

European Studies course catalogue winter semester 2017/2018

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Master Forum European Studies – Prof. Hartwig Hummel/Dr. Jörg Waldmann

Wednesday, 14:30-16:00, weekly, building 23.02.U1.22 (on 29.11.2017 room 23.03.U1.61)
required, starting October 18.

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 program. More specifically, the master forum prepares students for their team projects, including

- 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.

Certificate of attendance (Beteiligungsnachweis) will be issued for regular attendance and preparation of a team research project.

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

Thursday, 10:30-12:00, weekly, building 23.02.U1.22
required, starting October 19

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.

A detailed course outline, further information and relevant literature will be provided via course website.

Master Course - Democracy in the EU - Prof. Hartwig Hummel

Wednesday, 10:30-12:00, weekly, building 23.32.00.66
required, starting October 18

Course Outline: Topic and Goals of the Seminar

Europe is considered the “cradle of democracy”. But what is “democracy” exactly? How does it take shape in political reality? And how does a newly forming polity, like the European Union (EU), meet the credentials of democratic rule? Against the background of these questions, this seminar is structured in four parts. First, we will explore definitions of democracy, the scope and pitfalls of democratic governance, and how democracy can in practice meet the theoretical assumptions. The aim of this part is to develop basic categories of democratic rule that are necessary to speak about democratic rule in a meaningful sense. Second and third, we will turn to the EU and how democracy is exercised in this multilevel system. On the one hand, the spot light will be put on the EU’s alleged “democratic deficit” in order to critically establish your own, analytically founded diagnosis of the specific strengths and pitfalls of EU democracy. On the other hand, we will discuss approaches to democratise the EU. On the basis of the conceptual and general debate of democracy in the EU, we will, fourth, turn to current affairs. Since the wake of the economic and fiscal crisis, many national governments have fallen and the debate about whether decision making on the EU-level is at all legitimate is gaining prominence. Taking up these current affairs, we will return to the key questions of the course: democracy in the European Union.

Course Objective and Teaching Approach

At the end of the term, you should be familiar with the basic characteristics of democratic governance, the specificities for democracy in the EU, and be able to critically scrutinise democratic governance in multilevel political systems. In addition, the course should serve as room to train research relevant skills, in particular presenting an academic argument and drafting an analytical paper. To this end, the sessions in the first three parts will be structured by two readings that present opposed views on the topic of the session. You have to prepare one of the readings in more detail and present its content briefly (10 minutes, only!) for one of the sessions. The fourth part, discussing current affairs, is reserved for your exclusive inputs. You are expected to prepare (one of) these sessions from materials collected in the media and academic outlets and anchor these in the seminars’ context. Sessions 11-13 will accordingly be interactive debates based on the inputs developed in teams.

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

Tuesday, 14:30-16:00, weekly, building 23.02.U1.61
elective (alt. course Foreign Policy), starting October 17

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 actorness 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.

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Literature:

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

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

Tuesday, 10:30-12:00, weekly, building 23.02.U1.23

elective (alt. course Global Governance), starting October 17

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 politics 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.

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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 - Europe: A History of Conflict and Cooperation – Dr. Oliver Kiechle

Tuesday, 12:30-14:00, weekly, building 23.03.01.63

elective (alt. Law), starting October 17

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 cooperation 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 presentation for one of the block days to have a basis for discussion.

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 freedoms and basic rights within the EU - Michael Vetter

Wednesday, 08:30-10:00, weekly, building 24.21.U1.81

elective (alt. course History), starting October 18

The class will introduce students 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 also learn how the evaluation of a case in European Law works from the perspective of a lawyer.

Master Course - The Economics of European Integration - Lisa Hamelmann

Thursday, 12:30-14:00, building 24.31.00.006, starting October 19,

required, from October 26 onwards two consecutive courses depending on the respective level:

Thursday, 12:30-14:00, 24.31.00.005 (Advanced Course) or Thursday, 14:30-16:00, 24.31.00.005 (Basic Course)

The Economics of European Integration is the core economics course in the Master's programme in European Studies. 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

Required, Placement test October 09 at 10:00, building 25.22.U1.55

For detailed information on courses and conditions visit the 'Department German as a Foreign Language' website.

1. Basic German – Roos

Monday, 8:30-12:00, building 24.21.U1.81, from October 16 onwards

2. Intermediate German – Brendel

Monday, 16:30-20:00, building 23.02.U1.24, from October 16 onwards