



**DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF  
POLITICAL SCIENCE,  
PUBLIC POLICY AND  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**



# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The program is offered by the Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy and International Relations. It is one of the largest, most international and most competitive programs in Europe, comprised of close to 50 permanent faculty members and over 100 doctoral students from about 40 countries. The doctoral school offers five specializations based on a system of tracks: Comparative Politics / International Relations / Political Economy / Political Theory / Public Policy.

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CAREER PATH / This highly competitive doctoral program prepares students primarily for careers in research and teaching at top universities worldwide. According to our latest job placement research, the majority of our PhD students find employment in academia and research.



**ALFREDO HERNANDEZ SANCHEZ** / MEXICO

"What I have found most unique about the Doctoral School is its diverse environment. Collaborating with professors and classmates from across the globe has been an unparalleled experience both intellectually and personally. Also, living in the heart of Europe has given me a broader perspective about the ever-changing world we live in."

## Select Areas of Research

### Comparative Politics

- Comparative methods
- Political behavior, political psychology, political culture and public opinion
- European politics
- Political institutions
- Regime change, democratization
- Parties and interest groups, social movements
- Conflicts and political identities

### International Relations

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

- Asian politics: Central, North-East and South-East Asia (domestic and foreign policy)

### Political Economy

- Comparative political economy: advanced capitalist countries, Central and Eastern Europe, welfare states, institutions, political economics
- International political economy: globalization, international trade and finance, transnational corporations, development studies
- Political economy of European integration: interest groups, collective action
- Political economy of non-democracy and regime change
- Political and economic governance in developing countries

### Political Theory

- Political philosophy: political obligation and legitimacy, theories of justice, egalitarianism
- Democratic theory: democracy and constitutionalism, the rationa-

lity of democratic politics, preferences and deliberation

- Institutional political theory: constitutional theory, theories of transitional justice
- Applied political philosophy: cosmopolitanism, theory of violent conflicts, human rights

### Public Policy

- Public administration, bureaucratic politics, governance, corruption control
- European integration, EU public policy, comparative European politics
- International political economy, global governance, trade and development
- Civil society, social movements, minorities, social exclusion
- Public goods and regulation: media, energy, higher education, labor market policy
- Conflict, terrorism and human security

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### **General Admissions Requirements**

- Complete online application: [www.ceu.edu/apply](http://www.ceu.edu/apply)
- Proof of English proficiency
- Letters of recommendation
- Curriculum vitae

### **Entry Requirements FOR THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM**

- General CEU admissions requirements
- Master's degree
- Research proposal
- Statement of purpose
- Outline of master's thesis or other substantial academic work

QUICK FACT / In 2017, CEU's programs related to politics and international studies were ranked 42nd, while programs in the field of social policy and administration were among the top 100 in the world according to the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) subject ranking.

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