

THE EUROPEAN UNION AT A CROSSROADS: ISSUES AND POLICIES

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Language of instruction: **English**

Number of hours of class: **36h**



Objective of the Course

The aim of the course is to introduce students to the multiple European realities and to provide the necessary tools for understanding how the EU can face different challenges in an ever-changing world. This interdisciplinary course will permit students to approach these major issues through the lenses of political science, law, economics, and history.



Summary

Throughout the course, the lectures will allow participants to acquire a fundamental understanding of the evolution of European integration and of the political, judicial, and economic instruments of the European Union that have developed over the years, as well as the role of the EU on the international stage.

Lectures will be taught by three Sciences Po professors and will aim to provide participants with a solid foundation in each of the different themes addressed. Workshops will help participants to deepen their understanding of the historical and political aspects of each of the themes addressed during the lectures, providing a challenging forum for discussion. A special focus will be dedicated to EU environmental law and particularly the fight against climate change.



Organization of the course

- **Theme 1: History of the European Integration**

The objective of this section is to explore the main present-day challenges of the European Union from a historical perspective. The key phases in the history of European integration, from the 1950s to the present, will be discussed to better understand how to face current and future challenges.

- **Theme 2: The Political System of the European Union**

This section is designed to give participants the means to understand how the EU operates, its strategies and courses of action, and the main problems it faces.

- **Theme 3: The Constitutional Foundations of the EU**

This section focuses on the actors, processes, principles, and tools that provide the legal framework for European integration. The students will be introduced to sources of EU law, the European Union institutions, and the competences of the EU. This section will pay particular attention to the legal consequences of Brexit.

- **Theme 4: The Economics of European Integration**

This section aims to introduce participants to the economic governance of the European Union and to the economic challenges faced by its member states. It will focus on the institutions involved in the economic governance of the EU, the notion of Optimal Currency Areas, and specific instruments put into place such as the Stability Pact.

- **Theme 5: Europe between future challenges and governance reform**

This section will shed light on the nature, instruments, rationales, and record of EU foreign policy. Students will acquire the means to apprehend EU actorness in world politics. The discussion will notably focus on the challenges of collective foreign policy making, on EU relations with Russia, and on the impact of the rise of populism on EU external action.



Professor's Biography



Jan Rovny is an associate professor at the Sciences Po Center for European Studies (CEE) and the Interdisciplinary Research Center for the Evaluation of Public Policies (LIEPP). His research concentrates on political competition in Europe with the aim of uncovering the ideological conflict lines in different countries. At the Summer School, he will teach the themes “History of the European Integration” and “The Political System of the EU.”



Francesco Saraceno is the Deputy Department Director at OFCE, Observatoire Français des Conjonctures Economiques of Sciences Po. He is in charge of the economics major in Sciences Po's Master of European Affairs. His current research focuses mainly on the interaction between structural reforms and active policies, as well as on the Stability Pact and the European budget policy. At the Summer School, he will teach the theme “The Economics of European Integration.”



Imola Streho is an associate professor at the Law School and Vice Dean of the Doctoral School at Sciences Po. Her research focuses on EU law and particularly on the free movement of services in the EU. At the Summer School, she will teach the theme “The Constitutional Foundations of the EU.”



David Cadier is a researcher at Sciences Po's Centre for International Studies (CERI) and an associate at the London School of Economics (LSE). At CERI, he coordinates a European research project on EU foreign policy (EULISTCO). His current research focuses on the foreign policies of populist governments and on EU-Russia relations.

At the Summer School, he will teach the theme “Europe in the World.”