

– Syllabus –

Everything you always wanted to know about the European Union: advanced features of European integration

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I.) Basic info

In this seminar we will take a closer look at advanced aspects of the European Union (EU) political system. In the first part we will survey core features of the EU's institutional design usually not covered in introductory seminars (e.g. comitology or EU agencies). In the second part we will cover essential EU integration theories (e.g. neo-functionalism, new institutionalism, liberal intergovernmentalism) in greater detail than when you were first introduced to them. Throughout the seminar we will read advanced academic texts that you will be expected to prepare thoroughly and discuss. Please note that a good understanding of the EU political system is required for attending this seminar. Erasmus students with the necessary prior knowledge of the EU political system are very welcome to join us.

III.) Registration requirements

This seminar is open to students of the following degree programs.

Module name	Module abbr.	Degree
Großes Aufbaumodul Internationale Beziehungen	POL-GAM-IB	Bachelor Politikwissenschaft
Kleines Aufbaumodul Internationale Beziehungen	POL-KAM-IB	
Profilmodul Internationale Beziehungen	POL-PM-IB	Ergänzungsbereich
Aufbaumodul Internationale Beziehungen und Außenpolitik	PHF-SEMS-GK-06	Staatsexamen Lehramt
	PHF-SEGY-GK-06	
	PHF-SEBS-GK-06	
Vertiefungsmodul	PHF-SEBS-GK-17	
Interdisziplinäre Forschung (Fortgeschrittene)	BA-IB-ID 2	Bachelor IB
Schwerpunktmodul	BA-IB-S	
Ergänzung Kernfächer	MA-IB-WP-E	Master IB
Vertiefung des Kernbereichs	MA-IB-WP-V	
Varies with your home institution	“Erasmus”	Exchange students

Registration via OPAL is compulsory → <https://goo.gl/7NrJyB>

There are only limited places available.

IV.) Assessment and grading

Deliverables for obtaining credit vary depending on your degree program and needs.

Module abbr.	Deliverables
POL-GAM-IB	Presentation (incl. handout), final paper
POL-KAM-IB	Presentation (incl. handout)
POL-PM-IB	
PHF-SEMS-GK-06	Portfolio: Presentation (incl. handout)
PHF-SEGY-GK-06	
PHF-SEBS-GK-06	
PHF-SEBS-GK-17	Presentation (incl. handout)
BA-IB-ID 2	Presentation (incl. handout), final paper
BA-IB-S	
MA-IB-WP-E	
MA-IB-WP-V	
"Erasmus"	Attendance (2 ECTS), presentation (2 ECTS), final paper (2 ECTS)

PRESENTATION: Each session we will have a dedicated block for presentations of 20 minutes, which is shared equally among all speakers. Each presenting group will prepare a two-page handout (incl. references). Each presentation (1) provides short biographical information on the (primary) author(s) of the required reading and what else he/she/they have published on the same topic; (2) breaks the required reading up into its component parts and (3) discusses—in depth—how convincing each part is and which gaps/deficiencies remain unaddressed and why. Finally, you (4) thoroughly reflect on lessons that can be drawn from the required reading for BA-/MA-theses. If you write a seminar paper, the presentation will account for one third of your final grade.

Please send me your handout via email as one PDF file **until 12 noon** on the Monday directly preceding your presentation.

FINAL PAPER: This is a scientific paper of no more than 12 pages (not counting the title page, table of contents, list of abbreviations and bibliography). It picks up any of the aspects covered throughout the semester and expands on it, considerably, by using additional secondary and primary sources. The final paper makes up two thirds of your final grade. Additional information relevant for the preparation of your final paper are also available on my personal homepage at <http://markus-gastinger.eu/teaching/>.

Please send me your final paper as one PDF file via email *and* hand in a hard copy (letterbox in front of our secretariat, room 257) **until 31 March 2017**. Note that this is a global deadline (end of semester) that cannot be extended.

BONUS SYSTEM: At the beginning of each session you will have the opportunity to participate in a short quiz on the required reading. If you can answer at least seven quizzes correctly, then your final grade will be raised by one degree (e.g., from 1.7 to 1.3). This does not apply in the case of negative grades. Please note that this opportunity is purely optional. You cannot lower your grade by participating and even without these quizzes it is still possible to attain the highest grade (1.0).

V.) Session outline

(1) 13 October

Introduction and organizational issues

Introduction to the seminar's approach, learning objectives, registration requirements, assessment and grading; cursory view of the session outline; assignment of presentations.

(2) 20 October

Policy-making and the policy cycle

Young, A.R. (2015) 'The European policy process in comparative perspective', in H. Wallace, M.A. Pollack, and A.R. Young (eds), *Policy-Making in the European Union*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 46–71.

(3) 27 October

The Council of the European Union

Naurin, D. and Wallace, H. (2008) 'Introduction: from rags to riches', in D. Naurin and H. Wallace (eds), *Unveiling the Council of the European Union: Games Governments Play in Brussels*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 1–20.

(4) 3 November

The European Council

Tallberg, J. (2008) 'Bargaining power in the European Council', *Journal of Common Market Studies* 46(3): 685–708.

(5) 10. November

The European Commission

Kassim, H. et al. (2013) *The European Commission of the Twenty-First Century*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 1–30.

17 November – no session

(6) 24 November

The European Parliament

Rittberger, B. (2005) *Building Europe's Parliament: Democratic Representation beyond the Nation-State*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 1–12, 197–209.

(7) 1 December

Informal governance

Kleine, M. (2014) 'Informal governance in the European Union', *Journal of European Public Policy* 21(2): 303–314.

(8) 8 December

Comitology

Brandsma, G. J. and Blom-Hansen, J. (2016) 'Controlling delegated powers in the post-Lisbon European Union', *Journal of European Public Policy* 23(4): 531–549.

(9) 15 December

Agencies

Wonka, A. and Rittberger, B. (2010) 'Credibility, complexity and uncertainty: explaining the institutional independence of 29 EU agencies', *West European Politics* 33(4): 730–752.

(10) 21 December **(Wednesday!)**

Screening of a documentary on the European Union

Starting at 4.40 pm in room HSZ/101/U.

(11) 12 January

Neofunctionalism

Niemann, A. and Schmitter, P. C. (2009) 'Neofunctionalism', in A. Wiener and T. Diez (eds), *European Integration Theory*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 45–66.

(12) 19 January

Liberal intergovernmentalism

Moravcsik, A. and Schimmelfennig, F. (2009) 'Liberal intergovernmentalism', in A. Wiener and T. Diez (eds), *European Integration Theory*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 67–87.

(13) 26 January

New institutionalism(s)

Pollack, M.A. (2009) 'The new institutionalisms and European integration', in A. Wiener and T. Diez (eds), *European Integration Theory*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 125–143.

(14) 2 February

Conclusion

Short recap of all seminar topics, open discussion, questions on the final paper, feedback and debriefing.
