

European Studies course catalogue winter semester 2010/2011

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Master Forum European Studies – Prof. Dr. Stefan Marschall, Dr. Jörg Waldmann

Wednesday, 14:00 to 16:00, weekly, starting 13.10.2010, building 24.21.03.82

Team projects bring together small groups of students with a diverse cultural background who devise research questions relating to European Studies, conduct a research project and present the results orally and in a written report. The weekly master forum offers a regular platform for discussing issues and problems relevant to the course of study, including students' feedback and evaluation of the master programme. More specifically, the master forum prepares students for their team projects, including

- a) a compact presentation of social science methods frequently used in European studies (including case study method, policy analysis, process tracing, analysis of documents, interview techniques, systematic literature research)
- b) the setting up of research teams, the development of research projects, the presentation and discussion of research drafts and the preparation of the master meeting.

Master Course – Civilizing Impacts of European Integration - Dr. Jörg Waldmann

Tuesday, 11:00-13:00, starting 19.10.2010, building 23.31.02.26

The multi-layered processes of European cooperation and integration constituted an area of peace and security. The use of violence between European states participating in these integration projects seems to be unthinkable today. How does political theory explain this phenomenon? What is crucial about the functionalistic idea of a 'working peace'? And - can Europe serve as a role model for other regions in the world?

The class aims to provide students with appropriate scientific expertise to answer these questions, or, at least, to come close to a suitable and satisfying answer. Based on Dieter Senghaas' Civilisational Hexagon different aspects of integration will be analysed in order to understand how Europeanization changed conflict management and generated new normative standards.

Master Course - European Union Foreign Policy in a Changing World – Dr. Jörg Waldmann

Tuesday, 16:00 – 18:00, starting 12.10.2010, building 23.02.U1.61

The European Union, representing more than 500 million citizens and the world's largest internal market, is acknowledged as an economic superpower. European Institutions conduct a tremendous number of external policies and assemble a large range of competencies to do so. However, the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), incorporated into the integration process by the Maastricht Treaty in 1992, has to be perceived as a latecomer. Since most CFSP provisions are related to

intergovernmental decision-making, many scholars doubt that a coherent foreign policy will ever be possible.

This class, though, will put particular emphasis on CFSP and the accompanying European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP). The historic developments and achievements have to be addressed as well as current problems and shortcomings in this policy area. After analysing and assessing CFSP policy, politics and political we will explore how Europeanization affected and affects Member States. Selected national foreign policies and their contribution to CFSP have to be compared in this second block.

Literature:

Stephan Keukeleire/ Jennifer MacNaughtan 2008: *The Foreign Policy of the European Union*, Basingstoke & New York
Karen E. Smith 2008: *European Union Foreign Policy in a Changing World*, Cambridge

Master Course - Democracy in the European Union – Prof. Dr. Stefan Marschall

Thursday, 11:00- 13:00, starting 14.10.2010, building 23.02.U1.23

The seminar focuses on the democratic quality of the European Union. As policy-making has shifted to a remarkable extent to the EU-level, the question of democratic legitimacy of the processes and the output of the decision-making in these supranational structures has emerged within the last decades. Many scholars of political science have addressed the issue, however they could agree neither on a common diagnosis nor on an endeavor to effectively democratize the political system of the European Union. On the basis of the academic discussion, the seminar will intensively look at the arguments in the debate which support or question the alleged existence of a democratic deficit in the European Union. Furthermore we will address proposed remedies to solve the democratic problem e.g. by parliamentarization, by deliberative democracy or by direct participation of the citizens. One central finding of our discussions might be that the concept as well as the operationalization of democracy beyond nation state has to be reviewed. For each class all students are asked to prepare the assigned reading (approx. 20-30 pages/week). In-class participation is considered obligatory. A basic knowledge of the EU political system is expected from the participants.

Master Course - The EU as an Actor in Global Governance – Dr. Jörg Waldmann

Thursday, 16:00 – 18:00, starting 14.10.2010, building 23.02.U1.21

Beyond its policies covered by the CFSP umbrella the European Union is a major actor in different fora of global governance. How can we sketch EU's actorship in global politics? What is formative on Europe's democratic agenda? Beside these introducing questions the class intends to investigate and assess more civilian external policies of the EU. Special emphasis will be put on the Union's contribution to global environmental governance and climate change regimes or EU's development policy.

Literature:

Mario Telò (ed.) 2009: *The European Union and Global Governance*, London & New York

Master Course - Europe: A History of Conflict and Cooperation – Oliver Kiechle M.A.

Wednesday, 9:00 – 11:00, starting 14.10.2010, building 23.03.01.41

Concentrating on European history from the French Revolution onwards, it is the aim of the seminar to show how this continent has been torn apart over centuries by several conflicts, either national, religious or ideological. At the same time there always have been developed ideas for a peaceful co-operation in Europe - ideas that slowly became reality in the second half of the 20th century.

The seminar is based on the discussion about assigned readings from the relevant academic literature, students are therefore expected to prepare a reading diary for each lesson to have a basis for the discussions.

Basic literature: Blanning, Tim: Oxford History of Modern Europe. Oxford; New York 2000; Davies, Norman: Europe. A History. Oxford, New York 1996; Simpson, William; Jones, Martin: Europe 1783 – 1914. 2nd ed., London; New York 2009.

Master Course - Basic rights and freedoms with(in) the EU – Michael Jörn Vetter

Monday, 16:00 – 18:00, starting 18.10.2010, building 25.13.U1.24

The class will introduce to the fundamental freedoms and basic rights of the EU. The first part of the semester will deal with the four fundamental freedoms of the EU, the second half with the basic rights within the EU. The students will learn how the evaluation of a case works from the perspective of a lawyer and they will exercise to plead their case in a mock trial.

Master Course - The Economics of European Integration - Angélique Herzberg

Thursday, 14:00 – 16:00, starting 14.10.2010, building 25.22. HS 5G

This course provides the theoretical background for what students learned in their first year's course "The European Economy: The Crux of European Integration." Students will be introduced to basic micro- and macroeconomic tools needed to deepen their understanding of key economic drivers of European integration.

Excursion Programme – Dr. Jörg Waldmann

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Language Courses

1. Basic German, Monday, 9:00 - 13:00, - Togrund - starting 18.10.2010,
2. Intermediate German, Monday, 9:00 - 13:00, - Winde - starting 18.10.2010,
Course 1 or course 2 is required for the MA European Studies.
3. Additional language training in German (optional), - Togrund - 9:00 – 11:00, starting 19. 10.2010