

**POLI 4074**  
**POLITICS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Fall 2016  
Day/Time: T TH/ 9:00 – 10:20  
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This course introduces students to the history and politics of the process of European integration. The first section of the course will ask why sovereign European nations have agreed to an “ever closer union.” In this section we will survey political science theories about regional integration and review the major events, agreements, and personalities that have shaped the evolution of the current European Union (EU). The next section of the course will examine the institutions of the current European Union. The third section covers the politics and policymaking of the European Union. The course will end with speculation about the future trajectory of the EU, and an in-class Brexit negotiation.

**Requirements:**

Students are expected to do all assigned reading before they come to class.

Three short graded writing assignments will be given during the course of the semester. Detailed instructions will be posted on Moodle. The assignment topics will be:

- theories about European Unification
- the actions of EU institutions
- the implications of BREXIT

There will be a mid term exam and a cumulative final exam.

Requirements will be weighted as follows:

3 Short Papers 10% each; Participation 10%; Mid Term 30%; Final: 30%

**Textbooks:**

Brent F. Nelsen and Alexander Stubb, eds. *The European Union: Readings on the Theory and Practice of European Integration*, 4th Edition. Lynne Rienner ISBN: 978-1-62637-033-3

Michelle Cini, Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borrigan *European Union Politics* 5th Edition, Oxford University Press ISBN: 9780198708933

## **Class schedule**

Aug. 23      **Class introduction**

*In European Union Politics* Ch. 1: Michelle Cini and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borragan: Introduction

### **Part I. Historical and Theoretical Development of the European Union**

**(Life after war with Germany)**

Aug 25      **European Integration during the interwar years**

Online readings

“The Briand Plan”

“Can Europe Unite” by Francis Deak

“The Pan European Outlook” by Coudehove-Kalergi

#### **Federalism in Postwar Europe- the Council of Europe episode**

*In The European Union Readings ...*

“The Ventotene Manifesto”

“The Tragedy of Europe”

“Alteiro Spinelli and the Strategy for the United States of Europe”

Aug. 30      **Functionalism in postwar Europe**

*In European Union Politics*

Ch. 2: The European Union: Establishment and Development

*In The European Union Readings ...*

“A Working Peace System”

“The Uniting of Europe”

“Ferment of Change”

Sept 1.      **From Coal and Steel to the European Economic Community:**

*In The European Union Readings ...*

“the Schuman Declaration”

Online readings

Josef L. Kunz “Treaty Establishing the European Defense Community” *The American Journal of International Law*, Vol. 47, No. 2. (Apr., 1953), pp. 275-281.

Herbert W. Briggs “The Proposed European Political Community” *The American Journal of International Law*, Vol. 48, No. 1. (Jan., 1954), pp. 110-122.

“The Organization for European Economic Cooperation” (OEEC) *International Organization*, Vol. 3, No. 1. (Feb., 1949), pp. 186-189.

Sept 6.      **Transactional theories and neofunctionalism**

*In The European Union Readings ...*

“Political Community and the North Atlantic Area”

*In European Union Politics*

Ch. 4: Carsten Stroyby-Jensen: Neo-functionalism

Sept 8. **The European Community and the Luxembourg “compromise”**

In *The European Union Readings ...*

“Preamble of Treaties of Paris and Rome”

In *The European Union Readings ...*

“A Concert of European States”

Sept 13. **Intergovernmentalism**

In *The European Union Readings ...*

“Obstinate or Obsolete”

In *European Union Politics*

Ch. 5: Michelle Cini: Intergovernmentalism

Sept 15. **Relaunch**

In *The European Union Readings ...*

“Preamble of the Single European Act”

“Integration, Supranational Governance, and the Institutionalization of the European Polity”

“The Choice for Europe”

**(OMG the Cold War has ended! Now what?)**

Sept 20. **European Union**

In *The European Union Readings ...*

“A Family of Nations”

“A Necessary Union”

“Preamble of the Treaty on European Union”

Sept 22. **The Constitutional Debacle, Lisbon, and post Lisbon**

In *European Union Politics*

Ch. 3: Clive Church and David Phinnemore: From the Constitutional Treaty to the Treaty of Lisbon and beyond

In *The European Union Readings ...*

“Preamble of the Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe and Preamble to the Treaty of Lisbon”

“What binds Europe Together”

Sept 27. **Making sense of the EU now**

In *European Union Politics*

Ch. 6: Ben Rosamond: Theorizing the European Union after Integration Theory

In *The European Union Readings ...*

“The Case for Neo Federalism”

“Multi-Level Governance in the European Union”

“Social Construction and European Integration”

“The Governance Approach to European Integration”

Sept. 29. **What are Institutions Anyway?** Theories of institutional autonomy post TEU

In *The European Union Readings ...*

“Delegation and Agency in the European Community”

online reading:  
Paul Pierson “path dependence”

Oct. 4. **Midterm Exam**

Oct. 6. **Fall Break**

## **Part II. Institutions of the European Union**

Oct 11. **The European Commission and Council**

*In European Union Politics*

Ch. 9: Morten Egeberg: The European Commission

Ch. 10: Jeffrey Lewis: The Council of the European Union

Online reading

Liesbet Hooghe. 2000. “Euro-Socialists or Euro-Marketeers? EU Top Officials on Capitalism” *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. 62, No. 2. (May, 2000), pp. 430-454.

Oct 13.

**The European Parliament**

*In European Union Politics*

Ch. 11: Charlotte Burns: The European Parliament

online reading

Reif, Karlheinz and Hermann Schmitt (1980) 'Nine Second Order National Elections- A Conceptual Framework for the Analysis of European Election Results', *European Journal of Political Research* 8(1): 3-44.

Oct 18. **The European Court of Justice**

*In European Union Politics*

Ch. 12: Illias Kapsis: The Courts of the European Union

Online Reading

Karen J. Alter, "The European Court's Political Power: The Emergence of an Authoritative International Court in the European Union," *West European Politics*, Vol. 19, no. 3, July 1996.

## **Part III. Politics and policies of the European Union**

Oct 20. **Lobbying and Interest Groups and policymaking**

*In European Union Politics*

Ch. 13: Rainer Eising: Interest Groups and the European Union

Ch. 14: Alex Warleigh-Lack and Ralf Drachenberg: Policy Making in the European Union

Oct 25 **Public Opinion and Democracy**

*In European Union Politics*

Ch. 24: Democracy and Legitimacy in the EU

Ch. 25: Lauren McLaren: Public Opinion and the EU

Online Reading

Dahl, Robert. 1994. “A Democratic Dilemma” *Political Science Quarterly* V109

**Oct. 27 A Single Market in Goods and Labor**

*In European Union Politics* Ch. 18: Michelle Egan: The Single Market

*In European Union Politics* Ch. 29: Gerda Falkner: The EU's Social Dimension

**Nov 1 Enlargement, Agriculture and the Environment**

*In European Union Politics*

Ch. 16 Enlargement

Ch. 22: Eve Fouilleux: The Common Agricultural Policy

Ch. 23: Andy Jordan & David Benson: Environmental Policy

**Nov 3 The EU in the World**

*In European Union Politics*

Ch. 15: Mike Smith: European Union External Relations

Ch. 17: Robert Dover: the EU's Foreign, Security, and Defense Policies

**Nov 8 EMU and the Financial Crisis**

*In European Union Politics*

Ch. 21: Amy Verdun: Economic and Monetary Union

Ch. 27: The EU and the Economic Crisis

**Nov 10 Police and Immigration/ Refugee crisis**

*In European Union Politics* Ch. 20: Emek Ucarer: Justice and Home Affairs

**Nov 15 Now What?**

*In European Union Politics*

Ch. 27: Brigid Laffan Four Scenarios on the Future of the EU

*In The European Union Readings ...*

“Reflections on the Crisis in Europe”

“What is European Integration Really About”

“Europe and Its Empires”

“The Next Europe”

**Nov 17 Brexit and beyond**

Online Readings TBA

**Nov. 22. Brexit Simulation**

Brexit Negotiations in the European Council

Nov 24- no class thanksgiving

**Nov. 29 Brexit Simulation**

Consideration in European Parliament

Dec 1 Wrap Up and Review

Dec 8 3:00 – 5:00 PM **Final Exam**