

Jean Monnet Module *EU Roles in International Governance*
New roles for the European Union in International Politics/
I nuovi ruoli dell'UE nella politica internazionale

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1. What do we mean by an "EU foreign policy?"

- Only the CFSP (Common Foreign and Security Policy)?
- All EU external relations (including trade, aid etcetera)?
- Also member state foreign policy?

The main question is no longer "Does the EU have a foreign policy?" but instead "What is characteristic of EU foreign policy?"

2. EU competencies in external relations (role of the Commission)

- Exclusive (commercial policy)
- Shared (environment)
- Member state competence (security)

3. The discussion on EU foreign policy roles: Is the EU a great power? Is it a different type of great power? In what ways?

- Different goals and objectives?
- Different political instruments (means)?
- Different institutional structure (a post-modern entity)?

Is the EU a normative or civilian power?

4. Foreign policy *roles*: what do we mean?

- Role conceptions, expectations and performance
- How are roles created (structurally based or agency-based or both)?
- Role-sets and role conflicts

5. The EU in multilateral international negotiations

- What role(s): Leader? Mediator? Foot-dragger? Defender of self-interests?

6. Results from an empirical study: EU roles in

- UNFF (UN Forum on Forestry)
- CITES (Convention on trade in endangered species of animals and plants)
- WTO (World Trade Organization)

Role inconsistencies and role conflicts in the empirical cases.

Others' perceptions of EU power, leadership and unity.

7. And, finally; QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION