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IR 242

History of the European Union

Course Description and Objectives

This course aims to offer students a solid understanding of the historical development of the European idea, and the key concepts which form the basis of European integration. It will combine linear, institutional and policy-based approaches. In this way, it will explore the whole facet of the European Union's development and familiarise students with the core debates on its evolution.

Course Evaluation and Requirements

Students will be evaluated on the basis of a mid-term unseen exam and a final exam. Absence from more than 3 lectures will incur a penalty of 20% of the overall grade. Both exams will have equal (i.e. 50%) value.

Course Methodology

The total teaching time of the course is 36 hours, of which 24 are devoted to lectures and 12 to seminars. Student participation in the seminar sessions is strongly encouraged.

Course Schedule

Week 1: Introduction

Week 2: Hopes and Ideas for Post-war Europe

Week 3: The Paris Conference of the Committee of European Economic Cooperation – the Incorporation of Germany

Week 4: Organization of European Economic Cooperation

Week 5: European Defense Community

Week 6: European Coal and Steel Community and Euratom

Week 7: European Economic Community

Week 8: **Mid-term exam**

Week 9: The Stagnant Decade

Week 10: Single European Act: the Road to Maastricht

Week 11: From Maastricht to Amsterdam

Week 12: From Amsterdam to Nice

Week 13: The 2004 Enlargement and the Constitutional Treaty

Week 14: Concluding lecture, Q&A session

Core Readings

There is no one book that covers the module's entire spectrum. However, some readings are strongly recommended, as they will familiarize students with most of the key issues raised in this module. These books are:

1) Dinan, D. (2004) *Europe Recast: A History of the European Union* London: Lynne Rienner Publishers

2) Urwin, D. (1995) *Community of Europe: A History of European Integration* New York: Longman Publishing

Week 2: Hopes and Ideas for Post-war Europe

Seminar Topic: Which ideas inspired the attempt to rebuild the Continent? Are they relevant today?

- Urwin, D. (1998) *A Political History of Western Europe Since 1945* Essex: Longman - chs. 1-5
- Dinan, D. (2004) *Europe Recast: A History of the European Union* London: Lynne Rienner Publishers - Introduction
- Dinan, D. (1994) *Ever Closer Union? An Introduction of the European Community* London: McMillan, pp.9-24
- Maclay, M. (1998) *The European Union* Gloucestershire: Sutton Publishing - ch.1

Week 3: The Paris Conference of the Committee of European Economic Cooperation – the Incorporation of Germany

Seminar Topic: What was the role of Britain and France in integrating Germany to newly emerging structures?

- Dinan, D. (2004) *Europe Recast: A History of the European Union* London: Lynne Rienner Publishers - ch. 1
- Urwin, D. (1998) *A Political History of Western Europe Since 1945* Essex: Longman - chs. 6-7
- Barker, E. (1973) *The Common Market* London: Wayland - chs. 3-4
- Maclay, M. (1998) *The European Union* Gloucestershire: Sutton Publishing - ch.2

Week 4: Organization of European Economic Cooperation

Seminar Topic: What were the main principles of the OEEC?

- Dinan, D. (1994) *Ever Closer Union? An Introduction of the European Community* London: McMillan - ch.1
- Urwin, D. (1998) *A Political History of Western Europe Since 1945* Essex: Longman ch. 3
- Maclay, M. (1998) *The European Union* Gloucestershire: Sutton Publishing - ch.2

Week 5: European Defense Community

Seminar Topic: Who was behind the idea of an EDC? Why did it fail?

- Dinan, D. (2004) *Europe Recast: A History of the European Union* London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, pp.45-64
- Kolinsky, M. (1976) *Continuity and Change in European Society: Germany, France and Italy since 1870* London: Croom Helm - ch. 13
- Urwin, D. (1998) *A Political History of Western Europe Since 1945* Essex: Longman - ch. 8
- Dinan, D. (1994) *Ever Closer Union? An Introduction of the European Community* London: McMillan, pp.24-29

Week 6: European Coal and Steel Community and Euratom

Seminar Topic: Did the ECSC and Euratom symbolize the triumph of ‘federalists’?

- Dinan, D. (2004) *Europe Recast: A History of the European Union* London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, ch.2
- Pinder, J. (1991) *European Community: The Building of a Union* Oxford: Oxford University Press – ch.1
- Camps, M. (1964) *Britain and the European Community, 1955-1963* London: Oxford University Press – ch. II
- Barker, E. (1973) *The Common Market* London: Wayland - chs. 3-4

Week 7: European Economic Community

Seminar Topic: What was the importance of the EEC in Cold War Europe?

- Dinan, D. (2004) *Europe Recast: A History of the European Union* London: Lynne Rienner Publishers - ch.2
- Urwin, D. (1998) *A Political History of Western Europe Since 1945* Essex: Longman - ch. 9
- Pinder, J. (1991) *European Community: The Building of a Union* Oxford: Oxford University Press – ch.1
- Barker, E. (1973) *The Common Market* London: Wayland - ch. 5
- Kolinsky, M. (1976) *Continuity and Change in European Society: Germany, France and Italy since 1870* London: Croom Helm - ch. 13

Week 8: Mid-term exam

Week 9: The Stagnant Decade

Seminar Topic: Was the EC’s stagnation solely down to De Gaulle?

- Dinan, D. (2004) *Europe Recast: A History of the European Union* London: Lynne Rienner Publishers - ch.3
- Pinder, J. (1963) *Europe Against De Gaulle* London and Dunmow: Pall Mall Press – ch.4
- Maclay, M. (1998) *The European Union* Gloucestershire: Sutton Publishing - ch.3

- Dinan, D. (1994) *Ever Closer Union? An Introduction of the European Community* London: McMillan – ch.2
- Pinder, J. (1991) *European Community: The Building of a Union* Oxford: Oxford University Press – pp.43-49

Week 10: Single European Act: the Road to Maastricht

Seminar topic: How did Europe escape the lethargy? What role did the economy play in signing the SEA Treaty?

- Dinan, D. (2004) *Europe Recast: A History of the European Union* London: Lynne Rienner Publishers - ch.6, 7
- Dinan, D. (1994) *Ever Closer Union? An Introduction of the European Community* London: McMillan – ch.5, 13
- Pinder, J. (1991) *European Community: The Building of a Union* Oxford: Oxford University Press – ch.4 and Postscript
- Maclay, M. (1998) *The European Union* Gloucestershire: Sutton Publishing - ch.5
- Wise, M. and Gibb, R. (1993) *Single Market to Social Europe: The European Community in the 1990s* Essex: Longman – ch. 2

Week 11: From Maastricht to Amsterdam

Seminar Topic: If the Maastricht Treaty represented the drive for a Single Market, was the Amsterdam Treaty important for ‘Social Europe’?

- Wise, M. and Gibb, R. (1993) *Single Market to Social Europe: The European Community in the 1990s* Essex: Longman – ch. 6
- Maclay, M. (1998) *The European Union* Gloucestershire: Sutton Publishing - ch.6
- Dinan, D. (1994) *Ever Closer Union? An Introduction of the European Community* London: McMillan – ch.7
- Beach, D. (2005) *The Dynamics of European Integration: Why and when EU institutions matter* Basingstoke: Palgrave – ch. 5

Week 12: From Amsterdam to Nice

Seminar Topic: Did the EU need the Nice Treaty? Is it a workable compromise?

- Beach, D. (2005) *The Dynamics of European Integration: Why and when EU institutions matter* Basingstoke: Palgrave – ch. 6
- Moussis, N. (2005) 11th ed. *Guide to European Policies* Brussels: European Study Service - ch. 2
- Dinan, D. (2004) *Europe Recast: A History of the European Union* London: Lynne Rienner Publishers - ch.8
- http://www.europarl.europa.eu/facts/1_1_3_en.htm for a summary of the Maastricht, Amsterdam and Nice Treaties
- Sverdrup, U. (2001) An Institutional Perspective on Treaty Reform: Contextualising the Amsterdam and Nice Treaties *Arena Working Papers Series 01/27*. Available at http://www.arena.uio.no/publications/wp01_27.htm

Week 13: The 2004 Enlargement and the Constitutional Treaty

Seminar Topic: Why was the 2004 enlargement controversial? Was this issue linked to the rejection of the Treaty by French and Dutch voters?

- Torbiorn, Kjell (2003) *Destination Europe: The Political and Economic Growth of a Continent* Manchester: Manchester University Press – ch. 9
- Nugent, N. (2005) *European Union Enlargement* Palgrave: McMillan
- Leonard, M. (2005) *Why Europe Will Run the 21st Century* London and New York: Fourth Estate – chs. 6, 7
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Constitution for information on the Constitutional Treaty
- Piris, J-C. (2001) Does the European Union have a Constitution? Does it Need One? *Harvard- Jean Monnet Working Paper* 5/00. Available at <http://www.jeanmonnetprogram.org/papers/00/000501.rtf>
- Nikolaidis, K. (2004) The New Constitution as European Demoi-cracy? *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* 7 (1): 76-93

Week 14: Concluding lecture – Q & A session