

European Union Studies

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Sixty years after its first steps, the European Union is at a fateful moment of its evolution (Brexit, popular opposition, new MEPS...). Challenges facing the EU concern much more than the EU itself. The European Union unique institutional architecture led it to become a central player in European countries politics and policies and in international affairs. Therefore, the EU deserves attention more than ever.

During this course students will be provided with an understanding of EU polity, politics, policies and dynamics. Course themes include: EU theories, EU institutions, EU identity, EU external policy, EU lobbying... Course methodology encourages shared learning through structured debates and discussions.

Program sessions

Session 1: Introduction, September 11 (RP and PW)

Session 2: State Traditions and Democracy in Europe September 25 (RP)

EU current affairs: Olga, Regan, Meng

Debate question: Unitary and federal states in Europe: what are the differences?

Discussants: Saki, Lujiao, Julia, Yingfan

Debate materials (suggestions):

Kenneth Dyson (2010), *The State tradition in Western Europe*, ECPR Press Edition.

John Loughlin (2011), The transformation of the democratic State in Europe, <http://fds.oup.com/www.oup.com/pdf/13/9780198296799.pdf>

Session 3: The EU and the identity October 2 (RP)

EU current affairs: Sona, Karen, Leidy

Debate question: Does the European identity exist?

Discussants: Olga, Regan, Noelle, Fumina

Debate materials (suggestions):

- Checkel J. T., Katzenstein P. (eds), 2009, *European identity*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
- -euractiv.com, file on European values and identity
- Risse T. (2010), *A community of Europeans? Transnational identities and public spheres*, Ithaca, New York, Cornell University Press.
- Risse T. (2001), « A European Identity? Europeanization and the evolution of Nation-States identities », in T. Risse, M. Green-Cwoles and James Caporaso, eds, *Transforming Europe*, New York, Cornell University Press: 217-238.

Session 4: The EU institutional challenges October 9 (RP)

EU current affairs: Luding, Yingfan

Debate question: Is there a democratic deficit in the EU?

Discussants: Leon, Olcay, Andre,

Further reading (sessions 1 & 2):

- Hix S., Hoyland B. (2011), *The Political System of the European Union*, 3rd edition, Palgrave macmillan
- Wallace H., Pollack M; Young A. (2010), *Policy-Making in the European Union*, 6th edition, Oxford University Press

Session 5 : Leadership in the EU October 16 (RP)

EU current affairs: Alina, Julia, Lujiao

Debate question: Does the Franco-German couple lead the EU ?

Discussants: Luding, Meng, Marianela, Vinzenz

Debate materials (suggestions):

- Rosamond B. (2000), *Theories of European integration*, London, Palgrave Macmillan.
- Stone Sweet A., Sandholtz W., 2010 'Nofunctionalism and supranational governance',

http://works.bepress.com/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1037&context=alec_stone_sweet

- S. Saraugger (2010), *Les théories de l'intégration européenne*, Paris, Presses de Sciences Po

Session 6: Lobbying in the EU November 6 (PW)

EU current affairs: George, Nathalie, Andreas

Debate question: Do we need lobbies in the EU policy making?

Discussants: Leidy, Laura, Charlie, Anastasia

Debate materials (suggestions):

-Greenwood, J. (2011), *Interest representation in the European Union*, 3rd edition, Palgrave-Macmillan.

-European Parliament (2003), *Lobbying in the European Union: current rules and practices*, Working paper AFCO 104 EN Luxembourg, European Parliament, 2003

http://ec.europa.eu/civil_society/interest_groups/docs/workingdocparl.pdf

-euractiv.com, file on lobbying transparency

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/pa/transparency-initiative-links dossier-188351>

- European Commission, Communication "Follow-up to the Green Paper European Transparency Initiative", Brussels, 21.3.2007, COM(2007) 127 final

http://ec.europa.eu/civil_society/docs/com_2007_127_final_en.pdf

Session 7: The EU and the Economic Policies November 13 (PW)

EU current affairs: Sarah, Thomas

Debate question: What is the added value of the Euro zone?

Discussants:

Debate materials (suggestions):

-euractiv.com, file on financial perspective 2007-13

- European commission, the policies, http://ec.europa.eu/policies/index_en.htm

- *Fifth report on economic, social and territorial cohesion*, Report from the Commission, November 2010

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docoffic/official/reports/cohesion5/pdf/5cr_en.pdf

- Wallace H., Pollack M; Young A. (2010), *Policy-Making in the European Union*, 6th edition, Oxford University Press

Session 8: The EU and International Governance November 20 (PW)

EU current affairs: Leon, Andre, Olcay

Debate question: Does the European Union is an important voice on the international scene?

Discussants: Natalia, Miguel, Andreas, Harold

Debate materials (suggestions)

-Angel Alvarez Alberti (2011), *The Myth of the EU as a global player*, European and Me Magazine n°12
<http://www.europeandme.eu/12brain/627-european-myth-eu-global-player>

-Zornitsa Stoyanova-Yerburgh (2010), *The European Union: Still a Global Player?*, Carnegie Council Ethics online

http://www.carnegiecouncil.org/resources/ethics_online/0050.html#_footnoteref1

Session 9 : The EU and the migration challenge November 27 (PW)

EU current affairs: Natalia, Miguel,

Debate question: Do we need a common migration policy?

Discussants: Thomas, Sarah, Alina, Skirmante

Debate materials (suggestions):

François Bafoil « Repenser les identités régionales par les élargissements », *Revue française de science politique* 1/2013 (Vol. 63) : 75-92

Mark Beeson, *Regionalism and Globalization in East Asia. Politics, Security and Economic Development*, Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007

Session 10 : The future of the European integration December 11 (RP PW)

EU current affairs: Skirmante, Charlie

Debate question: Do we need a federal Europe?

Discussants : George, Nathalie, Sona, Karen

Debate materials (suggestions):

-Surel Y. (2011), The European Union and the challenges of populism, *Notre Europe*, Policy brief n°27,

-Vignon J. (2011), Solidarity and responsibility in the European Union, *Notre Europe*, Policy brief n°26,