modelling relationship between rate of unemployment and gross domestic product. The outcomes of the thesis should outline the labour market peculiarities in observed EU countries. Moreover, the findings will reveal which measures are essential for solving the imbalances on selected labour markets.

**Thesis objective:**

The aim of the thesis is to identify factors of unemployment and analyse the GDP development of selected countries.

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**Title:**

The political economy of oil and gas in Europe (the thesis will be written in English)

**Supervisor:**

Prof. Dr. Bruno Sergi

**Annotation:**

Europe's oil and gas political economy typically involves a range of actors and policies. Europe is a net importer of oil and gas, and this dependence has implications for the EU's political economy. The EU's single market for energy and the European Energy Security Strategy aims to diversify energy sources and enhance energy efficiency. Recently, the political economy of oil and gas in Europe has been shaped by numerous factors, including the war in Ukraine, the growth of renewable energy, oil and gas prices, and geopolitical tensions.

**Thesis objective:**

Europe's energy policy will likely evolve as it seeks to balance its energy needs with its economic, political, and environmental priorities. The purpose of this doctoral thesis is to disentangle this challenging reality.

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**Title:**

The oil/gas industry and the political economy of sustainability (the thesis will be written in English)

**Supervisor:**

Prof. Dr. Bruno Sergi

**Annotation:**

The oil and gas industry and the political economy of sustainability are closely intertwined. The implications for the environment and climate change are through a sizeable share of greenhouse gas emissions that are the primary cause of climate change. As a direct result, there is growing pressure on this industry to transition to more sustainable practices. Countries critically dependent on oil and gas exports must diversify their economies and reduce their dependence on fossil fuels. This transition will require significant investments in innovative technologies and policies to support economic reforms and will have substantial implications for the political economy of all countries.

**Thesis objective:**

This doctoral thesis examines the initiatives required to support the so-intertwined oil and gas industry, the political economy of sustainability, and the role of new technologies and industries in balancing economic and environmental priorities.

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**Title:**

Corporate Social Responsibility, ethics and morality in the corporate economy. Comprehensive analysis with special focus on the tax havens and tax evasions

**Supervisor:**

Dr. habil. Ing. Eva Jančíková, PhD.

**Annotation:**

In recent years, in connection with the expansion of the application of corporate social responsibility, the issue of ethical behavior in the tax field has also come to the fore. Many companies use various tax optimization options, which are legal, but we cannot consider them ethical. Tax havens play an important role in trying to avoid paying taxes. The dissertation should provide a comprehensive overview of the issue of abuse of tax havens to avoid paying taxes by companies that claim to be socially responsible. Research should focus on analysis of available information about behavior of selected companies in tax issues and also on the analysis of the use of selected havens, e.g. Dubai, Caribbean tax havens.

**Thesis objective:**

The aim of the thesis is to provide a systematic overview of the relationship between corporate social responsibility and tax avoidance.