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- Comparative Politics
- International Relations
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- Political Theory
- Public Policy

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SELECT AREAS OF RESEARCH

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

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
- International relations theory
- International security: strategic studies, critical security studies
- International political economy
- Religion and international relations
- Transnational social movements
- Conflict resolution and management
- Foreign policy analysis

POLITICAL ECONOMY
- Comparative political economy: advanced capitalist countries; Central 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 THEORY
- Political philosophy: political obligation and legitimacy, theories of justice
- Democratic theory: democracy and constitutionalism, the rationality of democratic politics, preferences and deliberation
- Institutional political theory: constitutional theory, institutional political theory
- Applied political philosophy: cosmopolitanism, theory of violent conflicts

PUBLIC POLICY
- Public administration, bureaucratic politics and policy learning
- European integration, EU public policy and comparative European politics
- International political economy, global governance, international trade and development
- Civil society, minorities and policy reform
- Public services and utilities: media and communications, energy and higher education
- Economic and labor market policy

SPECIALIZATIONS
In addition, the program offers specializations in the fields of higher education, human rights, nationalism studies, and network science.

GENERAL CEU ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
- Complete online application: www.ceu.hu/apply
- Proof of English proficiency
- Letters of recommendation
- Curriculum vitae

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM
- General CEU admissions requirements
- MA degree
- Research proposal
- Statement of purpose
- Outline of MA thesis or other substantial academic work
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