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Classes on Tuesday/Thursday, 9.30am to 10.45am

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Course Objectives: Our course will examine the history, present role, and future perspectives of the European Union and its member states.

The first part will focus on the history of international relations between European nation states and on the historical events that led to the idea of European unification. This should help to better understand of the underlying historical forces that in the past have driven, and still keep driving European integration.

The second and main part of the course will examine the evolution of the European Communities since their inception in the 1950s, through more recent events such as completion of the European Union and establishment of the European Monetary Union in the late 1990s, and the enlargement of the EU by 10 (mostly Central and Eastern European) new member countries, until the approval of a new draft constitution for the EU in 2004, the crisis which ensued from the rebuttal of the draft constitution in popular referenda in France and the Netherlands, in 2005.

The Course will also describe the EU's institutional procedures and policies, - with special emphasis on the European Monetary Union (EMU) and the EU's External Relations, including external commercial relations. This will include the Union's external trade policies, developmental cooperation agreements, interregional cooperation, Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), and the transatlantic EU-US relationship. The course should conclude with an evaluation of possible scenarios of the future role of the European Union within the Global International System.

Course Requirements: Students will be expected to participate actively in class discussions and to deliver various written assignments and an oral presentation. A research paper (6 to 10 pages), on the International Relations of a European Country or another IR-topic related to the European Union, to be agreed with the Professor in advance, will be due by February 14th. The theme and subject of the research paper and oral presentation should be agreed with the Professor by mid-January.

The final grade will be based on five criteria, each weighing 20%: 1 research paper, 1 oral presentation, 1 mid-term exam, 1 final exam, and overall participation including homework assignments. Only printed papers (no e-mails) will be accepted, plagiarism may result in failure. If you have to miss classes or assignments for medical reasons, you are advised to present copy of a doctor's certificate.

### Requested Readings:

Davies, Norman: Europe – A History, Harper Perennial, 2005  
Dinan, Desmond: Ever Closer Union, Lynne Rienner, 2005  
McCormick, John: Understanding the European Union, Lynne Rienner, 2002, and  
Piper, J.Richard, The Major Nation States in the European Union, Pearson 2005  
Marsh/Mackenstein: The International Relations of the European Union, Pearson 2005

### Recommended Books for further reading (esp. Research Papers):

Almond/Dalton/Bingham Powell/Strom: European Politics Today, Pearson 2005  
Bradshaw, White, Dymond: World Regional Geography (Ch.3, Europe)  
Hazel Smith: European Union Foreign Policy, Pluto Press, 2002  
Robert Kagan, Of Paradise and Power, 2002  
J.S. Nye, The Paradox of American Power, 2002  
Ken Wilson, Jan van der Dusen: The History of the Idea of Europe, Routledge, 1995  
Brian White, Understanding European Foreign Policy, Palgrave 2001  
Michael Quinlan, European Defence Cooperation, - Asset or Threat to NATO? 2001  
Tiersky, Ronald: Europe Today: National Politics, European Integration, 1999  
T. Garton Ash, Free World (America, Europe, the Surprising Future of the West), 2004  
T.R.Reid, The United States of Europe, The New Superpower and the End of American Supremacy) Penguin Press 2002  
Jeremy Rifkin, The European Dream, Penguin Press 2004  
Brent Nelsen, The European Union, Readings on the Theory and Practice ..., 2003

### Recommended News/Media:

National Public Radio, BBC (Radio Stations)  
The Economist (British weekly magazine), Financial Times (British Daily)

### Class Topics and Schedule:

Part I (approx. Week 1 to 5): General Introduction and Presentation of the Course, Basic Political Geography and Statistics; Overview of the History and Identity of Europe and its Nations States, and the historical events leading to the idea of the Unification of Europe.

Principal readings: Bradshaw, White: Contemporary World Regional Geography, Ch.3;  
Norman Davies: Europe – A History

Part II (approx. week 6 to 10): The European Union: its underlying Treaties, Laws, Historical Evolution, its Institutions, Policies, Laws and Procedures.

Principal readings: J.Richard Piper, The Major Nation States in the European Union, and Desmond Dinan, Ever Closer Union, 1999; also John McCormick, Understanding the European Union, 2002

Part III (approx. week 11 to 14): EU-External Relations, including external trade policies, development cooperation, Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), and the US-EU-Relationship. Principal Readings: Desmond Dinan (1999, esp. Ch.17, 18), and J.Richard Piper (op.cit.).