POLI 4074
POLITICS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Time: 9:40 – 10:30
Day: MWF
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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 simulation.

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

Students will participate in an in-class simulation of European Union politics. The simulation will be an exercise in dealing with a financial crisis in an EU member state. In preparation for the simulation, students will write brief papers outlining the positions they will take during the negotiations. Details about the simulation will be handed out during the course of the semester.

Two short graded writing assignments will be given during the course of the semester (in addition to the position paper described above).

There will be a midterm exam and a cumulative final exam.

Requirements will be weighted as follows:
2 Short Papers 10% each; Simulation 20%; Mid Term 30%; Final: 30%

Textbooks:

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

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

Aug. 27  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"
        Online reading
        Arthur N. Holcombe "An American View of European Union "
        The American Political Science Review Vol. 47, No. 2 (Jun., 1953), pp. 417-430

Aug. 30  Functionalism in postwar Europe
        In The European Union Readings...
        "A Working Peace System"
        "The Uniting of Europe"
        "Ferment of Change"
        "Political Integration: Definitions and Hypotheses"

Sept 3.  Precursors/competitors to the European Economic Community:
        In European Union Politics
        Ch. 2. Derek Urwin: The European Community: From 1945 to 1985
        (Pages 15-23)
        In The European Union Readings...
        "the Schuman Declaration"
        Online readings
        the Pleven Plan (EDC)
Sept 3. **The ECSC**

Sept 6- no class Labor Day

Sept 8. **Transactional theories and neofunctionalism**
Read (before class)
- In *The European Union Readings* ...
- "Political Community and the North Atlantic Area"
- *In European Union Politics* Ch. 5: Carsten Stroby-Jensen: Neofunctionalism

Sept 10. **The European Community**
- *In European Union Politics*
  - Ch. 2: Derek Urwin: The European Community: From 1945 to 1985
    (Pages 23-31)
  - *In The European Union Readings* ...
    - "Preamble of Treaties of Paris and Rome"

Sept 13 **The Luxembourg compromise**
- In *The European Union Readings* ...
  - "A Concert of European States"
  - "Obstinate or Obsolete"

Sept 15. **Intergovernmentalism**
- *In European Union Politics* Ch. 6: Michelle Cini: Intergovernmentalism

Sept 17 **Relaunch**
- *In European Union Politics*
  - Ch. 3: David Phinnemore: The European Union: Establishment and Development
  - *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"

Sept 20 **European Union**
Read (before class)
- In *The European Union Readings* ...
  - "A Family of Nations"
  - "A Necessary Union"
  - "Preamble of the Treaty on European Union"

Sept 22 **The contemporary European Union**
- *In European Union Politics* Ch. 4: Clive Church and David Phinnemore: From the Constitutional Treaty to the Treaty of Lisbon
  - *In The European Union Readings* ...
    - "Preamble of the Treaty of Nice"
"reflects on a Constitution for Europe"

Sept 24  Making sense of the EU now
       In European Union Politics Ch. 7: Ben Rosamond: New theories of European Integration

Sept 27 What have we here? Life after theories of integration.
       Read (before class)
       In The European Union Readings ...
          "The Political Theory of Federalism"
          "Multi-Level Governance in the European Union"
          "Social Construction and European Integration"
          "The Governance Approach to European Integration"

Part II. Institutions of the European Union

Sept 29. Institutions
Theories of institutional autonomy post TEU
       Read (before class)
       In The European Union Readings ...
          "Delegation and Agency in the European Community"
       online reading:
          Paul Pierson "path dependence"

Oct 1. The European Commission
       In European Union Politics Ch. 8: Morten Egeberg: The European Commission

Oct 4. The European Commission Part II
       Online reading

Oct 6 The European Council
       In European Union Politics Ch. 9: Jeffrey Lewis: The Council of the European Union

Oct 8 The European Parliament
       In European Union Politics Ch. 10: Roger Scully: The European Parliament

Oct 11 - Elections to the European Parliament
       online reading

Oct 15 The European Court of Justice
       In European Union Politics Ch. 11: Illias Kapsis: The Courts of the European Union
Oct 18 Judicial Review in the EU

Oct 20 Lobbying and Interest Groups
In European Union Politics Ch. 12: Rainer Eising: Interest Groups and the European Union

Oct 22- no class fall holiday

Part III. Politics and policies of the European Union

Oct 25 Overview of Policy Making
In European Union Politics Ch. 13: Alex Warleigh-Lack and Ralf Drachenberg: Policy Making in the European Union

Oct 27 Free Trade And Movement
In European Union Politics Ch. 16: Michelle Egan: The Single Market

Oct 29 Agriculture
In European Union Politics Ch. 21: Eve Fouilleux: The Common Agricultural Policy

Nov 1 Social Policy
In European Union Politics Ch. 17: Gerda Falkner: The EU’s Social Dimension

Nov 3 EMU
In European Union Politics Ch. 20: Amy Verdun: Economic and Monetary Union

Nov 5 Optimal Currency Areas
Readings TBA

Nov 8 Structural Policy
In European Union Politics Ch. 18: Marco Brunazzo: Regional Europe

Nov 10 Police and Immigration
In European Union Politics Ch. 19: Ernek Ucarer: Justice and Home Affairs

Nov 12 EU Foreign Policy I
In European Union Politics Ch. 14: Mike Smith: European Union External Relations

Nov 15 EU Foreign Policy I
In European Union Politics Ch. 15: Robert Dover: From CFSP to ESDP: the EU’s Foreign, Security, and Defense Policies
Nov 17 The Environment
   In European Union Politics Ch. 22: Andy Jordan & David Benson: Environmental Policy

Nov 19 Politics and the European Union
   In European Union Politics Ch. 23: Dimitris Chryssochocou: Europe's Contested Democracy
   Online Reading

Nov 22 Public Opinion
   In European Union Politics Ch. 24: Lauren McLaren: Public Opinion and the EU

Nov 24 Transformation of European Societies
   In European Union Politics Ch. 25: Tanja Boerzel & Diana Panke: Europeanization

Nov 26- no class thanksgiving

Nov 29 Enlargement and Turkey
   In European Union Politics Ch. 26: Ian Barnes & Pamela Barnes: Enlargement

Dec 1 Simulation of financial crisis
Dec 3 Review