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 these 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 its role on the international scene.

Lectures will be taught by well-known professors, and 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.

Organisation of the course

Theme 1: The History of European integration – Jan Rovny
The objective of this section is to explore the central present-day challenges of the European Union from a historical perspective. The main steps of the history of European integration, from the 1950s to the present, will be discussed to better understand how to face current and future challenges.

- Lecture 1: The Origins of EU Integration
- Lecture 2: The Evolution of European Integration

Theme 2: The Political System of the European Union – Jan Rovny
This section is designed to give participants the means to understand how the EU operates, what it does, and the main problems it faces.

- Lecture 1: Institutions of the EU
- Lecture 2: Political Competition and Europe
- Lecture 3: Populism and Europe
- Lecture 4: EU Enlargement

Theme 3: The Constitutional Foundations of the EU – Imola Streho
This section focuses on the actors, processes, principles, and tools that provide the legal framework for European integration. The students will be introduced to the sources of EU law and the European Union institutions: the Commission, the Council of Ministers, the European Council, the European Parliament and the European Court of Justice. During this section, students will tackle the consequences of Brexit for EU and UK citizens.

- Lecture 1: Foundations of the European Legal Integration
- Lecture 2: Challenges to the EU Legal System
- Lecture 3: The EU Internal Market
- Lecture 4: Brexit & EU Trade Policy
- Lecture 5: European Citizenship & the EU Values
Theme 4: The Economics of European Integration – Francesco Saraceno
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 be dedicated to the institutions involved in the economic governance of the EU, to the notion of Optimal Currency Areas, and to specific instruments such as the Stability Pact.

- Lecture 1: Institutions for EU Governance
- Lecture 2: Optimal Currency Area
- Lecture 3: The Debate on Economic Policy
- Lecture 4: Competing Narratives on the Crisis
- Lecture 5: Europe at a Crossroads

Theme 5: Europe in the World – David Cadier
This section aims to introduce participants to the place of the EU in the world.
Lecture 1: EU foreign policy towards the East
Lecture 2: Populism and Europe’s foreign policy

Requirements for course validation

1. Class participation (10%)
2. European Union current news group presentations (40%)
   - During the workshops, small groups of students (2-3 per group) will have 10 minutes to present current news concerning the EU.
3. Final exam (50%)
   - Multiple-choice exam on each of the themes covered during the course.

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- Telos, www.telos-eu.com (political science blog about the EU news and major issues).
- MAEurope, https://maeeurope.wordpress.com/ (the blog of Sciences Po on European Affairs).
Professor biographies

Jan Rovny is an assistant professor at 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. In the Summer School, he will teach the themes “History of the European Integration” and “The Political System of the EU.”

Francesco Saraceno is Deputy Department Director at OFCE, Observatoire Français des conjonctures économiques 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. In the Summer School, he will teach the theme “The Economics of European Integration.”

Imola Streho is an associate professor at the Sciences Po Law School and an associate scholar at the Center of European Studies. She is the Director of Sciences Po’s Master of European Affairs and in charge of the law major in the master. Her research focuses particularly on the free movement of services in the EU. In the Summer School, she will teach the theme “The Constitutional Foundations of the EU.”

David Cadier is a researcher in EU foreign policy at CERI-Sciences Po since March 2018. He's also an Associate at LSE IDEAS (London School of Economics) and a Future World Fellow at the Centre for the Governance of Change (IE University). His research focuses mainly on EU-Russia relations and EU member states' foreign policies (especially Poland, Czech Republic and France). At CERI-Sciences Po, he coordinates the Horizon 2020 project EULISTCO along with Christian Lequesne.