EC/IR 340 POLITICAL ECONOMY OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION
IES Abroad Milan

DESCRIPTION:
The aim of this course is to develop the tools necessary to understand the multifaceted process of European integration from a political-economy perspective, looking at both theoretical and empirical results in the literature. The course focuses on the impact of EU legislation on states, firms, and individuals, the administrative and legal framework of the EU and its connections to national and regional systems, as well as European policies regarding competition and the environment. By the end of the course, students will be able to compare the main differences between the EU and the US in terms of markets, public institutions, and societies.

CREDITS: 3

CONTACT HOURS: 45

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: English

PREREQUISITES: Introductory knowledge of macroeconomics and microeconomics

METHOD OF PRESENTATION: Lectures illustrated by examples and four case study sessions

REQUIRED WORK AND FORM OF ASSESSMENT:
- Course Participation – 10%
- Midterm Exam – 20%
- Final Exam – 20%
- Oral Presentation – 20%
- Media Report – 10%
- Review of Book Chapter – 20%

Course Participation
Students are expected to be aware of current economic events within the EU through consulting newspapers, economic magazines, and journals. Students are also expected to read the assigned readings of the session in advance and be able to discuss their contents in class as part of their presentation grade.

Midterm Exam
Multiple Choice

Final Exam
Multiple Choice

Oral Presentation
One, 15 minute Oral Presentation that will be due in class during one of the case study sessions

Media Report
Relevant to course content, due in class

Review of Book Chapter
Approximately 1,000 words (due in class in Session 14)

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
This course will enable students to:
- Acquire a thorough understanding of the process of EU economic integration as a global phenomenon and its historical evolution from WWII to the present
- Explore the different dimensions of EU policies, including competition, trade, and cohesion
- Understand the relation between national markets, EU institutions, and global economic regulation
- Develop a deeper knowledge of the EU enlargement process and its consequences in terms of market growth, industrial strategies, and the trade strategies of the EU

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:**
Regular class attendance is mandatory. Students are expected to attend classes each day, including course-related excursions. IES Abroad Milan allows a maximum of two excused absences per semester. Each further absence will automatically result in a penalty of two points off (2/100) the final grade. Seven absences per course (including the two excused absences) will result in a failing grade for the course. Furthermore, absence on the date of scheduled tests, presentations or quizzes does not entitle you to recover/reschedule such tests. Failure to attend your midterm and/or final exam will result in an F grade on that paper/exam.

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|         |                                              | • Alesina and Perotti (2004( |
| Session 2 | EU Political Institutions                   | • El-Agraa (2011), Chapter 3  
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| Session 1 | Assessing Economic Integration               | • El-Agraa (2011), Chapter 8-9 |
| Session 2 | Theory of Monetary Integration               | • El-Agraa (2011), Chapter 10, 12, 11  
|         |                                              | • Mundell (1961) |
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| Session 1 | The Monetary Union                           | • Alesina and Summers (1993)  
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• Holscher and Stephan (2004) |
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• Levi-Faur (2004) |
| Session 2 | Common Trade Policy | • El-Agraa (2011), Chapter 24  
• Ehrlich (2009) |
| Week 7  
Session 1 | Global Competitiveness | • Alt and Gilligan (1994)  
• Rogowski (1987) |
| Week 8  
Session 1 | Redistribution in the US and the EU | • Alesina and Glaeser (2004) |
| Session 2 | The Economics of Enlargement | • Hille and Knille (2006)  
• Bladwin and Portes (1997) |
| Week 9  
Session 1 | EU Budget and Structural Policies | • Wallace (2005), Chapter 7  
• Begg (2010)  
• Bachtler and Gorzelak (2007) |
| Session 2 | Energy and Environmental Policies | • El-Agraa (2011), Chapter 17-18  
• Maia and Sinclaire-Desgagne (2005) |
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| **Week 11**  
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| **Session 2** | Case Study: EU Foreign Policy | |
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**Session 1** | Final Exam | |
| **Session 2** | Course-Related Trip: TBD | |

**REQUIRED READINGS:**

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1) Case Study: EU Institutional Crises and Populism
- Reworking the Euroscptic and Conservative Traditions into a Populist Narrative: UKIP’s Winning Formula? JCMS Volume 53, Issue 1, January 2015, Pages: 140–156, Karine Tournier-Sol
- Coming in from the Cold? Euroscepticism, Government Participation and Party Positions on Europe JCMS Volume 51, Issue 1, January 2013, Pages: 17–37, PAUL TAGGART and ALEKS SZCZERBIAK
- Why There is a Democratic Deficit in the EU: A Response to Majone and Moravcsik JCMS Volume 44, Issue 3, September 2006, Pages: 533–562, ANDREAS FOLLESDAL and SIMON HIX

2) Case Study: Economic and Monetary Union (EMU)
- Banking Union as Holy Grail: Rebuilding the Single Market in Financial Services, Stabilizing Europe's Banks and ‘Completing’ Economic and Monetary Union JCMS, Volume 51, Issue 5, September 2013, Pages: 103–123, David Howarth and Lucia Quaglia
- Macroeconomic Imbalances as Indicators for Debt Crises in Europe, JCMS, Volume 50, Issue 5, September 2012, Pages: 726–745, TOBIAS KNEDLIK and GREGOR VON SCHWEINITZ
- Brexit and the Single European Financial Market, JCMS, Volume 55, Issue S1, September 2017, Pages: 149–164, David Howarth and Lucia Quaglia
- The Role of the EU in Shaping FDI Flows to East Central Europe JCMS, Volume 52, Issue 1, January 2014, Pages: 35–51, Gergő Medve-Bálint

3) EU Domestic Policy

• The Barcelona Process and the Political Economy of Euro-Mediterranean Trade Integration, JCMS, Volume 45, Issue 5, December 2007, Pages: 1011–1040, MARCO MONTANARI


• European Energy Security Co-operation: Between Amity and Enmity, JCMS, Volume 48, Issue 4, September 2010, Pages: 859–880, EMIL KIRCHNER and CAN BERK

4) EU Foreign Policy

• Why Go to France or Germany, if You Could as Well Go to the UK or the US? Selective Features of Immigration to the EU ‘Big Three’ and the United States, JCMS: Volume 49, Issue 4, July 2011, Pages: 767–796, WIDO GEIS, SILKE UEBELMESSER and MARTIN WERDING


• Europeization of National Foreign Policy: The Case of Denmark’s and Sweden’s Relations with China, JCMS: Volume 51, Issue 3, May 2012, Pages: 457–474, DANIEL C. THOMAS


• The EU an Actor Sui Generis? A Comparison of EU and ASEAN Actorness, JCMS: Volume 50, Issue 4, July 2012, Pages: 653–669, JENS-UWE WUNDERLICH

• Trojan Horses in EU Foreign Policy, JCMS: Volume 55, Issue 1, January 2017, Pages: 87–102, Mitchell A. Orenstein and R. Daniel Kelemen