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**Name of course: EU and Poland in the Changing World – Economic and Political Transformation since 1989 to 2013**

**Duration:** 15 hours

**Teaching method:** series of lectures

**1. THE EUROPEAN UNION – INTRODUCTION**

Explaining European integration, history of European integration; the changing character of the EU; the institutional and legal framework of the EU; the European Union enlargements

**2. THE EUROPEAN UNION AS A GLOBAL ACTOR/ the EU external policy**

Post-cold war international system; EU Foreign Policy and EU economic external policy, Europe as an economic superpower, External relations: the consistency problem; weakness of EU external policy; new Member States of EU and EU foreign policy

**3. EU, ASIA (China), US IN NEW GLOBAL ORDER (POST-2008)**

The end of unipolar world; The multilateral paradigm – theoretical aspect, developing countries as a emerging markets, Three megaspaces in IR, Poland in new global order; The future of the EU as a global actor

**4. POLISH HISTORY – AN INTRODUCTION**

The establishment of a Polish state; Polish Kings; The Constitution of May 3, 1791 series of the Partitions of Poland of the land; The Second Polish Republic; World War II and Poland; Post-war communist Poland 1945 – 1989; Solidarity movement; roundtable talk; the end of communist government

**5. POLISH TRANSFORMATION – ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES**

**5.1.** Polish economy transformation

**5.2.** EU membership and economic benefits and loses for Poland: on the eve of 10th anniversary of EU accession

**5.3.** Polish Foreign Policy 1989-2013

**6. Poland, EU and Research - Practical knowledge about books, periodics and Internet links**