

Seminar on Area Studies: Regional Integration in Europe (8753.594)

Set-out of the Module:

Class Hour: Tuesday 13:00~16:00

Class Room: 140-1/206

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Description and Aims of the Module

This module provides a foundational understanding of political dynamics among European Union institutions and their challenges, as well as prospects, facing in the 21st century by critically engaging with key literature of the studies of regional integration in Europe. It focuses on three important thematic areas of history, theory and policy of the European Union and specifically aims to provide students with an understanding of:

- ✓ Classical and contemporary theories of regional integration and the European project
- ✓ The history of integration
- ✓ The main institutions of the EU
- ✓ Selected contemporary issues related to the politics and government of the EU and their broader context

At the end of the module, students will be able to:

- ✓ Demonstrate knowledge of the historical evolution of European integration since 1945, theories of integration, key roles of the main institutions of the EU, some important issues in European integration
- ✓ Deploy different theories in order to analyse the historical and contemporary politics and government of the EU and its antecedents.
- ✓ Show appropriate cognitive, communicative and transferable skills, including understanding core concepts and theories, developing the capacity for independent learning through access to general learning resources, making individual seminar presentations.

In addition, the module equips students with a range of important transferrable skills, which are vital in terms of employability, including managing a varied workload; assimilating and synthesizing multiple data sources; constructing coherent argument; and preparing written reports and verbal presentations.

Core-text Books of the Module

- Helen Wallace, Mark Pollack and Alasdair Young (eds), *Policy-Making in the European Union* 6th edn, Oxford: OUP, 2010.
- Rosamond, Ben, *Theories of European Integration*, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2000.
- Michelle Cini and Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borragán (eds), *European Union Politics* 4th edn, Oxford: OUP, 2013.

Note: Information of additional reading material in each week would be provided in the first class or via teaching blog.

Assessment Methods

- ◇ Class Attendance (10%): Perfect Turn-out 10, 1 point deduction every illegitimate absence (Being late for three times is equivalent to one absence)
- ◇ Student Presentation (10%): Active 10/ Moderate 8/ Passive 6
- ◇ Round Table (10%): Active 10/ Moderate 8/ Passive 6
- ◇ Policy Memo (10%)
- ◇ QUIZ 1 & 2 (10% x 2 = 20%)
- ◇ Final Academic Essay (40%): 3% hourly deduction for late submission

Individual Presentation:

To enhance your understanding of the issue and maximize the effect of your learning, it is highly recommended to choose the topic of your individual presentation related to the subject you mean to write in your research paper.

QUIZ 1 & 2:

No mid-term exam but two quizzes. The first quiz will take place in week 6 and the second in week 12 for 30 minutes.

Attendance, Round Table, Policy Memo, and Research Paper:

Detailed guidance will be provided in the first class.

Academic Timetable

Week	Academic Timetable	Note
1: Sep 3	Introduction to the Module	
2: Sep 10	Historical Context	
3: Sep 17	EU Institutions and Actors	SP*
4: Sep 24	Theoretical Framework I: Neofunctionalism vs Intergovernmentalism	SP*
5: Oct 1	Theoretical Framework II: Beyond Integration Theories	SP*
Four Freedoms of the EU and Their Policies		
6: Oct 8	Free Movement of Goods and Capital: the Economic and Monetary Union and the Single Market	SP*, Quiz 1*
7: Oct 15	Free Movement of Services: EU Labour/ Social Policy	SP*
8: Oct 22	Reading Week: Submission of Essay Plan	
9: Oct 29	Free Movement of People: EU Citizenship and Immigration Policy	SP*
EU, Ever Closer Union in Diverging World?		
10: Nov 5	EU External Relations	SP*
11: Nov 12	EU Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)	SP*
EU in International Affairs: EU, A Normative Power?		
12: Nov 19	Exporting Values: Human Rights and Gender Equality	SP*, Quiz2*
13: Nov 26	Setting Agendas: Environment and Food Safety	SP*
14: Dec 3	Concluding Debate: Prospects and Obstacles of the EU 1. Democracy, Legitimacy, and Efficiency 2. EU and Economic Crisis	-Round Table* -Policy Memo* by 18:00 on Mon Dec 9
15: Dec 10	No exam, no class/ Submission of Final Essay By 18:00 on Sun Dec 15*	

*: Assessed work

SP: Student Presentation