

Winter 2006 - History 391 – Political Science 389  
History of European Integration: 1945 to the Present.

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The construction of the European Union is arguably the most exciting and controversial political experiment today. This course aims to introduce students from a variety of humanistic and social scientific backgrounds to the study of European integration and trans-national identity formation, viewed as contested and contingent historical processes. Rather than viewing the history of European integration as an inevitable, linear, and self-contained institutional movement envisioned by a handful of founding fathers and implemented by their followers, we will focus on the often contentious debates which have surrounded the practices and meanings of political and economic governance, citizenship, and cultural identity. Thus topics will include not only a historical overview of the institutional innovations which have led from post-WWII reconstruction to the adoption of a single currency (the Euro) in 2002, but also a discussion of how Europeans have encouraged and resisted integrative processes at the levels of technological change, popular culture, and social movements. Particular attention will also be devoted to the evolving relationships between western Europe and the rest of the world, especially eastern Europe, the US, and the post-colonial countries.

Requirements:

A mid-term exam (40 percent of final grade); a final quiz (20 percent); and a 6-8-page final paper (40 percent). Study sheets for the exams and a list of questions for the final paper will be handed out in advance. You are welcome to write the final paper on a topic of your choice, but you have to inform me of your plans and receive my approval.

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY AND WILL BE VERIFIED. A large number of unjustified absences (beyond 3) will negatively affect your grade.

Readings:

- Alasdair Blair, The European Union Since 1945;
- Leo Lucassen, The Immigrant Threat;
- Course packet

The books are available at Shaman Drum. The course packet is available at Accucopy.

Weekly plan (cp = in course packet)

Part I – History

Week 1

Jan 9 – Introduction

Jan 11 - The aftermath of WWII, the federalist movement and the Marshall Plan (1945-48)

Readings:

- Altiero Spinelli and Ernesto Rossi, Ventotene Manifesto (cp)

Week 2

Jan 16 – No Class (MLK Day)

Jan 18 – The “founding fathers” and the European Coal and Steel Community (1948-52)

Readings:

- Blair, chapters 1 and 2 and relative documents;
- William Hitchcock, France, the Western Alliance, and the Origins of the Schuman Plan 1948-1950 (cp)

Week 3

Jan 23 – The Treaties of Rome and the foundation of the EEC (1952-58)

Jan 25 – The rise and fall of De Gaulle (1958-69)

Readings:

- Blair, chapter 3 and relative documents;
- Stanley Hoffman, De Gaulle, Europe, and the Atlantic Alliance (cp)

Week 4

Jan 30 – The EC in the 1970s: Northern Enlargement, Economic Crisis and Eurosclerosis (1969-79)

Feb 1 – Mediterranean enlargement and the Single European Act (1980-88)

Readings:

- Blair, chapter 4 and relative documents;
- Desmon Dinan, The Transformation of the European Community (cp)

Week 5

Feb 6 – The fall of Communism in Eastern Europe and the unification of Germany (1989-91)

Feb 8 – The treaty on European Union and its ratification (1992-95)

Readings:

- Blair, chapter 5 and relative documents;
- Noel O’Sullivan, Political Thought in East-Central Europe: From Empires to European Union (cp)

## Week 6

Feb 13 – The road to the Euro (1991-2002)

Oct 15 – The EU and the dissolution of Yugoslavia (1991-95)

Readings:

- Blair, chapter 6 and 7;
- Jeffrey Frieden, The Euro: Who wins? Who loses? (cp)
- Eldegard Mahant, Foreign policy and European identity (cp)

## Week 7

Feb 20 – The eastern enlargement and the constitution (1991-2005)

Feb 22 – **Midterm Exam**

- Jan Zielonka, Challenges of enlargement (cp)
- Bernard Cassen, Attac Against the Treaty (cp)
- Articles from The Economist (cp)

## Part II – Analysis and policies

## Week 8

March 6 – The politics of agriculture

March 8 – The EU and the developing world

Readings:

- Elmar Rieger, The Common Agricultural Policy. Politics against markets (cp)
- Ismael Montana, The Lomé Convention from inception to the dynamics of the post-Cold War, 1957-1990s (cp)

## Week 9

March 13 – Integration as a legal process

March 15 – Environmental and social policies

Readings:

- Clive Archer, The Council of Europe (cp);
- Articles from Forum (cp);
- Stephan Liebrich and Paul Pierson, Social policy. Left to courts and markets (cp)
- Alberta Sbragia, Environmental policy (cp)

## Week 10

March 20 – Security and foreign policy

March 22 – Europe and the US—before and after 9/11

Readings:

- John McCormick, The EU and the World (cp);
- Ingo Schmidt, Europe: On the Road to Hegemony or Caught in Crisis? (cp);
- Nicholas Fraser, Le Divorce (cp)

### Part III – The politics of identity

Week 11

March 27 – A short history of European identity

March 29 – The opponents of integration

Readings:

- Luisa Passerini, From the Ironies of Identity to the Identities of Irony (cp);
- Talal Asad, Muslims and European Identity: Can Europe Represent Islam? (cp);
- Robert Maier, Does a Supranational Europe Stimulate and/or Combat Racism? (cp)

Week 12

April 3 - The politics of immigration and exclusion

April 5 – Movie: “Fortress Europe”

Readings:

- Leo Lucassen, The Immigration Threat (pp. 1-24 and 113-213)

Week 13

April 10 – Conclusions: What Europe?

April 12 – Discussion and preparation for final exam and papers

Readings:

- Alina Mungiu-Pippidi, Beyond the new borders (cp)
- Stephen Kinzer, Will Turkey make it? (cp)
- Excerpt from Jeremy Rifkin, excerpt from The European Dream (cp)

April 17 – **Final quiz**

The **final paper** is due Friday, April 21 at 2PM in a box next to my office door (2765 Haven).