



Eesti Diplomaatide Kool  
Estonian School of Diplomacy

## Small States in International Relations

**Course dates:** 12.02.2017-15.02.2019

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### Course overview:

The goal of the course is to give an overview of small states and the challenges they face in the changing world order. The course will focus on the vulnerability and resiliency of small states to the ongoing changes in the world order.

### Course schedule and readings:

- February 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Topic: Size and small states in the global world order
  - Reading:
    - Thorhallsson. 2006. The size of states in the European Union, theoretical and conceptual perspectives. *European Integration*. Vol. 28, No. 1, pp.7-31
    - Lamoreaux. 2014. Acting small in a large states world Russia and the Baltic states. *European Security*.
- February 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Topic: Small states and international institutions
  - Readings:
    - Gron and Wivel. 2011. Maximizing influence in the European Union after the Lisbon Treaty: From small state policy to smart state strategy. *Journal of European Integration*
    - Crandall and Allan. 2015. Small states and big ideas: Estonia's battle for cyber norms. *Contemporary Security Policy*.
    - Lee. 2013. Ch. 11 Bringing an Elephant into the Room: Small African State Diplomacy in the WTO. In *The Diplomacies of Small States: Between Vulnerability and Resilience*. Cooper and Shaw (Editors). Pp. 195-206

- February 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Topic: Status and small states
  - Readings:
    - Neumann and Carvalho. 2014. Introduction: Small States and Status. In *Small State Status Seeking: Norway's Quest for International Standing*. Carvalho and Neumann (editors). Pp. 1-21
    - Pedi and Kouskouvelis. 2019. Cyprus in the Eastern Mediterranean: A Small State Seeking for Status.
  
- February 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Topic: Geopolitics and small states
  - Readings:
    - Wivel. 2013. From Peacemaker to Warmonger? Explaining Denmark's Great Power Politics. *Swiss Political Science Review*. Vol. 19, No. 3
    - Wivel. 2016. Living on the edge: Georgian foreign policy between the West and the rest. *Third World Thematics: A TMQ Journal*

### **Course requirements:**

#### **Paper 100 of course grade**

**Paper instructions:** Students will be asked to analyze one small state and propose a strategy to help the state overcome the primary challenges it faces due to its size. Students will confirm their selection with me before to ensure that groups do not write on the same state. Various definitions of size are allowed, but the report should clarify what they mean by size and how that definition presents challenges for the state. An overarching strategy that can be broken down into specific policy prescriptions is expected. It will be 7-12 pages long in length. The length is for the text only, if you include the title page (with the names of each group member) and references and any tables the paper might be considerably longer. Use size 12 font, 1.5 spacing, Times New Roman font. Indent for paragraphs, have text aligned to left. Use a title page. Chapter headings and sub headings are optional. Do not leave large gaps in between sections, do not start a new chapter on a separate page, just leave an extra space and put the chapter name in bold. **Students should not choose their home country.**