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Fall Term 2008
Aug 19-Oct 3

POLI 733, GEC room 1009
Mo, Wed, Fri 9-11:30

European Integration - Theories, Institutions and Decision-Making Processes

This seminar will introduce students to key concepts and developments of European politics. We will begin with a brief introduction of the European integration process, then cover major theories of integration, the institutions of the EU, including the most recent EU-reform process and major policies. Why do states transfer sovereignty to the European level? Which political and economic forces moved the integration forward and contributed to the evolution of institutional changes? How did the conceptions of a common Europe change over time and what is the impact of enlargement on integration? How do citizens view integration?

The seminar will be taught as an intensive course three times a week. The format of the class includes introductory lectures, student presentations, and seminar discussions.

Required Readings:

- Desmond Dinan, *Ever Closer Union. An Introduction to European Integration*, Boulder/London: Lynne Rienner Publishers 2005
- Antje Wiener and Thomas Diez, eds.: *European Integration Theory*, Oxford: Oxford University Press 2005

Recommended Readings:

- Desmond Dinan: *Europe Recast. A History of the European Union*, Boulder Col.: Lynne Rienner Publishers 2004
- Liesbet Hooghe and Gary Marks, *Multi-Level Governance and European Integration*, Lanham et.al.: Rowman and Littlefield 2001
- Brent F. Nelsen and Alexander Stubb, eds., *The European Union: Readings on the Theory and Practice of European Integration* 2004
- Peter Poole, *Europe Unites: The EU's Eastern Enlargement*, Praeger Publisher 2003
- Ben Rosamond, *Theories of European Integration*, New York: St. Martin's Press 2000
- Jürg Steiner and Markus M. L. Crepaz: *European Democracies*, 5th edition, New York: Paerson and Longman 2007
- Milada Vachudova: *Europe Undivided. Democracy, Leverage and Integration after Communism*, Oxford: Oxford University Press 2005

Journals, newspapers and Internet sites

Journals	Newspapers & Magazines	Internet sites
Journal of European Public Policy Journal of Common Market Studies European Union Politics West European Politics	The Financial Times The Economist	http://www.europa.eu.int (home page of the EU)

Course Requirements

“Event of the week” in European politics (15%).

Each student will give a short presentation in class addressing a current issue about European integration that draws on newspaper articles and other first hand sources.

Midterm (30%). This will consist of short answer questions and will take place during the fourth week of class (September 12).

Research Paper (40%). Each student will write a 12-15 page research paper related to the topics of the class. The papers are due in class on Oct 3.

Attendance and regular participation in class discussions (15%).

Course Schedule

Week 1 Aug 20, 22

Introduction: Understanding European Integration - The Transfer of State Sovereignty

Topics: The meaning of “Europe”; what is integration; constructing the EU

Readings: Dinan, *Ever Closer Union*, chap. 1, 2 and 3

Rosamond, *Theories of European Integration*, Introduction and chap. 1

Additional Reading: Wiener/Diez, *Introducing the Mosaic of Integration Theory*

THE EVOLUTION OF THE EU AND THEORIES OF INTEGRATION

Week 2 Aug 25, 27, 29

Theorizing: Federalism; Neofunctionalism; Liberal Intergovernmentalism

Themes: The federal idea of Europe; contractualism and constitutionalism; inter-state bargaining; citizens and states

Readings: Dinan, *Ever Closer Union*, chap. 4, 5

Burgess, *Federalism*, in: Wiener/Diez, pp. 25-44

Schimmelfennig, *Liberal Intergovernmentalism*, in: Wiener/Diez, pp. 75-96

Additional Reading: Rosamond: *Theories of European Integration*, chap. 2, 3 (“Federalism” and “Neofunctionalism”), chap. 4 and 6 (“Backlash, Critique and Contemplation,”

“Intergovernmental Europe?”)

Week 3 Sept 3, 5

Constructing the EU: Multi-Level Governance and Social Constructivism

Topics: What is multi-level governance? Structure and agency; European identity

Readings: Jachtenfuchs and Kohler Koch, *Governance and Institutional Development*, in: Wiener/Diez, pp. 97-116

Risse, *Social Constructivism*, in: Wiener/Diez, pp. 159-176

Additional Reading: Hooghe, Marks, *Multi-Level Governance and European Integration*, chap. 1, 2, 3 (Multi-level Governance in the EU; A Historical Perspective; Multiple Identities)

EU-INSTITUTIONS and DECISION-MAKING

Week 4 Sept. 8, 10, 12 (Midterm) Governance, Institutions, and EU-Reforms

Topics: What is the role of EU-institutions? Is there a democratic deficit? Does Europe need a constitution? Why was the Lisbon Treaty rejected?

Readings: Dinan, *Ever Closer Union*, chap. 6 (Constitutional Change), chap. 7 and 8 (Commission, European Council) chap. 9 and 10 (The European Parliament)

Pollack, *The New Institutionalisms*, in: Wiener/Diez, pp. 137-156

Additional Readings: Culpepper, Pepper D. "Europe in Search of Political Order." *West European Politics* 31.3 (May 2008): 624-625

Andrew Moravcsik: "What can we learn from the Collapse of the European Constitutional Project" <http://www.princeton.edu/~amoravcs/library/PVS04.pdf>

http://europa.eu/institutions/index_en.htm

POLICIES OF THE EU

Week 5 Sept. 15, 17, 19 Policies of the EU

Topics: Europeanization; modes of integration and cooperation; three pillars of EU Common Market, Monetary and Economic Union; Justice and Home Affairs; Common Foreign and Security Policy

Readings: Dinan, *Ever Closer Union*, chap. 11 and 15 (Agricultural Policy, Single Market) chap. 17 (immigration)

Catherine Hoskyns: *Gender Perspectives*, in: Wiener/Diez, pp. 217-236

Week 6 Sept. 22, 24, (26)

Common Foreign and Security Policy and EU-enlargement

Topics: How did Eastern enlargement come about? The EU and the Balkans; the future of enlargement and the role of Turkey

Readings: Dinan, *Ever Closer Union*, 16, 18

Schimmelfennig, Frank (2000): The Community Trap. Liberal Norms, Rhetorical Action, and the Eastern Enlargements of the European Union, in: *International Organization*, Vol. 55, No. 1, pp. 47-80

Week 7 Sept. 29, Oct 1, 3

The EU and the United States

Topics: The global role of the EU; Europe as a “civil power”? European perspectives of the US-elections

Readings: Rosamond, *Theories of European Integration*, chap, 7, “Europe and the World“
Newspaper articles