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Political Development of European Union

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Course Description:

This course aims to improve our understanding of European integration, particularly focusing on the policy making in EU. This course thus consists of three broad topics. First, it investigates the historical development of diverse decision making procedures at EU. Second, focusing on ordinary legislative procedure, we investigate the role of EU institutions in the process of decision-making. Third, focusing on special legislative procedure, we see the areas of policies decided by this procedure and find some distinct characteristics of it. After taking this course, students are expected to improve their understanding of actual policy making procedures in EU.

Grade:

Class attendance (10%), Class Q&A (30%), Class Presentation (20%), Midterm Exam (10%), Final Exam (30%)

Class materials

1. Academic articles which can be downloaded electronically.
2. Some documents and materials of the EU which can be downloaded electronically.

Midterm Exam: In class exam. One or two short questions from the materials of each week.

Final Report: a logistic analysis of voting records concerning the policy issue and proper interpretation of the analysis with respect to the political competitions happening inside the EP.

Couse Schedule

Week1 (08 March): Course Introduction and EU Institutions

Kenearly et al. 2018. Chapter1, 2, 3

Week2 (15 March): EU legal system

EU materials from “Source&Scope” to “protections\_article 2 TEU”

Week3 (22 March): Historical development of decision making procedure

Guerrieri (2008) “The start of European integration and the parliamentary dimension: the common assembly of the ECSC (1952-1958)” Parliament, Estates & Representation 28(1)

Crombez (1996) “Legislative Procedure in the European Community” British Journal of Political Science 26(2):199-228.

Crombez, C. B. 1997. “The Codecision Procedure in the European Union” Legislative Studies Quarterly 22:97-119.

Week4 (29 March): Ordinary Legislative Procedure: preparing a proposal

Gabral, T. S. 2020. “A Short Guide to the Legislative Procedure in the European Union,” UNIO-EU Law Journal 6:161-180

OLP Handbook, chapter 1 and chapter 2

Week5 (05 April): Ordinary Legislative Procedure: co-equal legislating

OLP Handbook, chapter 3 ~ 9.

Week6 (12 April): Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism: Before OLP

1. Main issues observed from the inception impact assessment by commission, <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12228-EU-Green-Deal-carbon-border-adjustment-mechanism-_en>
2. Comparison between Commission’s proposal and EP’s resolution T9-0071/2021

Week7 (19 April): Invited Talk: EU decision-making procedure

Professor Simon Hix at European University Institute

Week8 (26 April): Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism: In OLP

Comparison between Commission’s proposal and Final Regulation

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/legislative-train/theme-a-european-green-deal/file-carbon-border-adjustment-mechanism

Voting Records within the EP 08 March 2021 (amendment, resolution)

Council’s decision: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/legislative-train/theme-a-european-green-deal/file-carbon-border-adjustment-mechanism

Week9 (03 May): Midterm Exam

Week10 (10 May): EU Taxonomy

1. Main issues observed from the impact assessment by commission, COM(2018) 353
2. Comparison between Commission’s proposal and Final Regulation
3. Voting Records within the EP 08 March 2021 (amendment, resolution)

Week11 (17 May): Invited Talks: EU Environmental Policy

Professor Katija at KU Leuven

Week12 (24 May): Legislative Voting Behavior + Data

Strom, K. 1990. “A Behavioral Theory of Competitive Political Parties” American Journal of Political Science 34(2):565-598.

Hix, Simon. 2002. “Parliamentary Behavior with Two Principals: Preferences, Parties, and Voting in the European Parliament” American Journal of Political Science 46(3):688-698.

Week13 (31 May): Measuring Voting Behavior + Data

How to measure the defection from the EGP

Practicing with data

Week14 (07 June): Invited Talks: Logistic Model

Professor SeungJin Jang (Kookmin University)

Week15 (14 June): Logistic Analysis

Practice of the Actual analysis

Week16 (21 June): Final Report (Analysing a roll-call data of the EP)