EXAMINATION TOPICS FOR

THE GRADUATE PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- 1. The definition and scope of international relations as a field of study.
- 2. The characteristics of the contemporary international community.
- 3. The characteristic features of public international law.
- 4. The United Nations role and organizational structure.
- 5. Key problems of contemporary regional international relations Europe, Asia (Middle East, South Asia, South East Asia), Latin America, Africa.
- 6. Basic characteristics of contemporary armed conflicts (particular ongoing armed conflicts with explanation of their causes, general timeline and consequences).
- 7. Key contemporary global economic challenges.
- 8. Climate crisis as a threat to humanity.
- 9. The principal universal legal and institutional arrangements for human rights protection.
- 10. Global economic inequalities as a principal challenge of contemporary international relations.
- 11. The characteristic features of the post-Cold War international liberal order.
- 12. State sovereignty what does it mean and how did the concept develop in the history of international relations.
- 13. Institutional and legal basis of the European Union.
- 14. Basic theoretical explanations of processes and phenomena in the study of IR realism, liberalism and constructivism.

During the oral examination, members of the examination committee will ask the candidate three main questions related to the given examination topics.

The exam will last approximately 15 minutes.