

## The European Union in the World

This course will explore the changing role of the European Union (EU) on the global stage. Although many of the individual countries of Europe have at various point in history played leading roles in world affairs (political, military or trade and economics) the two world wars effectively diminished the influence of most of Europe's countries as individual actors. However, the development of the European Economic Community and today's European Union has served to return Europe as a whole to the global stage in a leading role. Although no longer colonial powers, the combined member states of the EU today make up the largest market in the world and have demonstrated their capacity to impact the world through diplomacy, strategic bargaining and even the projection of military force. This course will examine the evolution of the EU's global influence through an analysis of several key areas of influence, including enlargement, neighborhood policy, trade and economic policy and the development of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) / European Security and Defense Policy (ESDP). The course will consist of lectures, guest lectures, visits to EU institutions (as possible) and student presentations. Grades will be based on attendances, participation, in class exams and presentations and an independent research thesis.

Student assignments will include:

**Regular attendance & participation (15%):** There are only 24 class meetings. Each student is allowed one unexcused absence. Each additional unexcused absence will result in 5 points being deducted from the student's final grade (100 point scale). Students are required to engage in classroom discussions and be active participants in all class activities to receive full credit for participation, simple attendance is not sufficient.

**EU in the news journal (25%):** Each student will select a specific newspaper (no duplications allowed and with an eye towards geographic dispersion) and will follow (and clip/print) news stories related to the EU that appear in that paper. Students will be responsible for keeping a weekly journal outlining the main stories about the EU in that paper/country and analyzing critically why these particular stories made the news. Students will be expected to have their journals ready by the Wednesday session each week and should come to class ready to discuss the articles included during in-class discussions set aside for this purpose. *Journals will be turned in each week for review by professors.*

**Midterm in-class exam (20% each):** There will be two in class essay/short answer exams, the first June 10<sup>th</sup> and the second on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Final Exam – take home (20%):** Students will select from among 3-4 topics provided to write a 6-8 page essay paper (typed) at home. Students will receive the exam questions a minimum of 3 days before the exam is due. Ample citations from in class reading and other sources (including news papers and other electronic journals etc) should be used. More details on the take home final exam will be provided in class.

## Current Issues in the Development of the European Union

### 1. The Historical Context

#### May 26

- Introductions and discussion of course expectations and requirements.
- Review of European and EU history in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

#### May 27

- Continuation and discussion of review of European and EU history in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

#### **READINGS:**

1. John McCormick, The European Union: Politics and Policies, Westview Press, 2008. Part I Introduction and Chapters 1-2 (pp 1-58). **BK**

#### May 28

- Continuation and discussion of review of European and EU history in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

#### **READINGS:**

2. John McCormick, The European Union: Politics and Policies, Westview Press, 2008. Part I Chapters 3-4 (pp 59-108). **BK**
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### 2. The Institutions & their Interactions

#### May 29

- Introduction to the EU political system in comparative context.
- Survey of core institutions: The executive branch (European Council, GAC in Council of Ministers and the Commission).

#### **READINGS:**

1. John McCormick, The European Union: Politics and Policies, Westview Press, 2008. Part II Chapter 5 and 9 (pp 109-132 and 199-220). **BK**

#### June 2

- Survey of core institutions Cont.: The Judiciary (European Court of Justice) and the legislative branch (European Parliament and Council of Ministers).

#### **READINGS:**

1. John McCormick, The European Union: Politics and Policies, Westview Press, 2008. Part II Chapters 6-8 (pp 133-198). **BK**

#### June 3

- Survey of core institutions Cont.: The legislative branch (European Parliament and Council of Ministers) continued and Parties and Elections.

#### **READINGS:**

1. John McCormick, The European Union: Politics and Policies, Westview Press, 2008. Part II Chapters 10 (pp 221-246). **BK**

### 3. The EU in the World (overview)

#### June 4

- The changing context – pre and post cold war realities
- The changing context – the challenges of the future

#### READINGS:

1. “The Global Context” (pp 189-211) in The New Global Puzzle: What World for the EU in 2025, Nicole Gnessotto and Giovanni Grevi (Eds), Institute for Security Studies, 2006, [http://www.iss.europa.eu/uploads/media/NGP\\_01.pdf](http://www.iss.europa.eu/uploads/media/NGP_01.pdf). CD
2. Rockwell Schnabel The Next Superpower? The Rise of Europe and Its Challenge to the United States. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2007. Chapters 3-5 (pp 26-99). CD

#### June 5

- Understanding the EU as an international organization
- Understanding the EU as an emerging state
- Introduction to CFSP

#### READINGS:

1. Charlotte Bretherton and John Vogler, Chapters 1-2 (pp. 12-61) The European Union as a Global Actor, Charlotte Bretherton and John Vogler, 2006. CD
2. Marsh, Steve and Hans Mackenstein, “The European Union and external relations” Chapters 1 and 3 (pp 1-27 and 51-74), The International Relations of the European Union, New York, NY: Pearson Longman Press, 2005. CD
3. Stanley Hoffman “Towards a Common Foreign Security Policy” *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Vol 38, No 2, 2000. CD

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### 4. European Foreign and Security Policy - Theory, Institutions and Implementation

#### June 10

- The emerging character of European foreign and security policy – assessing the theoretical debate

#### READINGS

1. John McCormick, The European Union: Politics and Policies, Westview Press, 2008. Part III Chapter 15 (pp 337-360). BK
2. Helen Sjursen “What kind of Power?” in *Journal of European Public Policy*, Vol. 13, No 2, 2006.
3. Ian Manners, “Normative Power Europe Reconsidered: Beyond the Crossroads” in *Journal of European Public Policy*, Vol. 13, No 2, 2006. CD
4. Adrian Hyde-Price, “Normative Power Europe: A Realist Critique” in *Journal of European Public Policy*, Vol. 13, No 2, 2006. CD

#### June 11

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#### READINGS

none

June 12 (Guest Lecture – Dr. Zachary Selden, Deputy Secretary General NATO-PA)

- The history ESDP
- The institutions of ESDP and their development.
- The changing EU – NATO relationship

#### READINGS

1. Various authors. Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 6 (pp 35-88 and 131-144) in EU Security and Defence Policy: The first five years (1999-2004). Nicole Gnesotto (ed.), Paris: Institute for Security Studies, 2004. <http://www.iss.europa.eu/uploads/media/5esdpen.pdf> CD

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### 5. Enlargement as Foreign Policy

June 16

- Enlargement as a foreign policy tool (theory)
- Enlargement as a foreign policy tool (practice): the Mediterranean enlargements

#### READINGS:

1. Helene Sjursten. 2002. “Why Expand? The Question of Legitimacy and Justification in the EU’s Enlargement Policy”. Journal of Common Market Studies 40(3): 491-513. CD
2. Christopher Preston, “The Second Enlargement: Greece” Chapter 3 and “The Third Enlargement: Spain and Portugal” Chapter 4, Enlargement and Integration in the European Union Christopher Preston, 1997. CD

June 17

- Enlargement as a foreign policy tool (practice): the 2004/7 CEECs enlargement

#### READINGS:

1. Karen Smith. 2003. “The Evolution and Application of EU Membership Conditionality”. In Marise Cremona, ed. The Enlargement of the European Union. Oxford University Press. CD
2. Karen Smith, “Explaining the Making of Foreign Policy Towards Eastern Europe” Chapter 8, The Making of EU Foreign Policy Karen Smith, 2004. CD

June 18

- Future EU Enlargements: Western Balkans
- Future EU Enlargements: Turkey

#### READINGS:

1. Bartlett, Will and Samardzila, Visnja, 2000. “The Reconstruction of South East Europe, the Stability Pact and the Role of the EU: an overview”. MOCT-MOST 2:245-263. CD
2. Turkes, Mustafa and Goksu Gokgoz, 2006. “The European Union’s Strategy towards the Western Balkans: Exclusion or Integration?” East European Politics and Societies 20(4): 659-690. CD

June 19

- Open discussion and practitioner’s perspective. Guest speaker \*\*\* (DG Enlargement)

**READINGS:**

1. Massari, Maurizio, 2005. "Do All Roads Lead to Brussels? Analysis of the Different Trajectories of Croatia, Serbia-Montenegro and Bosnia-Herzegovina", Cambridge Review of International Affairs, 18(2): 259-273. **CD**
  2. Redmond, John. 2007. "Turkey and the European Union: Troubled European or European Trouble?" International Affairs 83(2): 305-317 **CD**
  3. Grigoriadis, Ioannis, 2006. "Turkey's Accession to the European Union: Debating the Most Difficult Enlargement Ever". SAIS Review 26(1): 147-160. **CD**
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## 6. Neighborhood Policy

June 23

- Defining the "neighborhood"
- Second prize or independent initiative?

**READINGS:**

1. Smith, Karen, "The Outsiders: The European Neighborhood Policy", International Affairs 81(4): 757-773. **CD**
2. Charlotte Bretherton and John Vogler, "Candidates and Neighbors: The Union as Regional Actor" Chapter 6 The European Union as a Global Actor, Charlotte Bretherton and John Vogler, 2006, pp. 149-161 only. **CD**

June 24

- Can neighborhood policy succeed?
- Implications for the future of the EU.

**READINGS:**

1. Tim Gould, "The European Economic Area: A Model for the EU's Neighborhood Policy?", Perspectives on European Politics and Society 5(2): 172-202. **CD**
  2. Ulla, Holm, "EU's Neighborhood Policy: a question of space and security", Danish Institute for International Studies Working Paper # 2005/22 **CD**
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## 7. The EU as a Global Economic Actor

June 25

- Why is the EU an economic power: brief overview of European economic integration
- EMU as an example for economic integration for other regions
- The EU and world trade

**READINGS:**

1. Richard Baldwin, "East Asian Regionalism: A Comparison with Europe", Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva. **CD**
2. Maur, Jean-Christopher, 2005. "Exporting Europe's Trade Policy", The World Economy 28(11): 1565-1590. **CD**
3. Meuner, Sophie and Kalypso Nicolaidis, 2006, "The European Union as a Conflicted Trade Power", Journal of European Public Policy 13(6): 906-925. **CD**

June 26

- Economic relations with Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific
- Economic relations with the North and South America
- EU's financial assistance to the developing world

**READINGS:**

1. Stevens, Christopher, 2006. "The EU, Africa and Economic Partnership Agreements: unintended consequences of policy leverage" Journal of Modern African Studies 44(3): 441-458. **CD**
2. Ulmer, Karin, 2004. "Are Trade Agreements with the EU Beneficial to Women in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific?", Gender and Development 12(2): 53-57. **CD**
3. Freres, Christian. 2003. "The European Union as a Global "Civilian Power": Development Cooperation in EU-Latin American Relations", Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs, 42(2): 63-85. **CD**

June 30

- **EXAM**

**READINGS:**

none

July 1

- Guest speaker/EU's interaction with humanitarian and development international organizations.

**READINGS:**

1. Charlotte Bretherton and John Vogler, "The EU as Development and Humanitarian Actor" Chapter 5 The European Union as a Global Actor, Charlotte Bretherton and John Vogler, 2006. **CD**

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## 8. The EU and the World: Concluding Thoughts

July 2

- The EU and the USA- A New Transatlantic Relationship (?)

**READINGS:**

1. Marsh, Steve and Hans Mackenstein, "Conclusions" Chapter 10, The International Relations of the European Union, New York, NY: Pearson Longman Press, 2005. **CD**
2. Mahncke, Dieter, "Transatlantic Relations" Chapter 7, European Foreign Policy: From Rhetoric to Reality? Dieter Mahncke, Alicia Ambos and Christopher Reynolds (eds.), 2005. **CD**
3. Robert Kagan, "Power and Weakness - Why the United States and Europe see the world differently." Policy review. no. 113, 2002. **CD**

July 3

- Concluding remarks
  - **Final Exam distributed and discussed**
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