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Course title: Understanding the European Union -- Internal and External Affairs

Track: B-Track

Language of instruction: English

Contact hours: 72 (6 per day)

ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description

The course will introduce the basics of the European Union and describe and explain the processes of widening and deepening of this unique political entity. This will cover an overview of European Union history, of its evolution in economic and political terms as well as of its institutional structure up to today.

Internal politics and policies, for example the decision-making process, the balance of power, identity and democratic questions in this new system of governance will be discussed. Likewise, in the realm of external affairs, the Common Foreign and Security Policy, relations with (new) neighbors and with developing countries will be our concern. Particularly important aspects include the discussion on expansion as well as the issue of institutional reform as related to the question of the future of the Lisbon Treaty (2006), which has not yet been ratified. If students express specific interests in other topics or case studies, sessions can be adjusted.

The morning sessions consist of lectures, literature-based discussions and oral presentations from working groups. After lunch, the course will visit various institutions in Germany's political center. Students will have the chance to discuss the topics from the morning sessions with international experts from political institutions, embassies and think tanks.

Student profile

Students from different countries, academic levels and backgrounds, who are generally interested in European integration will benefit from each other in an intercultural and interdisciplinary learning process.

Former classes consisted of regular students and practitioners such as civil servants, communication experts, young politicians and even members of parliaments.

Prerequisites

The course is designed for students with different academic backgrounds and a general interest in Europe. It does not require special knowledge about European politics, law, history or culture, but participants should be interested in more than just their field of specialization.

In class participation, especially in the discussions with experts, is essential for the course success and plays an important role in grading. There are no specific prerequisites for this course.

Course Requirements

Attendance; active participation in the seminar's discussions and discussions with experts; oral and written presentation of a certain subject.

Grading

Participation: 40%

Oral presentations: 30%

Final paper: 30%

Literature

A course reader will be provided.

Course schedule

Date	Program
Tuesday, June 1, 2010	<p>History of European Integration</p> <p>>Spaak, Paul-Henri. 1950. The Integration of Europe: Dreams and Realities. Foreign Affairs 29: 1, 94-100.</p> <p>>Kühnhardt, Ludger. 2006. European Integration: Challenge and Response. Crises as Engines of Progress in European Integration History. Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn: Discussion Paper. Zentrum für Europäische Integrationsforschung.</p> <p>>Mahoney, Honor 2007. EU nervous and introspective at fifty years of age, in: EUobserver.com, 21.3.</p> <p>Excursion or guest speaker in the afternoon</p>
Friday, June 4, 2010	<p>Institutions and Governance</p> <p>>Gilbert, Mark 2008. Narrating the Process: Questioning the Progressive Story of European Integration. Journal of Common Market Studies, 46: 3, 641-662.</p> <p>>Bailey, David J. 2006. Governance or the crisis of governmentality? Applying critical state theory at the European level. Journal of European Public Policy 13: 1, 16-33.</p> <p>>Dinan, Desmond 2007: Governance and Institutional Developments: Coping Without the Constitutional Treaty, in: Journal of Common Market, Annual Review 2006, Vol.45, 67-87</p> <p>>Federal Foreign Office of Germany 2007. 50 Years of European Integration, Slideshow of the German Government, Berlin 2007</p> <p>>Euractiv 2004 and 2007: Policy summary. The Constitutional Treaty. http://www.euractiv.com/en/future-eu/article-128513 and</p> <p>>Policy summary: The treaty of Lisbon http://www.euractiv.com/en/future-eu/treaty-lisbon/article-163412</p> <p>Excursion or guest speaker in the afternoon</p>
Tuesday, June 8, 2010	<p>EU enlargement</p> <p>>Schimmelfennig, Frank / Sedelmeier, Ulrich 2002. Theorizing EU enlargement: research focus,</p>

	<p>hypotheses, and the state of research. <i>Journal of European Public Policy</i> 9: 4, 500-528.</p> <p>>Hyde-Price, Adrian 2005. Review of Frank Schimmelfennig's <i>The EU, NATO and Integration of Europe: Rules and Rhetoric</i>. <i>European Foreign Affairs Review</i> 10: 3, 446-448.</p> <p>>Buitter, Willem H. 2006. <i>It's a long way to Copenhagen. Turkey's Membership of and Convergence with the European Union</i>. CEPS Policy Brief No. 96.</p> <p>Excursion or guest speaker in the afternoon</p>
Friday, June 11, 2010	<p>Environmental Policy and Climate Change</p> <p>>Holzinger, K. / Knill, C. / Schäfer, A. 2006: <i>Rhetoric or Reality? 'New Governance' in EU Environmental Policy</i>, in: <i>European Law Journal</i>. 12 (3): 403-420.</p> <p>>Knill, Christoph / Lenschow, Andrea 2005: <i>Compliance, Communication and Competition: Patterns of EU Environmental Policy Making and Their Impact on Policy Convergence</i>. <i>European Environment</i> 15 (Special Issue), 114-128</p> <p>>Vogler, John / Bretherton, Charlotte 2006: <i>The European Union as a Protagonist to the United States on Climate Change</i>, in: <i>International Studies Perspectives</i>, 7, 1-22</p> <p>Excursion or guest speaker in the afternoon</p>
Tuesday, June 15, 2010	<p>Immigration and Demographic Trends</p> <p>>Melotti, Umberto 2006. <i>Migration Policies and Political Cultures in Europe: A Changing Trend</i>. <i>International Review of Sociology</i> 16: 2, 191-208.</p> <p>>Brücker, Herbert 2007. <i>Labour Mobility after the European Union's Eastward Enlargement: Who wins, who loses?</i>, Report to the German Marshall Fund, February</p> <p>Excursion or guest speaker in the afternoon</p>
Friday, June 18, 2010	<p>Transatlantic Relations</p> <p>>Peters, Ingo. 2006. <i>Contending versions and competing visions of transatlantic relations</i>, in: <i>Transatlantic Tug-of-War. Prospects for US-European Cooperation</i> edited by Peters, Ingo, 11-49.</p> <p>>Schuster, Jürgen / Maier, Herbert 2006: <i>The Rift: Explaining Europe's Divergent Iraq Policies in the Run-Up of the American-Led War on Iraq</i>, In:</p>

	<p>Foreign Policy Analysis, 2:3, July, 223-244 >The German Marshall Fund of the United States 2007. Transatlantic Trends: Key Findings 2007.</p> <p>Excursion or guest speaker in the afternoon</p>
Tuesday, June 22, 2010	<p>Legitimacy and Democracy in the EU</p> <p>>Etzioni, Amitai 2007. The Community Deficit. Journal of Common Market Studies 45: 1, 23-42. >Risse, Thomas / Kleine, Mareike 2007. Assessing the Legitimacy of the EU's Treaty Revision Methods. Journal of Common Market Studies 45: 1, 69-80. >Sifft, Stefanie et al. 2007. Segmented Europeanization: Exploring the Legitimacy of the European Union from a Public Discourse Perspective. Journal of Common Market Studies 45: 1, 127-155.</p> <p>Excursion or guest speaker in the afternoon</p>
Friday, June 25, 2010	<p>Common Foreign and Security Policy</p> <p>>Duke, Simon/Ojanen, Hanna 2006. Bridging Internal and External Security: Lessons from the European Security and Defence Policy. European Integration 28: 5, 477-494. >Smith, Michael 2006. European Foreign Policy in Crisis? EU Responses to the George W. Bush administration. European Political Science 5, 41-51. >Ojanen, Hanna 2006. The EU and NATO. Two competing models for a common defence policy. Journal of Common Market Studies, 44:1, 57-67.</p> <p>Excursion or guest speaker in the afternoon</p>
Tuesday, June 29, 2010	<p>EU Governance and patterns of EU Policy-Making</p> <p>>Falkner, Gerda (2006): Forms of Governance in European Union Social Policy: Continuity and/or Change? International Social Security Review, Volume 59, Number 2, April 2006 , pp. 77-103(27). >Knill, C./Lenschow, A. (2003): Modes of Regulation in the Governance of the European Union: Towards a Comprehensive Evaluation. European Integration Online Papers 7 (1), 2003.</p> <p>Excursion or guest speaker in the afternoon</p>
Friday, July 2, 2010	<p>ENP/Conflict Prevention and Resolution</p> <p>>Marchetti, Andreas 2006. The European</p>

	<p>Neighbourhood Policy. Foreign Policy at the EU's Periphery. Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn: Zentrum für Europäische Integrationsforschung. Discussion Paper. >Dodini, Michaela / Fantini, Marco 2006. The EU Neighbourhood Policy: Implications for Economic Growth and Stability. Journal of Common Market Studies 44: 3, 507-532. >De Wilde, Jaap H. 2006. Orwellian Risks in European Conflict Prevention Discourse. Global Society 20: 1, 87-99.</p> <p>Excursion or guest speaker in the afternoon</p>
<p>Tuesday, July 6, 2010</p>	<p>Economic Integration</p> <p>>Heise, Michael et al. 2007. European Growth and Jobs Monitor: Indicators for Success in the Knowledge Economy. Allianz Dresdner Economic Research / The Lisbon Council, Frankfurt/Main / Brussels, 28 p. >Mabbett, Deborah / Schelke, Waltraud 2007. Bringing Macroeconomics Back into the Political Economy of Reform: the Lisbon Agenda and the 'Fiscal Philosophy' of EMU. Journal of Common Market Studies 45: 1, 81-103.</p> <p>Excursion or guest speaker in the afternoon</p>
<p>Friday, July 9, 2010</p>	<p>The Treaty of Lisbon and the Future of Europe</p> <p>>Zielonka, Jan 2007. Plurilateral Governance in the Enlarged European Union. Journal of Common Market Studies 45: 1, 187-209. >König, Thomas 2007. Divergence or Convergence? From ever-growing to ever-slowng European decision making. European Journal of Political Research 46, 417-444.</p>