

**Title: ADVANCED EUROPEAN STUDIES**

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## **OBJECTIVES**

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On completion of this module students are expected to be

- Familiar with contemporary debates in European Union studies.
- Be able to demonstrate an ability to think, discuss and write about these debates critically.
- The module aims to provide students with knowledge on the functioning of EU institutions, on the EU main public policies and on the main theories utilized to frame the process of European integration.

## **PREREQUISITES**

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Basic knowledge of European Union politics

## **CONTENTS**

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This module reviews some of the key policies of the European Union and the functioning of its main institutions with a particular focus on current developments. The module consists of four sections. (1) Review of EU institutions and policies, (2) Europeanisation, globalization, the European state and its transformations, (3) Theories of European integration and the impact on the EU of the 2008 financial crisis and its aftermaths.

After a brief historical review of the process of European construction, the module focuses on the structures and functions of the main EU institutions and some of the main EU policies. A second section focuses on the current debates on the process of European construction, the role of the EU in international relations with particular reference to processes of widening of the international arena and processes of redefinition of the functions of the state in the European context. With specific reference to the EU level, the third section examines current challenges and the transformations of the European Project.

## **TEACHING METHODS**

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The module is taught by discussion seminars introduced by a lecture by the module leader. The discussion is organized around set questions and prescribed readings. It is expected that students will be familiar not only with the set readings but will have read supplementary texts. It is required that students will have studied the weekly set texts sufficiently to be able to summarize them, elaborate the issues they deal with and have formed views regarding the meaning, significance and implications of the texts for the topics under consideration. The prescribed reading will be supplemented by independent reading, drawing upon library and electronic sources.

## **ASSESSMENT**

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Exam on the handbook and one of the mandatory readings listed in the reference list. Students can also choose to do a class presentation and write a related essay of 2500 words, in which case the essay plus presentation, and the exam will each be worth 50% of the final mark.

**In view of the current coronavirus emergency, further information on assessment criteria (i.e. oral or written exam) and on the structure of the module will be communicated and copied in Moodle in the near future.**

**Thursday lectures will take place in room 108. Friday lectures will be online. Zoom links will be communicated through Moodle.**

Here is a link to a doodle to book a slot for presentations. Up to two students can present at any one lecture.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

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Each session will consist of a 45-minute presentation by the lecturer, followed by one hour and fifteen minutes of structured discussion and student presentations.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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### **Mandatory Reading:**

Cini M, Perez-Solorzano N (eds) (2019) European Union Politics. Oxford UP, Oxford (selected chapters).

### **Additional Key Readings**

Dedman M (2009) The Origins and Development of the European Union 1945–2008. Routledge, London

Heywood A (2011) Global Politics. Palgrave, London (selected chapters).

Staab A (2011) The European Union Explained. Indiana University Press, Bloomington

TRENZ, H.-J., RUZZA, C. & GUIRAUDON, V. 2015. Europe's Prolonged Crisis. The Making or the Unmaking of a Political Union. London: Palgrave.

**Additional readings will be provided as the courses proceeds.**

## **SEMINAR PROGRAMME:**

### **Readings**

There will be a seminar after each lecture. In seminars, we will cover the contents of lectures through thematically related readings. They are meant to clarify the approaches discussed in the lectures. Readings for the seminars are short articles from a variety of sources.

Students are expected to have read the materials in advance and be ready to summarise them and discuss the connections to the lectures. In the course of the discussion, we will examine all the articles assigned.

In each seminar two students will be asked to present in 10-15 minutes the materials assigned for the week according to a previously set schedule. Class discussion will follow.



## Lectures and Seminars at a glance

	Title		Content	Mandatory readings	Key preparatory readings
1.	<b>Section 1: Review of EU institutions and Policies</b>  Introduction: the international historical context	25 February	The international system in the 20th century and the EU.	Heywood pp. 1-52 (Ch. 1-2). Cini M, Perez-Solorzano N (eds) (2019) European Union Politics – Part 1 (Chapter 2)	Staab – Part 1
2.	Introduction: major challenges facing the EU today	26 February	The legacy of recent enlargements, the Euro crisis, Covid-19. The long ‘crisis of legitimacy’, globalization. A crisis of globalism?	Cini M, Perez-Solorzano N (eds) (2019) European Union Politics – Part 1 (Chapter 3)	Staab – Part 1
3.	The Historical Context of the EU.	4 March	The EU in historical context	Cini M, Perez-Solorzano N (eds) (2019) European Union Politics – Part 1 (Chapter 2-3)	Dedman M (2009) The Origins and Development of the European Union 1945–2008. Routledge, London
4.	The Institutions of the European Union in context	5 March	The main institutions of the EU in historical context: the Commission, the European Council and the Council of Ministers	Cini M, Perez-Solorzano N (eds) (2019) European Union Politics – Chapter 10, 11	Staab – Part 2, ch. 4, 5
5.	The Institutions of the European Union 3	11 March	The main institutions of the EU in historical context: the European Parliament, the European Court of Justice	Cini M, Perez-Solorzano N (eds) (2019) European Union Politics – Chapter 12 and 13	Staab – Part 2, ch. 6, 7
6.	The Policies of the European Union 1	12 March	Key policies of the EU: general introduction on policy-making in the EU.	Cini M, Perez-Solorzano N (eds) (2019) European Union Politics Ch. 16 (policy making in the EU)	Staab – Part 3 Molle, W. (2007). European Cohesion Policy. London, Routledge.
7.	The Policies of the European Union 2: Human Rights Policy, Anti-discrimination policy and anti-racism	18 March	Anti-discrimination policy and the impact of civil society groups and social movements on the EU. Theories of social movements. EU-level social movements and	C Ruzza, "Civil Society Actors and EU Fundamental Rights Policy: Opportunities and Challenges" in HUMAN RIGHTS	EUFRA (2010). Annual Report 2010. Vienna, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

			international civil society.	REVIEW, (2013), p. 1-17.	
8.	The Policies of the European Union 3: environmental policy and the role of the environmental movements at EU and Member-State levels.	19 March	Environmental policy and the impact of civil society groups and social movements.	Cini M, Perez-Solorzano N (eds) (2019) European Union Politics Ch. 25)	Ruzza, C. (2007) Europe and civil society, Manchester, Manchester University Press (Chapter on EU environmental advocacy)
9.	<b><u>Section 2 -- The European State: globalisation, the transformations of the European state</u></b>  The European state and its recent transformations	26 April	State building; Theories of state formation and transformation. Forms of political participation in the European state, globalisation, state-society relations.	Ruzza, C. (2014) The Ideology of New Public Management, Associational Representation and the Global Financial Crisis, in Partecipazione e Conflitto, v. 2014, n. 7.3	Le Galès 'A new phase of the state story in Europe', in Nash and Scott, p. 396
10	Nation and Nationalism in Europe, Euroscepticism, Populism	1 April	Nations and nationalism in contemporary Europe; Studying ethnic conflict in Europe. Euroscepticism, Populism and the impact of Conspiracy Theories.	Leconte, C. (2008). "Opposing integration on matters of social and normative preferences: A new dimension of political contestation in the EU." <u>Journal of Common Market Studies</u> 46(5): 1071-1091	Schwarzmantel in Nash and Scott, p. 386 Serricchio, F., M. Szczerbiak A, Taggart P (eds) Opposing Europe? The Comparative Party Politics of Euroscepticism (Volume 1 and 2). Oxford UP, Oxford (Introduction and Chapter 1 and 2, Vol. 2)
11	Recent crises and their impact on the EU.	8 April	The financial crisis and the Covid-19 crisis. European welfare state models and the impact of the 2008 financial crisis. The European welfare state and its transformations, the ethos and practices of New Public management	Taylor-Gooby, P. (2008). "The new welfare state settlement in Europe." <u>European Societies</u> 10(1): 3-24	Hicks and Esping Anderson in Janoski 509  Kern, A., et al. (2014). "Economic Crisis and Levels of Political Participation in Europe (2002–2010): The Role of Resources and Grievances." <u>West European Politics</u> .

12	Europeanization	9 April	Europeanization; the impact of the EU on national political cultures, governance	Cini M, Perez-Solorzano N (eds) (2019) European Union Politics Ch. 8)	Sanders, J. M. (2002). "Ethnic Boundaries and Identity in Plural Societies." <i>Annu. Rev. Sociol.</i> 28: 327-57.
13	Political Communication in Europe	15 April	'Europe' in public Opinion and the role of the media; Communicating Europe	Cini M, Perez-Solorzano N (eds) (2019) European Union Politics Ch. 15)	Ruzza, C. and M. Pejovic (2019). "Populism at Work: the language of the Brexiteers and the European Union." <i>Critical Discourse Studies</i> 16(3): 1-17.
14	Forms of social and political participation in Europe	16 April	Political participation over time, changing forms of political participation, social movements in Europe	Kitshelt, 'Parties and political intermediation', in Nash and Scott p. 149	Political Parties: Social Bases, Organization, and Environment 266 Mildred A. Schwartz and Kay Lawson in Janoski, p. 266  Money, Participation, and Votes: Social Cleavages and Electoral Politics Jeffrey Manza, Clem Brooks, and Michael Sauder in Janoski, p. 201
15	Private and public interest groups at EU level	22 April	Associational representation, the role of interest groups in the EU and their relations with other forms of participation.	Cini M, Perez-Solorzano N (eds) (2019) European Union Politics Ch. 14)	Hojnacki M, Kimball DC, Baumgartner FR, Berry JM, Leech BL (2012) <i>Studying Organizational Advocacy and Influence:</i>
16	<b>Section 3: European Studies and Democratic Theory</b>  Europe and civil society and associational representation	23 April	Organised and unorganised civil society; types of consultation and advocacy; local, national and supranational civil society and governance dynamics	Perez-Diaz V, Digangi J (2011) Civil society: a multi-layered concept. <i>Sociopedia</i> 21 (3):433-445.	Ray 'Civil society and the public sphere' in Nash and Scott, 219  Reexamining Interest Group Research. <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i> 15:379 - 399
17	Theories of European integration, EU	29 April	Theories of European Integration: functionalism, intergovernmentalism,	Cini M, Perez-Solorzano N (eds) (2019) European	Majone, G. (2014). "From Regulatory State to a Democratic

	legitimacy and representation.		institutionalisms, new theories.	Union Politics Ch. 4, 5, 6.	Default." Journal of Common Market Studies.  Egan, M., et al. (2011). Research Agendas in EU Studies: Stalking the Elephant. London, Palgrave.
18	The European Union in recent historical context. The financial crisis and its aftermaths. Political representation and the EU. Conclusions.	30 April	Theories of representation and the EU. The European Union and the field of EU studies: prospects and challenges. Module conclusions	Cini M, Perez-Solorzano N (eds) (2019) European Union Politics Ch. 26 Tsakatika, et al. (2013). "Euroscepticism and the Global Financial Crisis." Journal of Common Market Studies 51(1): 51-64	Staab – Conclusions