

Knowledge base relevant to bachelor's students of International Relations at VŠE 2015

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1. Means of state foreign policy – development, general characteristics, and illustration/ examples.
2. Goals of state foreign policy – development, general characteristics, and illustration/ examples. Objective and subjective factors of security.
3. Goals and means of the Czech¹ foreign policy and the process of their formulation and implementation. Objective and subjective factors of the Czech national security.
4. Actors of the Czech foreign policy and their role during its formulation and implementation. National authorities responsible for foreign affairs – development, legal dimension, practice in the Czech Republic.
5. Main international actors in the pre-Westphalian (pre-modern) system and characteristics of their activities (examples in antiquity or medieval Europe).
6. Main international actors in the modern world, political and diplomatic dimension of their activities. Importance of international law and culture in international relations at that time.
7. Main international actors in the “long 19th century”, political and diplomatic dimension of their activities. Importance of international law and culture in international relations at that time.
8. Main international actors in the first half of the 20th century, political and diplomatic dimension of their activities. Importance of international law and culture in international relations at that time. Comparison of the traditional and the current system of international law.
9. Main international actors during the Cold War, political and diplomatic dimension of their activities. Importance of international law and culture in international relations at that time. Security threats and risks and their evaluation during the Cold War.
10. Main international actors in the post-bipolar world, political and diplomatic dimension of their activities. Importance of international law and culture in international relations at that time. Security threats and risks.
11. International intergovernmental organizations in international relations. Historical and current importance, legal regulation of activities, typology, subjectivity according to international law, examples of activities of the United Nations and other international organizations in selected areas.

¹ Or of your country of origin

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12. Non-governmental organizations in international relations. Historical and current importance, legal regulation of activities, examples of their activities in selected areas. Atypical subjects of international law with partial subjectivity.
13. Non-state actors in international relations. Historical and current importance, legal regulation of activities, typology, examples of activities. Terrorism as example of a non-state actor.
14. State as an actor of international relations and as a creator and subject of international law – historical development and current condition.
15. Significance of norms in international relations – historical development and current condition. Law-making process in international relations. Sources and rules of international law.
16. Realist tradition of the study of international relations – philosophical roots, development, main characteristics. Illustration by a selected problematique (international organizations, international security, international law).
17. Liberal-idealist tradition of the study of international relations – philosophical roots, development, key characteristics. Illustration by a selected problematique (international organizations, international security, international law).
18. Polarity of international system – basic types of polarity and empirical examples. The relationship between polarity and security. The case of the Cold War.
19. War as a means of international relations. Political and legal view. Conflicts: typology, cultural and historical determinants.
20. The position of individuals in international law and international relations. Prominent individuals in international relations.
21. International treaties: typology, adoption, entry into force, termination. International regimes.
22. National authorities responsible for foreign affairs: development, codification in international law, practice in the Czech Republic. Privileges and immunities.
23. Development, codification, and legal regulation of diplomatic and consular law.
24. Diplomacy in theory and practice of international relations, structure, types, cultural determinants.

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25. Diplomatic communication –significance, means, tools, historical development and current trends, the role and influence of culture in diplomatic communication, cultural determinants.
26. International negotiation and bargaining –types, forms, current trends, cultural determinants.
27. War and peace in the 20th and 21st century, concepts, the role of the United Nations and international organizations.
28. Armaments control and disarmament. Favourable and unfavourable conditions of a vision of the world without nuclear arms.
29. Specifics of European security. Comparison with the US security policy.
30. Specific traits of the current African culture and their reflection in the policies of countries in the region, and in international relations and diplomacy.
31. Specific traits of the current Latin-American culture and their reflection in the policies of countries in the region, and in international relations and diplomacy.
32. Specific traits of the current Chinese culture and their reflection in the national policies, and in international relations and diplomacy.
33. Specific traits of the current Indian culture and their reflection in the national policies, and in international relations and diplomacy.
34. Specific traits of the current Russian culture and their reflection in the national policies, and in international relations and diplomacy.
35. Specific traits of the current Islamic culture and their reflection in the policies of countries in the region, and in international relations and diplomacy.
36. Private international law: object, basic methods of codification, international legal process.

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