

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### European integration: history and future

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**Time for the course: 4<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**

#### **Course description:**

The study course aims at obtaining a basic knowledge and understanding of the European Union: logic of its development, its institutional setting and functioning, as well as current debates. The course will introduce students with the historical foundations and main periods of its evolution. The course will focus on the organization of the EU and its main governing institutions – European Parliament, European Commission, Council of the European Union. The decision-making process in the EU will be scrutinized from the perspective of national and European interests. The most important policies of the EU will be addressed, such as economic and monetary, regional and cohesion, enlargement and foreign and security policies. Particular attention will be paid to the on-going debate on the future of the European Union after the BREXIT (referendum on UK's withdrawal from the EU). During the course students will have to elaborate a research paper (1500 words) on EU related topics and present the main findings in the class. In the end students will have to take an open-book exam.

#### **Topics for each session:**

**Session 1. Introduction to the study course. Idea of Europe.** Foundations of the European Union. Why and how the EU was created.

**Session 2. Enlargement of the EU: from 6 to 28.** Why do countries decide to join the EU? How the multiple enlargements have influenced the development of the EU? What are the main outcomes of the enlargements?

Wallace, H. et.al. eds. *Policy-making in the European Union*. 6th edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010. (pp. 401-430).

**Session 3. Big Bang enlargement in 2004.** How the accession to the EU was taking place after the end of the Cold War? What are benefits and what are difficulties after the accession to the EU? How many countries are willing to join the Union in the future and why?

O' Beachain D., Sheridan V., Stan S. et.al.eds. *Life in Post-Communist Eastern Europe After EU Membership*. London: Routledge, 2012. (pp. 221-231).

**Session 4. How the EU is governed?** What are the main governing bodies? Council of the European Union, European Parliament, European Commission, and others. How democratic balance is preserved among institutions and member states?

Wallace, H. et.al. eds. *Policy-making in the European Union*. 6th edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010. (pp. 69-106).

**Session 5. Decision-making process in the EU.** Who decides on what and when? How member states of the EU are protecting and compromising their interests? How governments are pursuing their policies through the EU framework?

Wallace, H. et.al. eds. *Policy-making in the European Union*. 6th edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010. (pp. 45-68).

**Session 6. European Economic and Monetary policy.** Single market and four freedoms. How do they function? Which countries and why joined the euro zone? How the EU is dealing with financial crisis and what steps is taking?

Wallace, H. et.al. eds. *Policy-making in the European Union*. 6th edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010. (pp. 157-180).

Andor, L. 'Europe's Social Crisis: Is there a Way Out?' Speech given to the Max Planck Institute, Munich, Germany, SPEECH/13/309, April 12, 2013.

[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_SPEECH-13-309\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_SPEECH-13-309_en.htm)

**Session 7. European Regional policy.** Why regional policy was needed? What instruments the EU put forward? How cohesion policy works? Success stories and difficulties on the way to cohesion.

Wallace, H. et.al. eds. *Policy-making in the European Union*. 6th edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010. (pp. 229-252).

**Session 8. EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region** – an example of micro regional strategies. New strategies as a tool of new models of governance. How new strategies are designed? How do they function? Main achievements and difficulties.

Ozoliņa, Ž. et.al.eds. *The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. A year after and beyond*. Riga: Zinatne, 2010. (pp. 9-40)

**Session 9. Research, innovation and education.** The EU as a driver for cooperation in the fields of research, innovation and education. Programmes that are offered to researchers and students. Good practices and potential prospects.

The Three O's – Open Innovation, Open Science, Open to the World: A Vision for Europe. Report of the European Commission, 2016. (pp.57-79) <http://ec.europa.eu/research/openvision/index.cfm>

**Session 10. The EU in the world – EU global strategy.** Since 1993 the EU has its Common Foreign and Security Policy, which was strengthened in 2009 creating its European External Action Service, known as Ministry of Foreign Affairs. What are

priorities of EU's external actions? What are main threats and challenges the EU is facing?

Shared Vision, Common Action: A Stronger Europe. A Global Strategy for the EU's Foreign and Security Policy. 2016.

[https://eeas.europa.eu/top\\_stories/pdf/eugs\\_review\\_web.pdf](https://eeas.europa.eu/top_stories/pdf/eugs_review_web.pdf)

**Session 11. New initiatives – boosting relations between Europe and China – One Belt, One Road; “16+1”.** Opportunities and challenges of implementation. Decisions of the Riga summit in 2016.

Shi Ze & Yang Chenxi. China's diplomatic efforts to promote energy and resource cooperation along “One belt, one road”. CIIS Report No5, 2015. [http://www.ciis.org.cn/english/2015-05/22/content\\_7927814.htm](http://www.ciis.org.cn/english/2015-05/22/content_7927814.htm)

**Session 12. Future of Europe: from BREXIT to closer integration** – which way forward. Why people of the UK have decided to leave the EU? How the BREXIT will influence integration process within the EU? What scenarios related to the future of Europe are debated and proposed? What will be the impact of BREXIT on EU's global role?

Bond, I. et.al.eds. Europe after Brexit: Unleashed or Undone? Policy brief.15 April 2016. <https://www.cer.org.uk/publications/archive/policy-brief/2016/europe-after-brex-it-unleashed-or-undone>

**Session 13.** Presentations of research papers and discussions.

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**Session 15.** An open-book exam – 400 words essay.

**Session 16.** Wrap-up session. Discussion on learning outcomes.

**Teaching methods:** lectures, discussions, and presentations of research papers.

**Assessment:** the final grade will be based on following criteria – drafting and presenting research paper, length 1500 words (50%) and open-book exam (50%).

**Required readings:**

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Shi Ze & Yang Chenxi. China's diplomatic efforts to promote energy and resource cooperation along "One belt, one road". CIIS Report No5, 2015.  
[http://www.ciis.org.cn/english/2015-05/22/content\\_7927814.htm](http://www.ciis.org.cn/english/2015-05/22/content_7927814.htm)

The Three O's – Open Innovation, Open Science, Open to the World: A Vision for Europe. Report of the European Commission, 2016. (pp.57-79)  
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/openvision/index.cfm>

Wallace, H. et.al. eds. *Policy-making in the European Union*. 6th edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.

### **Recommended readings:**

Dinan, Desmond. *Every Closer Union: An Introduction to European Integration, Fourth Edition*. Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2010.

Judt, T. *Postwar. A history of Europe since 1945*. London: Pimlico, 2007.

Jones, Erik, Anand Menon, and Stephen Weatherill, eds. *Oxford Handbook on the European Union*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.

Marsh, Steve, and Wyn Rees. *The European Union and the Security of Europe: From Cold War to Terror War*. London: Routledge, 2012.