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**Diploma of Political
Studies in English (DPSE-
2 semesters)**

**Certificate of Political
Studies in English (CPSE
- 1 semester)**

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French as a Foreign Language (FLE) 1 & 2

Instructor : Sébastien GREGOV

No. of hours : 44h – each semester

ECTS credits: 6 ECTS – each semester

Erasmus code: SPR-EI-FRA-S1 / SPR-EI-FRA-S2

DESCRIPTION

Courses are specific to each semester in each level, so a student staying for one year, even if in the same level, will not take the same course in two consecutive semesters (whether arriving in September or January).

VOLUME OF TEACHING :

- Two 2-hour classes a week, i.e. 4 hours a week, for 11 weeks or 44 semesters for the 2 beginner levels;
- One 2-hour weekly class for 11 weeks or 22h semester for the 2 to 3 advanced levels.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER CLASS: 6-24 (average 17) (depending on language levels).

GROUPS: 4 to 5 level groups depending on total number of students; distribution by level group after an initial test (face-to-face or distance learning) and final assignment after 2 to 3 weeks of observation - experimentation.

MANUAL: Depending on the level of the group assigned: Tendances A1, A2, B1, B2, C1-C2, CLE International, book (and activity book for beginners).

FOLLOW-UP: Description of each lesson, with homework, recorded in an online textbook with free access at the end of each session, updated from one session to the next. Note: at the start of the 2022-2023 academic year, Sciences Po will introduce courses on the Moodle platform. Each course is accompanied by a homework assignment for the following class, which may be graded. Exercises can be written (grammar exercises, listening comprehension based on audio or video documents, free or semi-guided essays on the theme seen in class) or oral (press review, class presentation in binational pairs, sketch, diary of outings, TEDx-type solo performance, etc.).

EVALUATION: Continuous (50% of final grade) and final (2-hour written test on knowledge acquired during the semester, including CE (reading comprehension), CO (oral comprehension), EE (written expression). (50% of the final grade out of 20).

The course is validated if the average of the two marks is $\geq$ or $\approx 10/20$.

External Actions of the EU

Instructor: Benoît JOSSET

NO. of hours: 20H – Semester 1

ECTS credits : 6 ECTS

Erasmus code : SPR-EI-ANG-EXTACT

DESCRIPTION

Presentation and teaching objectives

The course provides a comprehensive examination of the formation, shape, and conduct of the external action of the European Union (EU). This includes a detailed look at its institutional design and how these elements unfold in practice.

The term 'external action' is a relatively recent designation that emerged alongside the establishment of the European External Action Service (EEAS). This concept refers to the result of combining various EU policy fields that were previously distinct from one another. Before the Lisbon Treaty came into effect, these fields included community external relations on one side and the common foreign and security policy on the other, along with aspects related to defense. Since then, these different domains have significantly expanded, especially throughout the 1990s. Initially, the focus was primarily on development, economic cooperation, and trade, as well as the coordination of the foreign and defense policies of Member States. However, the scope of the EU's external action today encompasses a much wider range of subject matters. This includes establishing issues such as development, trade, and technical and financial assistance to candidate or neighboring countries. Additionally, it addresses pressing concerns like counter-terrorism, border security, and migration control. Importantly, EU external action now comprises both explicitly external measures and policies, as well as the 'external dimension' of internal EU policies. This means that actions taken within the EU can have significant implications for its relationships with other countries and regions.

Program

- 1 Introduction
- 2 The EU organization
- 3 The European external action service and national foreign ministries
- 4 The EU in the Eastern Mediterranean
- 5 Externalization of Research and higher education
- 6 Religion social rights and the European External Action Service
- 7 Borders and the EU
- 8 Enlargement of the EU
- 9 European Foreign Policy on the Environment
- 10 Diplomacy with conflict zones

Assessment methods

The course is assessed in three complementary ways:

1. Class attendance and participation (~10%):
An active attitude on the part of students is in class. At each session, the text on the reading sheet is discussed collectively. Everyone is expected to have read the text beforehand and to have thought about its presentation in class. In addition, the extracts from scientific texts in the booklet will be systematically worked on in class and presented in small groups seriously.
2. presentation by students (~40%) :
following the methodology detailed in moodle, each group of two students, will make a presentation of 20 minutes on a subject dealing with the European Union's external action.
3. The research report(~50%):
this collective work, in small groups, must describe the conditions under which the aspect of the external relations take place and its main results. It consists to research and write a 3,500 words (pure text) policy paper on a relevant EU external action topic. Policy briefs will be modeled upon those prepared by the European Parliament Research Service (DG EPRS, see: <https://europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/home.html>)

Instructor: Pierre WOKURI

NO. of hours: 20H – Semester 1

ECTS credits : 6 ECTS

Erasmus code : SPR-M1-S5-CM-ENVP

DESCRIPTION

In the introduction to his book "The Environment. From Surplus to Scarcity", sociologist Allan Schnaiberg, after briefly listing "the environmental problems of the 1970s", raises three key questions "How has "society " generated these environmental problems? How has "society" responded to such problems in the recent and distant past? What are the long-term social options for responding to future resource problems?" This threefold question structures the course Environmental Politics, organized in four sections:

Part 1: Defining, explaining and understanding environmental politics

Part 2: Actors and Interests

Part 3: Institutions and Policies

Part 4: Bargaining over the Environment

Across these four sections, this course aims to introduce you to environmental politics and policies through a variety of social sciences approaches and case studies from a diversity of contexts. The teaching is conducted in the form of lectures, seminars and group work.

Course description	
Learning Objectives What will you learn? (subject specific and transferable skills)	The aim of the course is for you to understand the political challenges that environmental issues pose to societies and political systems across the world, as well as to systems of governance at different levels. We will discuss what makes environmental issues so contentious and so difficult to address, as well as who are the 'winners' and 'losers' (most affected countries, communities, and social classes). To do so, this course deals with the relationship between states, international organizations, the scientific community, and non-governmental actors (e.g. the environmental movement and companies) as well as the role of these different actors in intergovernmental climate change negotiations, international regimes, transnational environmental regulations and the political economy.
Learning Outcomes	By the end of the course, students will be expected to have:

Gradings and Assessments	1. You must choose between the two following assessments (60%) 1 2-3 pages Research proposal: This proposal should 1) identify a clear empirical puzzle and 2) propose a research strategy for solving this puzzle. A puzzle is an empirical fact or observation that cannot be easily explained by existing theories. Why did carbon taxes pass in Denmark but not Germany in the mid-1990s? Why have India and China's international environmental commitments diverged over the past half decade? Why is agriculture included in New Zealand's emissions trading scheme, but not in Australia's? To identify a puzzle, you should read broadly about a topic that interests you, both in the academic literature and in the popular press. You will quickly run into patterns that you cannot easily explain. Not all research questions are puzzles. A research question of the form, "What is the role of international NGOs in shaping domestic climate policies", is not a puzzle. It is simply a theoretical question. Your term paper must be animated by a compelling puzzle. Once you

have identified your puzzle, you should articulate a research strategy to solve the puzzle. This strategy will include a review of relevant theory and literatures that speak to your puzzle, a research design to causally identify a puzzle answer, a data collection strategy that makes your research design tractable, and a preliminary plan for how you will analyze this data. You are welcome to come speak with me about choosing a topic and puzzle (The design of this assessment is inspired by the one done for a Comparative and International Environmental Politics course at the University of California Santa Barbara Political Science, United States of America, taught by Professor Matto Mildenberger)

1.2 Policy or Advocacy brief: Two steps

- 1) **A draft plan**, no longer than 1000-1500 words, presenting the main argument(s), key sources, structure and (provisional) conclusions, as well as a list of tentative recommendations. The draft can be presented in the form of bullet points or notes.
- 2) **A policy or advocacy brief** summarizing in no more than two-three A4 pages (usual margins and font) the main findings and recommendations of your report. The draft brief should be written and directed at policy makers working in the chosen policy or industry sector and present succinctly, clearly and authoritatively your key arguments, data/findings and policy recommendations (The design of this assessment is inspired by the one done for the following course taught by Dr Pierre Bocquillon at the University of East Anglia, United Kingdom: Greening the World: The Politics of Energy & Climate Change)

	3. Class participation (30%) 1 Thread around one reading: It has to be done between session 3 and session 10. An instance of such way to summarize/contextualize an article is shown later on below 2 A comparative group presentation (10-15 minutes. Groups are made of two students. The comparative presentations consist of a comparison of two conflicts, climate litigations, institutions, organizations, international environmental agreements, state policies or profiles, political parties' manifestos, documents related to environmental issues (e.g: social movements flyers, policy memos, newspaper pictures...), divestment pledges or between a newspaper, an advocacy report and an academic article. It has to be done between session 3 and session 10 3 Participations to activities and contributions to discussions in class 4 Green Climate Fund Simulation Participation
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A comparative perspective of housing development in western societies

Instructor: Alexis ALAMEL

NO. of hours: 20H – Semester 1

ECTS credits: 6 ECTS

Erasmus code: SPR-EI-ANG-HODVPT

DESCRIPTION

This course examines the evolution of housing systems and residential forms across Western societies from a comparative perspective. Housing is approached not only as a physical structure but also as a social, economic, political, ideological and cultural institution that reflects broader transformations in urban development and welfare systems.

Through a series of case studies from Europe and North America, students will explore how different countries have addressed housing needs over time, including the development of social housing, homeownership policies, private rental markets, suburbanization, urban renewal, and contemporary housing crises. Particular attention will be paid to the role of the state, market actors, housing features, planning institutions, and social movements in shaping housing provision and residential patterns.

The course highlights both common trends and national specificities in housing development, enabling students to understand how historical trajectories, political choices, and socio-economic contexts produce diverse housing outcomes. Contemporary challenges such as affordability, segregation, gentrification, demographic change, sustainability, and housing inequality will also be discussed.

By the end of the course, students will be able to critically compare housing systems across Western countries and assess the relationship between housing policies, urban development, and social change.

ASSESSMENT

Continuous assessment: small group presentations on a study case

Final assessment: essay or document commentary

The Ocean: challenges and opportunities

Instructor: Kéziah Guillopé

NO. of hours: 20H – Semester 1

ECTS credits: 6 ECTS

Erasmus code: to be determined



Course description

The ocean is far more than a physical environment: it is a political space, an economic frontier, a cultural heritage, a climate regulator, and an arena of international cooperation and competition.

This interdisciplinary course introduces students to the contemporary challenges and opportunities surrounding the ocean through the lenses of political science, international relations, environmental governance, economics, and social sciences. From maritime security and biodiversity conservation to the blue economy, climate change, underwater infrastructures, and coastal societies, students will develop a comprehensive understanding of the ocean as a global commons and a strategic space shaping the twenty-first century.

Rather than focusing solely on marine resources, the course aims to explore how oceans connect environmental, political, social, technological and geopolitical issues.

Learning objectives

- Understand the major political, environmental and economic challenges affecting the ocean
- Explain the role of oceans in global governance and international relations
- Analyze tensions between exploitation, conservation and sustainable development
- Identify the diversity of stakeholders involved in ocean governance
- Critically discuss current maritime policies and emerging debates
- Develop interdisciplinary perspectives on marine issues

Title of the session	Name of the instructor	Content
Session 1 - Introduction: Why does the Ocean matter? (2h)	• Kéziah Guillopé	• The ocean in the Anthropocene • Key figures and global trends • The ocean as a political object

		• The concept of the Blue Economy • Overview of global ocean governance: from national waters to the High Seas • Introduction to the course themes
Session 2 - Ocean, climate and biodiversity (4h)	• Thomas Hermilly PhD in Physical Oceanography and Biogeochemistry (confirmed)	• Climate regulation and ocean circulation • Ocean warming and acidification • Marine biodiversity • Marine Protected Areas • International environmental negotiations
Session 3 - Maritime geopolitics and Ocean governance (4h)	• Phénia (not confirmed)	• UNCLOS and the Law of the Sea • Maritime boundaries • Strategic maritime spaces • Deep-sea governance • Maritime security and illegal activities
Session 4 - Blue Economy: opportunities and controversies (4h)	• Pauline Bénéat (not confirmed)	• Fisheries and food security • Offshore renewable energy • Maritime transport • Ports and logistics • Deep-sea mining
Session 5 - Ocean, society and innovation (4h)	• Anatole a une piste (not confirmed)	• Coastal communities • Marine cultural heritage • Ocean literacy • Marine data • Ocean science and innovation
Session 6 - Ocean futures: scenarios and policy challenges (2h)	• Kézia Guillopé	• collective feedback on the strengths and areas for improvement identified in the students' work. • synthesize the main themes addressed in the briefs.

Assessment : Group policy brief.

Students (3–5 per group) prepare a 1,000 to 1,500-word “policy brief” addressing a contemporary ocean challenge.

=> N.B : “How to write a policy brief” : <https://idrc-crdi.ca/en/funding/resources-idrc-grantees/how-write-policy-brief>

Defining the issue	2 points
Identifying the right key stakeholders	2 points
Analysing governance challenges	8 points
Formulate realistic policy recommendations	6 points
Total	20 points

Democracies and Parliamentarisms in the EU

Instructor: Philippe POIRIER

NO. of hours: 20H – Semester 2

ECTS credits : 6 ECTS

Erasmus code : SPR-EI-ANG-DEMOC

DESCRIPTION

These course objectives are, on one hand studying parliamentarianism and on the other hand, assessing its efficiency in the decision-making process in Europe. Therefore, in this course, we will analyse the status of the political regimes, where law expresses the general will, it shapes public policies, and where Parliamentary Assembly monitors the Executive, and ensures a limited judicialization of Politics. In addition, we will also address the three contemporary types of European parliamentarianism, which are both competing and complementary regarding the way they define and enunciate laws, and to the way they standardise and practice representative democracy:

The European parliament as a legislative body with power of co-decision in the European Union and as an institution in permanent quest of legitimacy.

European assemblies which cooperate in the field of democratisation, security and/or regional cooperation and the implementation of the latter in the process of governance, (the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Interparliamentary European Security and Defence Assembly, the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA), European Senates, the Nordic Council of Ministers, the Benelux Parliament, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC), the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly, etc

National parliaments which monitor the activity of member States of the Council of Europe and of the European Union, and which have helped strengthening the democratic legitimacy of the EU and have contributed to the creation of its regulatory framework ever since the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty in 2010. Moreover, we will be looking at regional parliaments with constitutional powers, whose number and extent of power have increased steeply (at least apparently) since the mid-nineties, especially in Germany, Austria, Belgium, Spain, Finland, Italy and United Kingdom.

As part of the Chair of Legislative Studies, this course will also address the transformation of the actual work of parliaments (relationship between the Parliaments and the Governments, cooperation between the European Parliament and the National Parliaments, convergence between Parliaments and Ombudsmen,

links between Parliaments and Constitutional Courts, Committees and interest groups work, changes in the regulatory and constitutional framework in view of creating norms and laws in a comparative manner, etc.). Finally, this course will be looking at different election procedures, the nature of Parliamentary groups, public funding of political life, and its consequences on the representative democracy in Europe.

European Parliament, National and/or Regional Parliaments practitioners (members of Parliaments, high officials, lobbyist, etc.) will also be invited to our course.

ACQUIRED SKILLS

At the end of this course, the students shall be able to:

- To analyse the logic and the functioning of contemporary political regimes in Europe.
- To understand the main challenges and the role of different actors in the development, the statement and the legitimation of the legislative framework in Europe.
- To know the different types of representative democracy in Europe.
- To be introduced to scientific literature on legislative studies in English, French and in other European languages.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. 2. History (es) and institutionalisation(s) of Parliamentarism (2h00)
2. Theories, types and contemporary debates about Parliamentarism and about representative democracy in Europe (2h00)
3. European legislative process (2h00)
4. The nature and the functions of the European Parliament (2h00)
5. The role of the national and regional parliaments having constitutional power in the decision-making process in Europe (2h00)
6. European Parliaments in international and intra-parliamentary relations: Bundestag, Assemblée Nationale, and the European Parliament (2h00)
7. Actors of law-making I: Executive bodies of Parliaments (2h00)
8. Actors of law-making II: Parliamentary Committees (2h00)
9. Actors of law-making III: Parliamentary groups (2h00)
10. Actors of law-making IV: Parliaments incompatibilities, discipline, deontology and funding (2h00)
11. Actors of law-making V: Parliaments relations with Councils of State and Courts of Auditors (2h00).

COURSE ASSESSMENT

The examination consists of three sections:

Section 1: Students are required to prepare and present orally a PowerPoint about a topic proposed by the Professor, which will be sent 24 hours prior to the exam (80% of the student's final course mark). The students can present either in French or in English.

Section 2: The readings are mandatory, and they will be randomly verified at each course (10% of the student's final course mark)

Section 3: Effective course participation will be weighted at 10% of the student's final course mark.

Comparative politics

Nom de l'enseignant : Sarah TANKE

Nombre d'heures : 22H – Semestre 2

Crédits ECTS : 6 ECTS

Code Erasmus : SPR-2A-S4-CM-POCOMP

DESCRIPTION

This class is taught in English. It aims at explaining the main concepts and questions of comparative politics, spark your interest in this subject and inspire your critical thinking. Several central aspects have been chosen in order to provide an overview and make you familiar with this field of study. These are in particular: political regimes, political structures and institutions, political actors and processes, and public policies.

EVALUATION

There will be a final written exam in order to pass the class (can be different for international/exchange students)

PROGRAMME

1. Introduction
2. The nation state
3. Democracies
4. Authoritarian regimes
5. Legislatures
6. Governments & bureaucracies
7. Political parties
8. Political culture
9. political participation
10. Policymaking
11. Beyond the nation state

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Caramani, Daniele (ed.). Comparative Politics. 6th edition. New York: Oxford University Press, 2023.

Déloye, Yves & Jean-Michel De Waele (ed.). Politique comparée. Bruxelles: Bruylant, 2018.

Dickovick, J. Tyler & Jonathan Eastwood (ed.). Comparative Politics: Classic and Contemporary Readings. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017.

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Gazibo, Mamoudou & Jane Jenson. La politique comparée : Fondements, enjeux et approches théoriques.

2e édition. Montréal: Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal, 2015.

Morlino, Leonardo. Introduction à la politique comparée. Paris: A. Colin, 2013.

Newton, Kenneth & Jan W. van Deth. Foundations of Comparative Politics. 3rd edition. Cambridge:

Cambridge University Press, 2016.

O'Neil, Patrick H. Essentials of Comparative Politics. 7th Edition. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2021.

Contemporary Politics and Elections in Central Eastern Europe

Instructor : Michal PINK

No. Of hours : 20H – Semester 2

ECTS credits : 6 ECTS

Code Erasmus : SPR-EI-ANG-CONT

DESCRIPTION

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The main goal of the course is to present the basic social and political characteristics of Central European countries with an emphasis on the 20th century. At the end of the course, students will be able to perceive the internal diversity of society and its form through different political preferences. In the lectures, students will get acquainted with the basics of political systems and societal traditions, attitudes and value priorities.

COURSE MATERIALS: All assigned readings will be provided from the lecturer by email.

EVALUATIONS: A written exam at the end of the course based on the literature and lectures.

Czech politics and modern time – Politics of Václav Havel and Václav Klaus two most important persons in national and international politics.

Reading:

Mansfeldová, Zdenka. 2006 The Czech Republic: critical democrats and the persistence of democratic values. In Klingemann, Hans-Dieter and Fuchs, Dieter and Zielonka, Jan. Democracy and Political Culture in Eastern Europe. Routledge, London and New York 2006. PP. 101 – 118.

Auer, Stefan. 2004. Liberal nationalism in Central Europe. Routledge, London and New York 2006, pp. 95 – 130

Maškarinec, Pavel. (2019) The rise of new populist political parties in Czech parliamentary elections between 2010 and 2017: the geography of party replacement, Eurasian Geography and Economics, 60:5, 511-547, DOI: 10.1080/15387216.2019.1691928.

Slovakia – Young national state, development of the relationship between Czechs and Slovaks during the democratization, including the legacy of history, the hyphen war, the dispute over competences and economic aspects.

Reading:

Hilde, Paal Sigurd (1999): Slovak Nationalism and the Break-Up of Czechoslovakia. Europe-Asia Studies, Vol. 51, No. 4, pp. 647-665

Lipták, Ľubomír (2000): Slovakia in the 20th Century. In Mannová, E. (ed.): A Concise

History of Slovakia. Bratislava: Historický ústav SAV, pp. 244 – 272.

Mesežnikov, G. - Gyárfašová, O.: Slovakia's Conflicting Camps, *Journal of Democracy* 29, 2018, pp. 78-90

Voda, Petr and Pink, Michal. Explanation of spatial differentiation of electoral results in the Czech Republic and Slovak Republic. *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, Los Angeles: University of California. Elsevier Ltd., 2015, n. 4, pp. 301-316. ISSN 0967-067X. doi:10.1016/j.postcomstud.2015.09.002.

Poland – How state formation process influence modern politics

Reading:

Lukowski, Jerzy – Zawadski, Hubert: A concise history of Poland. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019. pp. 279-449

Zarycki, Tomasz. The Electoral Geography of Poland: Between stable spatial structures and their changing interpretations. *Erdkunde*, 2015. Vol. 69 · No. 2 · 107 - 124.

Hungary – Modernisation of agrarian society

Reading:

Toomey, Michael. 2018. History, Nationalism, and democracy: Myth and Narrative in Viktor Orbán's illiberal Hungary. *Interdisciplinary Journal of Central & East European Politics and International Relations*, Vol. 26, No. 1/2018 pp. 87 – 108.

Haerpfer, W., Christian. 2006. Hungary: structure and dynamics of democratic consolidation. In: Klingemann, Hans-Dieter and Fuchs, Dieter and Zielonka, Jan. *Democracy and Political Culture in Eastern Europe*. Routledge, London and New York 2006. Pp. 148 – 171. Pp. 172 – 202

Austria – Central Europe and modern trends in “pillarization” and “proporz”

Reading:

Bischof, Gunter and Plasser, Fritz. 2008. The changing Austrian Voter. Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick.

Romania and shadows of the past

Reading:

Henry Rammenlt. Shadows of the past: common effects of communism or different pre-communist legacies? An analysis of discrepancies in social mobilization throughout Romanian regions. *Erdkunde*, 2015. Vol. 69 · No. 2 · 151 – 160.

East Europe and State creation – Ukraina in modern history

Reading:

Dobysch, M., & Yatsenko, B. (2020). Borders, Constituency Politics, and “Our Man” Voting in Electoral Geography of Ukraine. *Belgeo*, 2. <https://doi.org/10.4000/belgeo.38851>

Phantom Borders – How historical legacies exist until today

Reading:

Šimon, M. (2015). Measuring phantom borders: the case of Czech/Czechoslovakian electoral geography. *ERDKUNDE*, 69(2), 139–150. <https://doi.org/10.3112/erdkunde.2015.02.04>

von Löwis, S. (2015). Phantom borders in the political geography of East Central Europe: an introduction. *ERDKUNDE*, 69(2), 99–106. <https://doi.org/10.3112/erdkunde.2015.02.01>

Baars, R., & Schlottmann, A. (2015). Spatial Multidimensionalities in the Politics of Regions: Constituting the ‘Phantom Region’ of Central Germany. *ERDKUNDE*, 69(2),

175–186. <https://doi.org/10.3112/erdkunde.2015.02.07>

Germany – important state in Central Europe and heritage of the past

Reading:

Wuhs, Stevens and McLaughlin, Eric. 2018. Explaining Germany's Electoral Geography - Evidence from the Eastern States. German Politics and Society. <https://doi.org/10.3167/gps.2018.370101>

Final test

At the end of the course teacher prepare final test. Three open questions, two of which the student answers. They can get a maximum of 20 points, of which 10 are necessary to get a positive assessment.

Cities and regions in Europe

Instructors: Thomas AGUILERA, Romain, PASQUIER,

No. Of hours: 20H – Semester 2

ECTS credits: 6 ECTS

Code Erasmus : SPR-EI-ANG-CITIES

DESCRIPTION

During the second half of the 20th century, European political institutions, territories and societies have known dramatic changes. European states have been confronted to multiple pressures through economic globalization, European integration and the growing claims for autonomy from regional and local political communities. As a result of decentralization reforms, europeanization and, more generally, the increasing globalization of the overall economic context, the central administrative Western states have partially lost their monopoly on political initiative. The growing role and influence of cities and regions in the public policy making and implementation is one of the most striking consequences of the double process of decentralization and globalization. On the one hand, central governments have put local institutions in competition pushing them to attract capital and population. On the other hand, central governments have developed mechanisms of recentralization in order to maintain national integration and struggled against regionalisms and territorial fragmentation. All these processes have challenged the narratives of the Nation state that appear nowadays as myth. At the contrary, local institutions like Cities and Regions have gained new legitimacy and developed stronger capacities to take decisions, implement policies, regulate markets and even develop international relations and networks on very diverse domains. Indirectly, but significantly, these developments serve to reinforce both the capacity and the growing legitimacy of the actions taken by cities and regions in Europe.

During this course students will be provided with an understanding of territorial politics in Europe, new regionalism, urban strategies and development and subnational paradiplomacy. Students will have to follow 10 sessions on the changing territorial organization of States, regionalisms, Europeanization, sustainable cities, smart cities, political economy of cities, informal cities... Course methodology encourages shared learning through structured debates and discussions while reading the fundamental literature in political science, sociology and geography on public policies, European studies, multilevel governance and urban sociology.

Session 1: **Cities and Regions in Europe: Powers, governance, territories** (Thomas Aguilera)

Session 2: **Regionalism and Territorial Politics in Europe** (Romain Pasquier)

Group presentation: « **The Catalan crisis : the end of the State of autonomies?** »

Readings :

- Keating Michael, « Thirty years of Territorial Politics », *West European Politics*, 31 (1-2), 2008, p. 60- 81.
- Rokkan Stein, Urwin Derek, *Economy, Territory, Identity. Politics of West European Peripheries*, London, Sage, 1983.
- Special issue Catalonia, *Policy and Practice*, november 2019,
- <https://rsaiconnect.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/17577802/2019/11/5>

Session 3: **Regions and the EU Cohesion Policy** (Romain Pasquier)

Group presentation: « **The governance of the EU cohesion policy : is there a local and regional empowerment ?** »

Readings :

- Cole, Alistair, et Romain Pasquier. « The impact of European integration on centre/periphery relations. A comparison France/United-Kingdom », *Politique européenne*, vol. 36, no. 1, 2012, pp. 160- 182.
- Hooghe Liesbet, ed., *Cohesion policy and European integration: building multi-level governance*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1996.
- Wallace Helen Wallace William eds, *Policy-making in the European Union*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2000

Session 4: - **Regions, Paradiplomacy and Multilevel Governance in the EU**

Group presentation: "**Why local and regional actors develop international strategies?**"

Readings :

- Lachapelle Guy, Paquin Stéphane, eds, *Mastering Globalization. New Sub-States' governance and strategies*, London Routledge, 2005. <https://www.stephanepaquin.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Mastering.pdf>
- Andrew Hyde Fitzgerald, "Understanding Paradiplomacy: An Analysis of Subnational Diplomatic Activity in Brazil, Belgium, and the United States", 2017, <https://ipr.blogs.ie.edu/files/2019/06/Understanding-Paradiplomacy-An-Analysis-of-Subnational-Diplomatic-Activity-in-Brazil-Belgium-and-the-United-States.pdf>
- <https://cpmr.org/fr/>

Session 4: **The Capitalist City: regulating Capitalism in the Age of Urban Globalization** (Thomas Aguilera)

Group presentation: "**Are Urban policies only driven by economic interests and Finance in Europe?**"

Readings :

- Guironnet A., K. Attuyer, L. Halbert (2015), « Building Cities on Financial Assets : The Financialisation of Property Markets and its implications for City Governments in the Paris City- Region », *Urban Studies*.
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Group presentation : « **The effects of tourism on cities and urban governance in Europe** »

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Group presentation: « **The green city: a bottom-up or top-down political approach?** »

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Group presentation : « **Urban informality in European Cities : practices, conflicts, regulation**»

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Group presentation: "**Who governs the Pandemics ? States, Cities and Citizens in a Global Crisis**"

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