This course focuses on the process and impact of EU enlargement in the northern European and Baltic Sea region. It assesses the experience of about one-quarter, i.e., six of the twenty-five current EU members, including Denmark (member since 1973), Sweden (1995), Finland (1995), Estonia (2004), Latvia (2004), and Lithuania (2004). The topics covered in the class will include the following: historical background and campaigns for EU membership; public opinion regarding EU membership and differing Nordic and Baltic perspectives; the role of small states in the EU; national vs. regional and European identities; constitutional issues, especially structural and administrative questions raised by the EU expansion process; the impact of EU membership on economic development, society, domestic and foreign politics, and cultural life; economic integration and the single currency issue; transnational migration and labor mobility; and minority issues. Among the questions addressed in this class are the following. What is distinctive about Nordic and Baltic perspectives on the EU? Why do Scandinavians have the reputation of being “reluctant Europeans”? What role can small states play in a 25-member organization, seemingly dominated by large countries? What are the implications of EU membership for state sovereignty? To what extent has EU membership solved the security dilemmas of the Nordic and Baltic states? Are there clear socioeconomic winners and losers in the societies during the EU era? Is EU membership a threat to national cultures?

The written requirements of the class will be as follows: a midterm exam, a final exam (both of the essay type), and a 6-8-pp. paper, due April 24. The topic for the paper, on an issue related to the focus of the class, will be chosen by the student, with instructor approval. Oral participation is encouraged, and a strong performance in this area will enhance a student’s grade.

**Week 1** January 9, 11

1. Introduction
2. Physical Setting

**Week 2** January 16, 18

3. The Nordic Countries in Historical Perspective
4. Denmark, Sweden, and Finland Since World War II
   Stein Kuhle, “The Scandinavian Welfare State in the 1990s: Challenged but Viable,” *West
Week 3 January 23, 25

5. The Baltic States in Historical Perspective
   Alfred Erich Senn, The Emergence of Modern Lithuania (New York, 1959), 1-18
   Toivo Raun, “The Latvian and Estonian National Movements, 1860-1914,” Slavonic and
   East European Review, 64 (1986), 66-80
   Joseph Rothschild, East Central Europe Between the Two World Wars (Seattle, 1974), 367-
   381

6. Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania Since World War II
   Baltic Forum, 1, no. 1 (1984), 39-52
   Toivo Raun, “The Baltic States After the Collapse of the Soviet Union,” Hungarian Studies,

Week 4 January 30, February 1

7. Overview of the History of the EU
   Alasdair Blair, The European Union Since 1945 (New York, 2005), 3-63

8. Structure and Major Institutions of the EU
   Blair, European Union, 64-90

Week 5 February 6, 8

9. Background to Nordic Membership in the EU
   Tapio Raunio and Teija Tiilikainen, Finland in the European Union (London, 2003), 21-42

10. The Debate over EU Membership in the Baltic States
    Evald Mikkel and Geoffrey Pridham, “Clinching the ‘Return to Europe’: The Referendums
    on EU Accession in Estonia and Latvia,” West European Politics, 27 (2004), 716-748

Week 6 February 13, 15

11. Reluctant Europeans? Euroskepticism in Scandinavia
    Sieglinde Gstöhl, Reluctant Europeans: Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland in the Process
    of Integration (Boulder, Colo., 2002), 211-224
    Catharina Sørensen, “Denmark, the EU and Public Opinion–Scepticism Mixed with Pro-
Integrationist Sentiments?,” M. Herslund and R. Samson, ed., Unity in Diversity (Copenhagen, 2005), 133-157

12. The EU Pro and Con: Public Opinion in the Baltic States
   Simon Hix, The Political System of the European Union (New York, 2005), 147-174

Week 7 February 20, 22

13. Nordic and Baltic Views of the EU Structure and Constitution
14. The Role of Small States in the EU

Week 8 February 27, March 1

15. Midterm exam–February 27
16. Domestic Politics in the EU Era
   Erik Damgaard, “Conclusion: The Impact of European Integration on Nordic Parliamentary Democracies,” T. Bergman and E. Damgaard, eds., Delegation and Accountability in European Integration (London, 2000), 151-169

Week 9 March 6, 8

17. Small States in a Globalized World
18. Impact of EU Membership on Foreign Policy
   Hanna Ojanen and Kristi Raik, “The Strategic Impact for Northern Europe and the Baltics,”
   E. Brimmer and S. Fröhlich, eds., The Strategic Implications of European Union Enlargement (Washington, DC, 2005), 27-52
   Raunio and Tiilikainen, Finland in the European Union, 129-145
Week 10  March 20, 22

    Christopher S. Browning and Pertti Joenniemi, “Regionality Beyond Security? The Baltic

20.  Economic Integration and the Euro-Outsiders
    Brian Ardy, et al., Adjusting to EMU (New York, 2006), 225-239

Week 11  March 27, 29

21.  Economic Integration and the Euro-Insiders
    Ardy, Adjusting to EMU, 207-224, 265-286

22.  Winners and Losers in Society During the EU Era
    Readings TBA

Week 12  April 3, 5

23.  Transnational Migration and Labor Mobility
    Einhorn and Logue, Modern Welfare States, 174-190

24.  EU Impact on Ethnic Minorities

Week 13  April 10, 12

25.  Identities–National, Regional, European I
    John Hutchinson, “Enduring Nations and the Illusions of European Integration,” W. Spohn
    and A. Triandafyllidou, eds., Europeanisation, National Identities and Migration (London, 2003), 36-51

26.  Identities–National, Regional, European II
Teija Tiilikainen, “Finland—An EU Member with a Small State Identity,” Journal of European Integration, 28 (2006), 73-87

Week 14 April 17, 19


Week 15 April 24, 26
