



IR/HS 341 – ITALY AND THE EUROPEAN UNION
IES Abroad Rome

DESCRIPTION:

An introductory survey of the role that Italy has played within the process of European integration as well as of the impact of that process on Italian society and politics. The first part of the course will examine the origins and the development of European integration from the aftermath of the Second World War to the present in order to provide students with some basic knowledge of the main phases and structures of such a complex phenomenon. It will then focus more in-depth on the specific Italian dimension, by analyzing the role that Italy has played in the process of European integration since World War II until today, and the domestic debate on European integration. It finally debates contemporary European political issues, related to both the internal and external challenges of the EU. Methodologically, the course is based on a combination of both history and political science, with a strong emphasis on international relations.

CREDITS: 3 credits

CONTACT HOURS: 45 hours

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: English

PREREQUISITES: None

ADDITIONAL COST: None

METHOD OF PRESENTATION:

Lectures, seminar discussions, written assignments, simulations

REQUIRED WORK AND FORM OF ASSESSMENT:

- Class participation - 20%
- Midterm - 25%
- Model EU - 25%
- Final exam - 30%

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

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

- Understand the EU decision-making process today and institutional checks and balances;
- Analyze the most important historical events and political processes that have shaped the EEC/European Union in the past 60 years;
- Recognize the institutional and political changes introduced by the founding Treaties and subsequent treaty reforms;
- Analyze the role Italy has played in the process of European integration as an EEC/EU founding state;
- Analyze current EU political issues ;
- Write a policy paper and simulate an EU negotiation.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Attendance is mandatory for all IES classes, including field studies and academic daytrips. Absences are excused only by presenting a medical certificate to the Academic Coordinator.

- 2 percentage points will be deducted from the final grade for every unjustified absence.
- 4 percentage points will be deducted from the final grade in case of an unjustified absence on a scheduled Course-Related Academic Day Trip.

If a student is absent from school for more than 3 consecutive days, the student will be able to access the IES Rome Center and resume classes only by exhibiting a medical certificate to Center staff.

Any exams, tests, presentations, or other work missed due to absences can only be rescheduled in case of documented medical or family emergencies. IES will only consider emergency cases and will strictly adhere to this policy.

CONTENT:

Session	Content	Assignments
Session 1	What is the European Union? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explains the course's aims, content and methodology Gives an overview of the European Community/European Union's phases of enlargement 	
Session 2	What is the European Union? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduces the main concepts of supranational integration vs. intergovernmental cooperation 	
Session 3	The roots of European integration and the making of European communities (1945-1957) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discusses the debate about the future of the nation state in Europe during and after World War II, the interrelationship between the Cold War and European integration, and the different historical interpretations of this phenomenon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Dinan, Ever Closer Union. An Introduction to European Integration, Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2005, Chapter 1. H. Stuart Hughes, The United States and Italy (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1965), Chapter 6, "The Second World War" and Chapter 7, "De Gasperi and the Triumph of Christian Democracy", pp. 112-170.
Session 4	The roots of European integration and the making of European communities (1945 – 1957) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explains the creation of the European Coal and Steel Community, the failure to set up the European Defense Community, and the subsequent creation of the EEC and Euratom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Dinan, Ever Closer Union. An Introduction to European Integration, Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2005, Chapter 1. H. Stuart Hughes, The United States and Italy (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1965), Chapter 6, "The Second World War" and Chapter 7, "De Gasperi and the Triumph of Christian Democracy", pp. 112-170.

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Session 5	A short history of Italian foreign policy: from Italy's early Europeanism to the EEC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An introductory survey to Italy's foreign policy during WWII and its aftermath Explains the beginnings of Italy's Europeanism and De Gasperi's foreign policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E. Di Nolfo, "The Shaping of Italian Foreign Policy during the Formation of the East-West Blocs. Italy between the Superpowers", in E. Di Nolfo (ed.), <i>Power in Europe?</i> (Berlin: de Gruyter, 1989), pp. 485-502. A. Varsori, "Italy's Policy towards European Integration (1947-58)", in C. Duggan and C. Wagstaff (eds.), <i>Italy in the Cold War. Politics, Culture and Society 1948-58</i> (Oxford: Berg, 1995), pp. 47-66.
Session 6	A short history of Italian foreign policy: from Italy's early Europeanism to the EEC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discusses Italy's early involvement in the ECSC, the EEC, and Euratom, and the political position of Italian political parties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E. Di Nolfo, "The Shaping of Italian Foreign Policy during the Formation of the East-West Blocs. Italy between the Superpowers", in E. Di Nolfo (ed.), <i>Power in Europe?</i> (Berlin: de Gruyter, 1989), pp. 485-502. A. Varsori, "Italy's Policy towards European Integration (1947-58)", in C. Duggan and C. Wagstaff (eds.), <i>Italy in the Cold War. Politics, Culture and Society 1948-58</i> (Oxford: Berg, 1995), pp. 47-66.
Session 7	The EEC under the Gaullist challenge of the 1960s and 1970s <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzes the controversial figure of French President Charles de Gaulle and his conception of Europe and the "empty chair crisis" Explains the position of the Italian Center-Left government towards the Fouchet Plan and the British demand for EEC membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Dinan, <i>Ever Closer Union. An Introduction to European Integration</i>, Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2005, Chapters 2 and 3. L. Nuti, "Italy, the British Application to the EEC and the January Debacle", in R.T. Griffiths and S. Ward (eds.), <i>Courting the Common Market: the First Attempt to Enlarge the European Community</i> (London: Lothian Foundation Press, 1996), pp. 101-119.
Session 8	The EEC under the Gaullist challenge of the 1960s and 1970s <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discusses the small, incremental steps through which the European Community grew for most of the 1970s and 1980s 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Dinan, <i>Ever Closer Union. An Introduction to European Integration</i>, Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2005, Chapters 2 and 3. L. Nuti, "Italy, the British Application to the EEC and the January Debacle", in R.T. Griffiths and S. Ward (eds.), <i>Courting the Common Market: the First Attempt to Enlarge the European Community</i> (London: Lothian Foundation Press, 1996), pp. 101-119.

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Session 9	The EEC in the 1980s and the Single European Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzes the revival of the European Integration in the early 1980s and the negotiations leading to the Single Market Program and the Single European Act Discusses Italy's contribution to these reforms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Dinan, <i>Ever Closer Union. An Introduction to European Integration</i>, Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2005, Chapter 4.
Session 10	Earthquake in Europe: the end of the Cold War <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explains the events and political processes leading to the end of the Cold War in Europe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Dinan, <i>Ever Closer Union. An Introduction to European Integration</i>, Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2005, Chapter 4.
Session 11	Review	
Session 12	Midterm Exam	
Session 13	From the Maastricht Treaty (1992) to the failure of the European Constitutional Treaty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explains the making of the European Union in the Maastricht Treaty (1992), the "pillar structure" of the EU and Common Foreign and Security Policy Analyzes the challenges of enlargement and war in the Western Balkans for the EU in the 1990s 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Dinan, <i>Ever Closer Union. An Introduction to European Integration</i>, Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2005, Chapters 5, 6. Sergio Fabbrini, "Italy and Constitutional Policy", in S. Fabbrini, S. Piattoni (eds.) <i>Italy in the European Union. Redefining National Interest in a Compound Polity</i>, Lanham, Rowman & Littlefield, 2008, Ch. 11, pp. 233-249.
Session 14	From the Maastricht Treaty (1992) to the failure of the European Constitutional Treaty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describes the process leading to the signature of the European Constitutional Treaty in 2004 and the reasons why it never came into force Explains the Italian position during its EU presidency in 2003 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Dinan, <i>Ever Closer Union. An Introduction to European Integration</i>, Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2005, Chapters 5, 6. Sergio Fabbrini, "Italy and Constitutional Policy", in S. Fabbrini, S. Piattoni (eds.) <i>Italy in the European Union. Redefining National Interest in a Compound Polity</i>, Lanham, Rowman & Littlefield, 2008, Ch. 11, pp. 233-249.

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Session 15	Italy's European policy in the 2000s <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzes Italy's European policy in the so-called "second Republic" and more recent trends of Italian foreign policy in a changed domestic context Explains Italy's EU policy under Berlusconi's and Prodi's governments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S. Z. Koff and S.P. Koff, <i>Italy: from the First to the Second Republic</i> (New York: Routledge, 2000), Chapter 11, "Italy and the European Union", pp. 198-210. M. Comelli, <i>Italy's Love Affair with the EU: Between Continuity and Change</i>, IAI (Istituto Affari Internazionali) Working Papers 1108, April 2011
Session 16	Italy's European policy in the 2000s <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discusses the lines of continuity and change in Italian foreign policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S. Z. Koff and S.P. Koff, <i>Italy: from the First to the Second Republic</i> (New York: Routledge, 2000), Chapter 11, "Italy and the European Union", pp. 198-210. M. Comelli, <i>Italy's Love Affair with the EU: Between Continuity and Change</i>, IAI (Istituto Affari Internazionali) Working Papers 1108, April 2011
Session 17	The EU institutions and the Treaty of Lisbon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduces the structure, powers, and political role of the EU institutions today with a focus on: the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Council of Ministers and the European Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> M. Cini, N. Pérez Solórzano-Borrogán, <i>European Union Politics</i>, 3rd ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010), pp. 123-188.
Session 18	The Treaty of Lisbon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During this week the Agenda for the Model EU is shared, and roles are assigned to each student. The issues on the Model EU agenda will refer to one or more EU policy areas and will be chosen depending on the real agenda of the EU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> M. Cini, N. Pérez Solórzano-Borrogán, <i>European Union Politics</i>, 3rd ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010), pp. 123-188.

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Session 19	Model EU preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A simulation of a European Council summit or a EU policy advisory board will be held in the last part of this course in order to give students a change to practice EU politics and to gain a more dynamic understanding of EU institutions and political experience. This experience will also provide the students with a more extensive knowledge of current European issues and of national positions of the EU member states towards them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following websites where various documents related to European Union contemporary politics can be found: www.europa.eu www.euractiv.com http://www.euronews.net http://shop.ceps.eu http://www.cer.org.uk http://www.epc.eu www.iai.it www.bbc.co.uk The international press: "The Economist", "The International Herald Tribune", "The Guardian", "Le Monde" and other leading Italian and European magazines and newspapers.
Session 20	Model EU preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will focus on their individual research and written policy statements and will report in class about the state of play of their research. Additional information referring to the Agenda topics will also be provided by the instructor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following websites where various documents related to European Union contemporary politics can be found: www.europa.eu www.euractiv.com http://www.euronews.net http://shop.ceps.eu http://www.cer.org.uk http://www.epc.eu www.iai.it www.bbc.co.uk The international press: "The Economist", "The International Herald Tribune", "The Guardian", "Le Monde" and other leading Italian and European magazines and newspapers.
Session 21	Model EU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be graded on the basis of their individual research work, written policy statement, class reports, and performance at the simulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parts 4 and 5 of the book by M. Cini and N. Pérez Solórzano-Borrogán (<i>European Union Politics</i>, 3rd ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010).
Session 22	Model EU	

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Session 23	Review	
Session 24	Final Exam	

COURSE-RELATED TRIPS:

- Italian Chamber of Deputies and/or the Senate
- Italian Foreign Ministry (Unità di crisi)

REQUIRED READINGS:

- M. Cini, N. Pérez Solórzano-Borrogán, *European Union Politics*, 3rd ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010)
- M. Comelli, *Italy's Love Affair with the EU: Between Continuity and Change*, IAI (Istituto Affari Internazionali) Working Papers 1108, April 2011
- D. Dinan, *Ever Closer Union. An Introduction to European Integration*, 3rd ed., (Basingstoke, Hampshire; New York, N.Y.: Palgrave, 2005), Chapters 1-6 (also available on reserve)
- E. Di Nolfo, "The Shaping of Italian Foreign Policy during the Formation of the East-West Blocs. Italy between the Superpowers", in E. Di Nolfo (ed.), *Power in Europe?* (Berlin: de Gruyter, 1989), pp. 485-502.
- Sergio Fabbrini, "Italy and Constitutional Policy", in S. Fabbrini, S. Piattoni (eds.) *Italy in the European Union. Redefining National Interest in a Compound Polity*, Lanham, Rowman & Littlefield, 2008, Ch. 11, pp. 233-249.
- S. Z. Koff and S.P. Koff, *Italy: from the First to the Second Republic* (New York: Routledge, 2000), Chapter 11, "Italy and the European Union", pp. 198-210.
- L. Nuti, "Italy, the British Application to the EEC and the January Debacle", in R.T. Griffiths and S. Ward (eds.), *Courting the Common Market: the First Attempt to Enlarge the European Community* (London: Lothian Foundation Press, 1996), pp. 101-119.
- H. Stuart Hughes, *The United States and Italy* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1965), Chapter 6, "The Second World War" and Chapter 7, "De Gasperi and the Triumph of Christian Democracy", pp. 112-170.
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- M. Cini and N. Pérez Solórzano-Borrogán (*European Union Politics*, 3rd ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010).

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- M. Cini, N. Pérez Solórzano-Borrogán, *European Union Politics*, 3rd ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010), (required for Part I of the course, recommended for Part III)
- T. Bainbridge, *The Penguin Companion to European Union* (London: Penguin Books Paperback ed., 2002)
- V. Bufacchi, *Italy since 1989: events and interpretations* (Basingstoke, Hampshire; New York, N.Y.: Palgrave, 2001)
- M. Burgess, *Federalism and European union: the building of Europe, 1950-2000* (London, New York: Routledge, 2000)
- P. Foradori, P. Rosa, "Italy and Defense and Security Policy", in S. Fabbrini, S. Piattoni (eds.) *Italy in the European Union. Redefining National Interest in a Compound Polity*, Lanham, Rowman & Littlefield, 2008, Ch. 8, pp. 173-191.
- P. Ginsborg, *Italy and its discontents: family, civil society, state 1980-2001* (London: Allen Lane, 2001)
- P. McCarthy, *The crisis of the Italian state: from the origins of the Cold War to the fall of Berlusconi and beyond* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1997)
- A.S. Milward, *The European Rescue of the Nation State* (London: Routledge, 1992)
- A. Moravcsik, *The choice for Europe: social purpose and state power from Messina to Maastricht* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1998)

- F. Spotts and T. Wieser, Italy. *A Difficult Democracy. A Survey of Italian Politics* (Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 1986), Chapter 13, "Foreign and security policy", pp. 263-282.