



PO 382 FRENCH FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN POLICY

IES Abroad Paris

DESCRIPTION:

After the horror of World War Two, the nations of Western Europe looked to create new relations founded no longer on the use of force but rather of confidence and law between themselves and the rest of the world. They drafted a project to create an "ever closer union among the peoples of Europe" by creating institutions, political practices, and a unified market. This European body has slowly become a major economic actor in global commerce.

The geopolitical upheavals of 1989 (the fall of the Iron Curtain and the Berlin Wall along with the collapse of the USSR in 1991) made it necessary for the international political affirmation of this European body and the creation of the "European Union" (EU) with the Treaty of Maastricht in 1992. After the implementation of the euro (2002) the EU grew to encompass the nations of old Eastern Europe (2004-2007). There are now 28 EU member states (Croatia became a member in July 2013).

Despite economic and political crises, the EU continues to attract neighboring states, such as Turkey and Ukraine, and to test its geographical limits. Due to these crises, however, the EU also incites the skepticism of member nations considering withdrawal. For example, the British Prime Minister David Cameron announced the organization of the referendum "Brexit" in 2017.

The adaptation of the EU to its growing size and complex global geopolitical changes after the Cold War has been, and continues to be difficult. The attempt to create a "treaty establishing a European Constitution" failed in 2005. Since 2006-2008 the EU has been confronted by financial, economic, social and monetary crisis. Greece, Portugal, Spain, Ireland, and Italy have all been particularly affected. In Greece and Spain the unemployment rate for youth is more than 50%. The crisis affects the Euro, the solidarity between member states, and the future of the EU.

60 years after its conception, the "European Construction" remains fragile with an uncertain future. 2014 is notable for the European elections that were held in May in each of the 28 EU member states.

CREDITS: 3 credits

CONTACT HOURS: 45 hours

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: French

PREREQUISITES: none

METHOD OF PRESENTATION:

- Lectures
- Student Presentations
- Discussions

REQUIRED WORK AND FORM OF ASSESSMENT:

- Attention, textbook readings, active participation - 25%
- Oral presentation on current events - 25%
- Midterm written exam - 25%
- Final written exam - 25%

Written Exams (Midterm/Final)

The written exams are composed of two parts:

1. a quiz on concepts of the course (dates, people, institutions...)
2. long answer responses in a precise, complete, and organized manner to one question



LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the end of the course students will be able to:

- Determine dates and important events in the European construction
- Evaluate the roles of the different actors in this construction
- Recognize the principle concepts of the EU
- Analyze and discuss in a pertinent manner French and European current events and news
- Present a speech in French on French or European current events
- Articulate in a complete, organized, and precise manner in written responses

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Attendance is mandatory for all course meetings, including visits. Absences and lateness will affect your ability to master class content. In addition, your final grade will be lowered by 1/6 of a letter grade for each absence.

For example:

- Final grade : A-
- 1 absence = A-, 2 absences = B+, 3 absences = B+, 4 absences = B ...

Being more than 15 minutes late to a course counts as an absence. 3 late arrivals (less than 15 minutes) count as an absence.

If a student misses more than 25% of class time, s/he will receive an F in the course.

Assignments and presentations missed because of absences will be given the grade of F.

When absences occur, students must inform their teacher and the French Studies Academic Coordinator as soon as possible (amilan@iesparis.org). In some instances (sickness with doctor's note for example), absences may be excused. If a student believes that an absence should be excused, he or she must contact Scott, Seth or Alexandra.

CONTENT:

Session 1	Content and Keywords	Readings
Session 1	1. Introduction. Presentation of the course, grading rubrics, exercises, and bibliography of the course.	
Session 2	1. Overview of French parties and political figures and of their positions on European issues prior to the municipal elections of March 2014 and the European elections on 25 May 2014. 2. Keywords: Political regimes; Republics; Constitution; Democracy; State; Government; Parliament; Presidential elections; Legislative elections; Direct universal suffrage; Left/Right; Political party system; Bipartisanship and multiparty systems.	• Doc 1: Résultats des élections présidentielles et législatives de 2012

Session 3	1. Overview of the French press, the big French daily newspapers and European issues. 2. Distribution of news presentation exercises. 3. Keywords: "Free"; daily press; weekly press; specialized press; general press; PQR ; PQN.	• Doc 2 : Tableau synthétique de la presse française.
Session 4	1. Current events presentation (think about publishing your articles on Moodle 48 hours in advance) 2. What is Europe? Is Turkey in Europe? Europe vs EU. 3. Keywords: internal borders; external border; Member state; Official candidate; enlargement; accession; Accession process; Accession negotiations; Europeanization	• Doc 3 : Planisphère centré sur l'Europe projection mercator http://cartographie.sciences-po.fr/cartotheque/merceuro.pdf • Doc 4 : Jean-François Bayart, Le Bosphore n'est pas une frontière, L'Express, 29 novembre 2004.
	I. History of Community Living	
Session 5	1. Current events presentation (think about publishing your articles on Moodle 48 hours in advance) 2. The state of Europe in 1945 3. Keywords: assessment (human, material, economic, financial, political, moral, international, European); ruin; shortage; reconstruction.	• Doc 5. Les pertes humaines liées à la Seconde Guerre mondiale
Session 6	1. Current events presentation (think about publishing your articles on Moodle 48 hours in advance) 2. Europe at the heart of the Cold War. The theoretical conclusions of the European integration. 3. Keywords: Cold War; Iron Curtain; Truman Doctrine; containment; Marshall Plan; federalism; Unionism/intergovernmentalism; functionalism.	• Doc 6 : Carte de l'Europe au cœur de la Guerre froide : http://cartographie.sciences-po.fr/cartotheque/division1949.jpg • Doc 7 : discours de Churchill à Fulton (5 mars 1946) • Doc 8 : déclaration Truman (12 mars 1947) • Doc 9 : discours de G. Marshall (5 juin 1947)

Session 7	1. Current events presentation (think about publishing your articles on Moodle 48 hours in advance) 2. The birth of the European Community: the European Coal and Steel Community (CECA). 3. Keywords: functionalism; European Community; European Communities; community process; Community method; Founding Fathers of the Communities.	• Doc 10 : Déclaration Schuman du 9 mai 1950 • Doc 11 : chronologie de la construction de l'Europe communautaire (document à utiliser et réutiliser pour l'ensemble de cette partie historique du cours).
Session 8	1. Current events presentation (think about publishing your articles on Moodle 48 hours in advance) 2. The European Defence Community (EDC) in the European Economic Community (EEC). 3. Keywords: functionalism; European Community; community process; referendum; ratification; sovereignty.	• Doc 12 : Discours de René Pleven, 24 octobre 1950, extraits. • Doc 13 : Le vote contre la CED, 30 août 1954. • Doc 14 : Préambule du traité CEE, Rome 25 mars 1957.
Session 9	1. Current events presentation (think about publishing your articles on Moodle 48 hours in advance) 2. The 1960s: economic success and political difficulties; the imprint of De Gaulle on European Communities. 3. Keywords: Gaullism; sovereignty; sovereignism; veto; crisis of the empty chair; unanimously; qualified majority.	• Doc 15 : Conférence de presse du général De Gaulle, 15 mai 1962, extraits. • Doc 16 : Conférence de presse du général De Gaulle, 14 janvier 1963, extraits. • Vidéo : http://www.ina.fr/politique/elections/video/CAF89034709/conference-de-presse.fr.html
Session 10	1. Current events presentation (think about publishing your articles on Moodle 48 hours in advance) 2. Keywords: currency; monetary system; exchange rate; monetary crisis; currency fluctuations; oil shock; stagflation; competition; unfair competition; monetary dumping; NTBs; Euro-pessimism.	• Doc 17 : Communiqué des chefs de gouvernement de la Communauté (Paris, décembre 1974) • Doc 18 : The President's address to the nation outlining steps to deal with the emergency. November 7, 1973. • Doc 19 : Communiqué publié à l'issue de la réunion des ministres des pays membres de l'OPEP à Koweït, 25 décembre 1973.
Session 11	1. Current events presentation (think about publishing your articles on Moodle 48 hours in advance)	• Doc 20 : Discours de Jacques Delors devant le Parlement européen, 18 février 1987, extraits.

	2. The Single European Act (SEA, 1986): relaunching the European Community. 3. Keywords: Euro-pessimism; cost of non-Europe; recovery; single market; by 1992.	
Session 12	1. Current events presentation (think about publishing your articles on Moodle 48 hours in advance) 2. Keywords: Cold War; bipolarity; Iron Curtain; Alliance; NATO: Warsaw Pact; Berlin Wall; Balance of Terror; Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD); Nuclear deterrence; Soviet bloc; glasnost; perestroika; democratic transition; reunification.	• Doc 21 : Discours de François Mitterrand, Paris, le 19 novembre 1990. • Doc 22 : Déclaration commune, Sommet de Paris pour la nouvelle Europe (19 novembre 1990). • Recommended film : Wolfgang Becker, Good Bye Lenin (2003). • Vidéo : http://www.ina.fr/video/CAB99045422/retro-chute-du-mur.fr.html
Session 13	Midterm Exam	
Session 14	1. Current events presentation (think about publishing your articles on Moodle 48 hours in advance) 2. The 1990s: Maastricht Treaty (1992) the Treaty of Nice (2000) 3. Keywords: sovereignty; ratification; referendum; pillar; Economic and Monetary Union (EMU); Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP); Justice and Home Affairs (JHA); Maastricht criteria	• Doc 23 : Intervention de M. Jacques Delors, président de la Commission, lors de la cérémonie de signature du projet de Traité relatif à l'Union européenne (Maastricht, 7 février 1992) • Doc 24 : « Déclaration relative à l'avenir de l'Union », Nice décembre 2000. • Vidéo: http://www.ina.fr/art-et-culture/litterature/video/CAB97102849/referendum-traite-union-europeenne-plateau-invites.fr.html (en direct à la TV le résultat du référendum sur le traité de Maastricht et des réactions des principales personnalités politiques françaises. Emission très longue - 2h45 mn - mais très bon panorama des vues politiques françaises, du PC au FN, au moment de la naissance de l'Union européenne et des passions... exemple colère à 1h42 et à 2h21 l'allocation officielle du président François Mitterrand).
Session 15	1. Current events presentation (think about publishing your articles on Moodle 48 hours in advance) 2. From the European Union to wider Europe: the challenges of enlargement to the east	• Doc 25 : Carte des élargissements de la Communauté et de l'Union européenne http://cartographie.sciences-po.fr/cartotheque/D06c_elandissements_europe_2010.jpg • Doc 26 : Maurice Duverger, « De la Communauté à la Confédération », Le Monde, 07.06.1991.

	3. Keywords: Article 49 of the Treaty on European Union; Enlargement; membership; Copenhagen criteria; "Screening"; Europeanization; acquis.	• Doc 27 : Thomas Ferenczi, « L'élargissement, à contre-cœur », Le Monde, 13.04.06. • Doc 28 : Déclaration du Conseil européen de Copenhague • Recommended film : Nae Caranfil, Filantropica (2002). • Vidéo : http://www.ina.fr/politique/politique-internationale/video/2171495001004/les-dix-pays-candidats-a-l-union-europeenne.fr.html
	II. Actors and the Decision Process	
Session 16	1. Current events presentation (think about publishing your articles on Moodle 48 hours in advance) 2. The actors of the European construction. The EU's decision-making process. The European elections of 25 May 2014. 3. Keywords: European Council; European Commission; European Parliament; Council; unanimously; consensus; co-decision; Decision making; Weighting of votes; Triple majority.	• Doc 29 : La répartition des compétences entre l'UE et ses Etats membres. • Doc 30 : La pondération des voix au Conseil de l'Union européenne et au Parlement européen.
Session 17	1. Current events presentation (think about publishing your articles on Moodle 48 hours in advance) 2. Euroscepticism and "no" to the EDC Europe in Lisbon. Nigel Farage, UKIP and the temptation of the "Brexit" in the UK. Is the "democratic deficit" of the EU different from that of its member states? A construction "from above". An "ever closer union of the peoples of Europe" without the people? Citizenship of the European Union: a true citizenship? The role of law in European integration. 3. Keywords: Abstain; citizenship; Democratic deficit; democracy; democratization; participation; referendum; Euroscepticism; populism; Primacy of European law.	• Doc 31 : Vivien A. Schmidt, Europe : pour plus de démocratie !, Telos, 19 juillet 2010 • Doc 32 : Fabien Menant, Un déficit démocratique en Europe ? NonFiction.fr, 2 sept 2010. • Regardez sur internet (http://www.ena.lu/?lang=1&doc=30609) l'interview de l'ancien député socialiste européen Pierre Moscovici sur l'évolution des pouvoirs du Parlement européen et le déficit démocratique (Paris, 23 juillet 2008) • Vidéo : http://www.ina.fr/politique/elections/video/VDD09015139/en-allemande-les-elections-europeennes-ne-passionnent-pas.fr.html

	III. Les politiques « domestiques » et internationales de l'UE	
Session 18	1. Current events presentation (think about publishing your articles on Moodle 48 hours in advance) 2. The budget of the European Union and its evolutions, does the EU budget live up to its ambitions? 3. Keywords: Amount; recipes; expenditures; Net beneficiary; Net contributor; Multi-annual budgetary planning; The UK "rebate".	• Doc 33 : Budget 2013 de l'Union européenne • Doc 34 : La programmation budgétaire 2014-2020 • Site à consulter www.touteleurope.fr , pages sur le budget de l'UE. • Vidéo : http://www.ina.fr/economie-et-societe/vie-economique/video/2854866001026/union-europeenne-le-cheque-anglais-blair.fr.html
Session 19	1. Current events presentation (think about publishing your articles on Moodle 48 hours in advance) 2. The major common policies. The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). Regional cohesion policy (PCR). 3. Keywords: food self-sufficiency; Community preference; productivism; agricultural surpluses; environmental degradation; precautionary principle; cohesion; Structural Funds; development; catching up.	• Doc 35 : Marion Gaillard, Succès, déboires et avenir de la PAC, 2011. • Doc 36 : Marjorie Jouen, « D'une programmation à l'autre, les ambitions de la politique régionale se réduisent », Euractiv.fr, 16 septembre 2009. • Recommended film : Erwin Wagenhofer, We feed the world, Le marché de la faim (2005).
Session 20	1. Current events presentation (think about publishing your articles on Moodle 48 hours in advance) 2. The Monetary Union of Europe: the end of the Bretton Woods SMI to the euro. 10 years of euro. The EU and the euro area face the financial and monetary crisis. Threats to the euro. 3. Keywords: European Central Bank (ECB); Maastricht criteria; convergence; European Financial Stabilisation Fund (EFSF); Government / economic governance; European Monetary System (EMS); International monetary system (IMS); Economic and Monetary Union (EMU); Rating agencies.	• Doc 37 : Claire Gatinois, 10 ans après son lancement l'euro cherche un nouvel équilibre, Le Monde, 4 janvier 2009. • Doc 38 : Ne tuez pas l'euro !, 3 décembre 2010, The Economist. • Doc 39 : La mort de l'euro, un fantasme, Jean Quatremer, Coulisses de Bruxelles, 15 décembre 2010. • Doc 40 : L'Estonie devient le 17ème pays de la zone euro, Libé avec AFP 1er janvier 2011 Vidéo : (animation quantitative easing) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTUY16CkS-k

Session 21	1. Current events presentation (think about publishing your articles on Moodle 48 hours in advance) 2. The influence of the EU on the international stage. 3. Keywords: EWC; CFSP; ESDP; Power.	• Doc 41 : Robert Kagan, Power and Weakness, Policy Review, July 2002. • Doc 42 : Parag Khanna, The Metrosexual Superpower, July August 2004. • Recommended film : Danis Tanovic, No man's land (2001).
Session 22	1. Current events presentation (think about publishing your articles on Moodle 48 hours in advance) 2. The Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe. The "no" of the French to the Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe. The Lisbon Treaty: a response to the "no"? What European Union in 2020? 3. Keyword: public opinion; referendum; plebiscite; Popularity; sovereignty; federalism; "Enlargement fatigue"; Parliamentary ratification; democratic deficit; constitutional symbols; Lisbon Strategy; 2020.	• Doc 45 : Résultats du référendum du 29 mai 2005. • Doc 46 : Déclaration de Jacques Chirac à la suite du référendum le 29 mai 2005. • Doc 47 : Ch. Lequesne, Lisbonne : à quoi sert le traité ? Telos, 8 novembre 2007. • Doc 48 : Jean Quatremer, « Trois scénarios pour l'UE en 2020 » Libération, 14 octobre 2009. • Doc 49 : Marc Clément, L'Europe déclassée ?, Telos, 17 juin 2010. • Doc 50 : Charles Kupchan, As nationalism rises, will the European Union fall?, August 29, 2010. • Doc 51 : Niall Ferguson, "2021: The New Europe", The Wall Street Journal, November 19, 2011.

REQUIRED READINGS:

- Documents available on Moodle. The readings are required for each class meeting.

RECOMMENDED READINGS:

- René-Eric Dagorn and other authors, Géopolitique Europe en fiches, Nathan, 2008.
- EU www.europa.eu.int
- Toute l'Europe <https://www.touteleurope.eu/>
- Euractiv <https://www.euractiv.com/>
- EU Observer <https://euobserver.com/>