IR 283

Politics in the European Union

Monday and Wednesday 2-3:15 pm

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Course Description

The course is designed to provide students with in-depth knowledge and foster in them a sound understanding of the achievements and challenges of the European Union (EU). The course is divided into three parts. The first part seeks to familiarize the students with the institutional structure of the EU with a heavy focus on the functioning of the institutions of the European Union and the provisions of the Treaties on which the institutional life of the EU is premised. The study of the institutional life, political dilemmas and historical background of the European integration process will allow us to critically examine policymaking in the EU. The second part of the course will observe the complex processes that underpin decision-making in the EU, the juxtaposition and harmony between supranational and intergovernmental modes of decision-making, the co-existence and interaction between European and national policies. The third part of the course covers the current developments within the European Union and will address the EU’s fight against corruption within its Member States, the recent migration crisis, the problem of enlargement and the rise of right- wing populist parties and other Eurosceptic actors.

By the end of the course students will be able to:

1. Understand the institutional structures of the EU
2. Demonstrate the ability to discuss and critically analyze the current challenges the EU is facing
3. Exhibit the necessary tools and skills to write an excellent research paper
4. Discuss and articulate the strengths and challenges of policy making within the EU

**Course Evaluation:**

Attendance and Active Participation 20%

Midterm 15%

Research Paper 30%

Final Exam 35%

**Textbook:**

*Michelle Cini and Nieves Pérez -Solórzano Borragán (eds.). European Union Politics, 4th Edition (2013). Oxford University Press.*

There is only one assigned textbook for this course. All additional readings are listed in the course syllabus.

**Part I: The Institutional Structure of the European Union**

**Week 1 – The Institutions of the European Union (Jan 18, 23,25)**

*Required Readings*

*Chapter 10, 11, 12 - “The European Union: Establishment and Development.” in Michelle Cini and Nieves Pérez -Solórzano Borragán (eds.). European Union Politics, 4th Edition (2013). Oxford University Press.*

*Recommended Readings*

D. W. Urwin (2013), ‘The European Community: 1945 to 1985’ in M. Cini and N. Perez-Solorzano (eds), European Union Politics (Oxford: Oxford University Press), pp. 11-25.

U. Puetter (2012), 'Europe's Deliberative Intergovernmentalism: the Role of Council and European Council in EU economic governance', Journal of European Public Policy, Vol. 19, No. 2, pp. 161-178.

**Week 2- Treaties of the European Union**

*Required Readings*

*Chapter 4- “From the Constitutional Treaty to Lisbon and Beyond.” in Michelle Cini and Nieves Pérez -Solórzano Borragán (eds.). European Union Politics, 4th Edition (2013). Oxford University Press.*

*Recommended Readings*

Michael J. Baun (1996) “The Maastricht Treaty as High Politics: Germany, France, and European Integration”, Political Science Quarterly, Vol 110. No. 4. Pp. 605-624

**Part II: Policy – Making in the European Union**

**Week 3- Single Market, Competition Policy**

*Required Readings*

Chapter 15: “Policy -making in the EU”, in *Michelle Cini and Nieves Pérez -Solórzano Borragán (eds.). European Union Politics, 4th Edition (2013). Oxford University Press.*

Chapter 19: “The Single Market”, in in *Michelle Cini and Nieves Pérez -Solórzano Borragán (eds.). European Union Politics, 4th Edition (2013). Oxford University Press.*

*Recommended Readings*

Warlouzet, L. (2010) “The Rise of European Competition Policy, 1950- 1991: A cross- disciplinary survey of a contested policy sphere”, EUI Working Papers, RCSAS 2010/80, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies.

**Week 4- Economic and Monetary Union**

*Required Readings*

Chapter 22: “Economic and Monetary Union”, in *Michelle Cini and Nieves Pérez -Solórzano Borragán (eds.). European Union Politics, 4th Edition (2013). Oxford University Press.*

P. Arestis and M. Sawyer (2011), ‘The Design Faults of the Economic and Monetary Union’, Journal of Contemporary European Studies, Vol. 19, No. 1, pp .21 -32.

*Recommended Readings*

Mundell, R. (1961) ‘A Theory of Optimum Currency Areas’, American Economic Review. Rose, A (2000) ‘One Money, One Market: Estimating the Effect of Common Currencies on Trade’, Economic Policy, 30, 7-45.

**Week 5- Agricultural Policy, Environmental Policy**

*Required Readings*

Chapter 23: “The Common Agricultural Policy”, in *Michelle Cini and Nieves Pérez -Solórzano Borragán 4(eds.). European Union Politics, 4th Edition (2013). Oxford University Press.*

Chapter 24: “Environmental Policy” in *Michelle Cini and Nieves Pérez -Solórzano Borragán (eds.). European Union Politics, 4th Edition (2013). Oxford University Press.*

*Recommended Readings*

Ackrill, R. 2008. The CAP and its Reforms -Half a Century of Change? EuroChoices, 7(2): 13-20.

Fischler, F. 2008. Europe’s CAP: Changes and Challenges. EuroChoices, 7(2): 22-26

**Week 6- External Policies: Trade and Development Aid, Foreign and Defense Policy**

*Required Readings*

Chapter 18: “The EU’s Foreign, Security, and Defense Policies” in *Michelle Cini and Nieves Pérez -Solórzano Borragán (eds.). European Union Politics, 4th Edition (2013). Oxford University Press.*

Ginsberg, R. H. (1999), ‘Conceptualizing the European Union as an International Actor: Narrowing the Theoretical Capability -Expectations Gap’, Journal of Common Market Studies 37(3): 429-54.

Zielonka, J. (2008), ‘Europe as a Global Actor: Empire by Example’, International Affairs 84 (3): 471-484.

*Recommended Readings*

Olsen, G. R. (2000), ‘Promotion of Democracy as a Foreign Policy Instrument of ‘Europe’: Limits to International Idealism’ Democratization 7(2): 142-167.

Solveig Richter (2012) “Two at one blow? The EU and its quest for security and democracy by political conditionality in the Western Balkans,” Democratization: 19 (3):507 -534.

**Part III: Challenges in the European Union**

**Week 7- The Eurozone Financial Crisis**

*Required Readings*

E .Mourlon- Druol (2011), ‘The Euro Crisis: A Historical Perspective’, LSE Ideas Strategic Reports, No. SU00

J. Goddard et al (2009), ‘The Financial Crisis in Europe: Evolution, Policy Responses and Lessons for the Future’, Journal of Financial Regulation and Compliance, Vol. 17, No. 4, pp. 362-80.

J. Buckley and D. Howarth (2010), ‘Internal Market: Gesture Politics? Explaining the EU's Response to the Financial Crisis’, Journal of Common Market Studies, Vol. 48, Supplement S1, pp. 119-141.

*Recommended Readings*

J. Milios & D.P. Sotiropoulos (2010), ‘Crisis of Greece or Crisis of the Euro? A View from the European “Periphery”, Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies, Vol. 12, No 3, pp. 223-240.

K. Featherstone (2011), ‘The JCMS Annual Lecture –the Greek Sovereign Debt Crisis and EMU: a Failing State in a Skewed Regime’, Journal of Common Market Studies, Vol. 49, No. 2, pp. 193-217

S. Vasilopoulou, D. Halikiopoulou, T Exadaktylos (2013), ‘Greece in Crisis: Austerity, Populism and the Politics of Blame’ Journal of Common Market Studies, EarlyView (online only).

B. Thorhallsson and P. Kirby (2012), ‘Financial Crises in Iceland and Ireland. Does European Union and Euro membership matter?’, Journal of Common Market Studies, Vol. 50, No. 5, pp. 801-18.

R.M. Nelson, P .Belkin and D. E. Mix (2010), ‘Greece’s Debt Crisis: Overview, Policy Responses and Implications’, Congressional Research Service, Washington D.C., 7 April.

**Week 8- The fight against corruption: Anti-Corruption Reporting (ACR) mechanism**

*Required readings*

Karklins, R. (2002). Typology of Post-Communist Corruption. Problems of Post-Communism, 49(4), 22 32.

Maor, M. (2004). Feeling the Heat? Anticorruption Mechanisms in Comparative Perspective. Governance*,* *17*(1), 1-28.

Nikodem, A. (2002). The Evolution of Anti-Fraud Policy in the European Community from a Constitutional Law Perspective. *Managerial Law, 44*(4), 59-76.

*Recommended Readings*

Treisman, D. (2000). The Causes of Corruption: A Cross-National Study. *Journal of Public Economics, 76*(3), 399-457.

Szarek-Mason, P. (2010). *The European Union’s Fight Against Corruption: The Evolving Policy Towards Member States and Candidate Countries.* New York: Cambridge University Press.

**Week 9- Europe’s Refugee Crisis: Immigration, Migration, and Refugee Policy in the European Union**

*Required readings*

ACOSTA, D**.** (2009) ‘The Good, the Bad and the Ugly in EU Migration Law: Is the European Parliament Becoming Bad and Ugly? (The Adoption of Directive 2008/115: the Returns Directive)’, *European Journal of Migration and Law* 11(1): 19-39.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION (2007) *Report on the Evaluation of the Dublin System*, COM (2007) 299, 6 June 2007, Brussels.

Mouzourrakis, M. (2014) “We Need to talk about Dublin” – Responsibility under the Dublin System as a blockage to asylum burden- sharing in the European Union, Working Paper Series No. 105

*Recommended readings*

Betts, A. (2009), Forced Migration and Global Politics, Wiley‐Blackwell, Oxford

Betts, A. and Loescher, G. (2011), Refugees in International Relations, Oxford University Press, Oxford

Boswell, C. and Geddes A. (2011), Migration and Mobility in the European Union, Palgrave Macmillan, New York

GUILD, E. (2006) ‘The Europeanisation of Europe’s Asylum Policy’, *International Journal of Refugee Law* 18(3-4): 630-651.

Khory, K.R. (2012), Global Migration: Challenges In the Twenty‐First Century, Palgrave Macmillan, New York

LOPATIN, E. (2013) ‘The Changing Position of the European Parliament on Irregular Migration and Asylum under Co-decision’, *Journal of Common Market Studies* 51(4): 740-755.

**Week 10- Enlargement of the European Union**

*Required readings*

Chapter 17: “Enlargement”, in *Michelle Cini and Nieves Pérez -Solórzano Borragán (eds.). European Union Politics, 4th Edition (2013). Oxford University Press.*

Emerson, Michael et al. (2006), ‘Just what is this absorption capacity of the EU’, *Centre for European Policy Studies*, Policy Brief, No. 113

Schimmelfennig, Frank (2008), ‘Entrapped again: The way to EU membership negotiations with Turkey’, UCD Dublin European Institute, Working Paper 8.

Sedelmeier, U.; Schimmelfennig, F. (2004) 'Governance by conditionality: EU rule transfer to the candidate countries of Central and Eastern Europe.' Journal of European Public Policy 11 (4):661-79.

*Recommended readings*

Bürgin, Alexander (2011): Why Turkey is ready for a readmission agreement, *Journal of European Public Policy*

Delhey, Jan (2007) Do enlargements make the EU less cohesive? An analysis of trust between EU nationalities, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, vol 45,2, 253-79

McLaren, Lauren (2007), ‘Explaining Opposition to Turkish Membership of the EU’, *European Union Politics*, Vol. 8, No. 2, pp. 251 – 278

Ruiz-Jimenez, A and Torreblanca, J (2007). ‘European Public Opinion and Turkey’s Accession: Making Sense of Arguments For and Against’. European Policy Institutes Network Working Papers (16)

**Week 11- The rise of Euroscepticism and right- wing populism**

*Required readings*

Chapter 7: “Theorizing the EU after Integration Theory”, in *Michelle Cini and Nieves Pérez -Solórzano Borragán (eds.). European Union Politics, 4th Edition (2013). Oxford University Press.*

Dechezelles, Stephanie, and Laure Neumayer (2010) “Introduction: Is Populism a Side-Effect Of European Integration? Radical Parties and the Europeanization of Political Competition.” Perspectives on European Politics and Society 11 (3) (Sep): 229 -36

Kitschelt, Herbert (1997). The Radical Right in Western Europe: A Comparative Analysis. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, pp. 203-40.

*Recommended readings*

Betz, H , Georg (1994). Radical Right-Wing Populism in Western Europe. New York: St. Martin’s Press, pp. 1-35 and 69-106.

Mair, Peter. 2000. “The Limited Impact Of Europe on National Party Systems. ”West European Politics 23 (4) (Oct): 27-51.

Ladrech, Robert, “European Parties and Party Systems” in Hay, Colin and Menon, Anand, European Politics, ch. 12 (pp. 200-217)

**Week 12- Revision for the Final Exam**