

2025 Doctoral thesis supervisors and PhD supervisors for political science PhD theses

Order no.	Field of research	Topics	Possible supervisors
1.	Political Theory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The politicisation of Euroscepticism in contemporary Europe • Analysis of propaganda and persuasion • Critical theory and politics • Politics and the moral imagination • Political Theology • Social critique of politics • Aesthetic critique of politics • Justice and Democracy in the Age of Digital Capitalism 	VDU: Prof. Dr. Mindaugas Jurkynas Prof. dr. Gintautas Mažeikis KTU: Prof. dr. Andrius Bielskis
2.	Political Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political polarisation in Lithuania: identity, emotional and media aspects • Links between AI ethical conflicts and social and political tensions 	VDU: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ignas Kalpokas
3.	Comparative Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Studies, Europeanization, EU Integration • Dynamics of political parties and party systems: the role of new parties and populism • Socio-political processes in the Middle East after the Arab Spring • Ethnic minorities in Council of Europe countries • Comparative research on risk, security and societal resilience • Political culture, societal vulnerability and democracy. • Democracy and governance 	VMU: Prof. Dr. Mindaugas Jurkynas Prof. Dr. Egdūnas Račius Prof. Dr. Šarūnas Liekis KTU: Prof. dr. Aistė Balžekienė Prof. dr. Audronė Telešienė Assoc. prof. Ainius Lašas Prof. dr. Vaidas Morkevičius

4.	International Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lithuania-Taiwan Bilateral Relations • Regional Studies • Development and Dynamics of Euro-Middle East Relations in the Context of the Middle East Conflict • State foreign policy strategy • Nuclear Deterrence and the Baltic States • Regional Security and Deterrence by Preventing • German security and defence policy and the security of small European states • Changing notions of military power in modern warfare • Changing strategies for ensuring the resilience of supply chains important for national defence in the face of the Russian military threat 	<p>VDU: Assoc. prof. Linas Didvalis Prof. Dr. Mindaugas Jurkynas Prof. dr. Egdūnas Račius Prof. dr. Šarūnas Liekis</p> <p>LKA: Assoc. prof. Ieva Karpavičiūtė Dr. Justinas Juozaitis Assoc. Prof. Dr. Agnietė Žotkevičiūtė Banevičienė Dr. Aidas Vasilis Vasiliauskas</p>
5.	Public Policy and Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Policy Implementation, Public Management and Public Service Delivery • Social Innovation in Local and Regional Development • Inter-municipal cooperation in the organisation of public transport (or more broadly sustainable mobility) - the case of the Klaipėda region 	<p>VDU: Prof. Dr Saulius Pivoras</p> <p>KTU: Prof. Dr. Eglė Butkevičienė</p> <p>KU: Prof. Dr. Jaroslav Dvorak</p>