THE POLITICS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

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This course introduces students to the twin processes of economic and political integration within the European Community. The course requires a commitment to extensive reading, thoughtful class discussion, and summaries of readings which are presented—in both written and oral form—to fellow classmates and a major research paper. The paper should be roughly 10,000 words in length; GSPIA MA students may choose to write a policy paper. The topic of both the research paper and the policy paper must be cleared with me, and the research paper should include the use of primary documents.

There will also be ten short writing assignments (two single-spaced pages each). More details will be given in class.

Specialized databases, newsletters, and bibliographic sources (Agence Europe, European Access, Reuters database, Ends Report, European Report, etc) are available in Hillman Library. Hillman is an EC Depository Library and therefore has an extensive collection of official EC/EU documents and is also the sponsor of the Archive of European Integration (http://aei.pitt.edu) Students are expected to become well acquainted with library resources and to take full advantage of them in preparing for class and in writing the research paper. Students are encouraged to join the European Union Studies Association (a two-year student membership is $55); EUSA's website is www.eustudies.org

It is assumed that students will come to class well-prepared and to participate vigorously in class discussion. As Pitt hosts one of only 10 designated European Union Centers of Excellence (EUCE) in the US, all students are expected to attend the lectures given by visiting speakers whenever possible.

All students are required to subscribe to the Financial Times, the leading English-language newspaper on EU affairs. www.ft.com has subscription information. Be certain to get the student rate. Note: In the "ID Number" field on the subscription form, use your Pitt ID number on your student ID card.

The following books are required and can be purchased at the University Bookstore:


Maria Green Cowles and Desmond Dinan (eds.) *Developments in the European Union* Palgrave MacMillan, 2004


The following are recommended and may be useful in formulating your research question:


These articles are very strongly recommended as background readings for this course:


If you have any disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation, you are encouraged to contact both the Office of Disability Resources and Services, 216 William Pitt Union, (412) 648-7890/ (412) 383-7355 (ITY) and me as early as possible in the term. DRS will verify your disability and determine reasonable accommodations for this course.

**Week I: Overview of the Course**  
*(8/30/2005)*

**Week II: Introduction to the European Community/European Union**  
*(9/6/2005)*


Students should use these three assignments as a reference to help them understand the theoretical works which we will be reading for the next few weeks.

**Week III: Analytical Attempts to Understand a New Form of Political Organization.**  
*(9/13/2005)*

Ben Rosamond. *Theories of European Integration.* Palgrave, 2000, Chapters I, III, IV, V and VI.


Recommended:


Liesbet Hooghe and Gary Marks, Multi-Level Governance and European Integration, Rowman & Littlefield, 2001, Chapter I.


Alberta Sbragia, Euro-Politics, Brookings Institution, 1992

Olivier Costa; Paul Magnette “The European Union as a consociation? a methodological assessment” West European Politics Volume 26, Number 3, July 2003 pp. 1-18


**Week IV: Explaining Integration**

(9/20/2005)


Make sure to contrast this argument with that of Moravscik and Haas

Ernst B. Haas. *The Uniting of Europe: Political, Social, and Economic Forces 1950-1957*, University of Notre Dame Press, 2004 [read only the new introduction by Haas]


**Recommended:**

Special issue on neo-functionalism: *Journal of European Public Policy*  
Volume 12, Number 2 / April 2005


**HOW THE EUROPEAN UNION WORKS**


E. Bomberg and A. Stubb *The European Union: How Does it Work?*, Oxford University Press, 2003,
chapters 3, 6 and 7

Fifth Edition, 2005, OUP, chapter 3

Recommended:


**DECISION-MAKING**

**Week VI: The Representation of National Interest**  
*(10/4/2005)*


Recommended:


Special issue on the coordination method: Journal of European Public Policy  
Volume 11, Number 2 / April 2004

Jonas Tallberg The Power of the Presidency: Brokerage, Efficiency and Distribution in EU
Week VII: The Representation of Electorates and Interest Groups
(10/11/05)


John Peterson and Michael Shackleton (eds). The Institutions of the European Union, chapters 5 and 12


Recommended:


Special issue on legislative decision-making in the EU: European Union Politics 2004: 5


Giacomo Benedetto “Rapporteurs as legislative entrepreneurs: the dynamics of the codecision procedure in Europe's parliament” Journal of European Public Policy Volume 12, Number 1 pp. 67 - 88 / February 2005
Week VIII: The Importance of Judge-Made Law
(10/18/05)


John Peterson and Michael Shackleton (eds). *The Institutions of the European Union*, chapter 6

Carrubba, Clifford J. “The European Court of Justice, Democracy, and Enlargement” *European Union Politics*, 2003, 4, 1, Mar, 75-100.

Recommended:


**Week IX: The Regulatory State (10/25/2005)**


**Recommended:**


**Week X: The Single Market**

*(11/01/05)*


E. Bomberg and A. Stubb *The European Union: How Does it Work?*, Oxford University Press, 2003, chapter 6


**Recommended:**


Week XI: The EMU  
(11/08/05)

Mark Gilbert Surpassing Realism Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2003, pp. 188-224


Recommended:


Dyson, K. and Featherstone, K. The Road to Maastricht: Negotiating Economic and Monetary Union. OUP, 1999, chapter 1.

**Week XII: Enlargement**

(11/15/05)

Maria Green Cowles and Desmond Dinan (eds.) Developments in the European Union Palgrave MacMillan, 2004, chapter 1


Gary Marks, Liesbet Hooghe, Moira Nelson, and Erica Edwards, “Mapping Party Support for European Integration in a United Europe: All in the Family?” draft paper (will be sent electronically).

**Recommended:**


Judith Kelley, “International Actors on the Domestic Scene: Membership Conditionality and


**Week XIII: The New Europe: Justice and Home Affairs (11/22/05)**

Maria Green Cowles and Desmond Dinan (eds.) *Developments in the European Union* Palgrave MacMillan, 2004, chapters 9 & 10


**Recommended**


**Week XIV: The EU after the Euro (11/29/05)**


**Recommended**


John Peterson and Michael Shackleton (eds). The Institutions of the European Union, chapter 8

Special issue on fiscal policy in the EMU: European Union Politics 2002 3

Special issue on the EMU: Journal of European Public Policy Volume 11, Number 5 / October 2004

Special issue on the EMU and cohesion: Journal of Common Market Studies December 2003 - Vol. 41
Week XV: Europeanization
12/06/05

Maria Green Cowles and Desmond Dinan (eds.) Developments in the European Union Palgrave MacMillan, 2004, chapter 3

The Politics of Europeanization edited by Kevin Featherstone and Claudio Radaelli, Oxford University Press, 2003, chapters one and two

James Caporaso “Europeanization and the Three Worlds of Regional Integration Theory” Paper for APSA Panel “New Directions in Europeanization Research”, Friday, September 2, 2005

Amie Kreppel “Moving in the Other Direction? The Impact of Domestic Party System Change on Italian MEPs” Journal of European Public Policy, 2004, 11, 6, Dec, 975-999


Recommended:


Gerda Falkner, Oliver Treib, Miriam Hartlapp and Simone Leiber Complying with Europe: EU Harmonisation and Soft Law in the Member States, Cambridge University Press, 2005


Falkner, Gerda; Hartlapp, Miriam; Leiber, Simone; Treib, Oliver “Non-Compliance with EU Directives in the Member States: Opposition through the Backdoor?” West European Politics, 2004, 27, 3, May, 452-473.

Francesco Duina and Paulette Kurzer “Smoke in your eyes: the struggle over tobacco control in the European Union” Journal of European Public Policy Volume 11, Number 1 / February 2004, 57-77


Cecile Leconte “The Fragility of the EU as a ‘Community of Values’: Lessons from the Haider Affair” West European Politics May 2005, 28 (3): 620-49

Spyros Economides “The Europeanisation of Greek Foreign Policy” West European Politics March 2005, 28 (2), pp. 471-491]


Research Paper Due December 13, 2005

Week XVI: The Constitutional Debacle (12/13/05)

Maria Green Cowles and Desmond Dinan (eds.) Developments in the European Union Palgrave MacMillan, 2004, chapters 2 & 4

Daniel Thomas “Europe’s Constitutional Crisis in Historical Perspective” Newsletter of the European Union Center, University of Pittsburgh Fall 2005

Newspaper articles will be distributed electronically

Recommended:

Liesbet Hooghe “Europe Divided?: Elites vs. Public Opinion on European Integration” European Union Politics 2003 4: 281-304


Cindy Skach “We, the Peoples? Constitutionalizing the European Union” Journal of Common Market Studies Volume 43 Issue 1 March 2005, 149-170