

European Politics and Economy

Course syllabus 2024



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Period

8 July–19 July 2024

Credits

4 ECTS + Certificate of attendance

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Materials

Brigitte Leucht, Katja Seidel and Laurent Warlouzet eds., *Reinventing Europe: The History of the European Union, 1945 to the present* (London 2023).

More materials to be provided by the course coordinator.

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Course description

This course offers an introduction to the political landscape of Europe. Central to the course is the European Union (EU), a political partnership which has become a major player in global politics. First of all the historical background of the European Union will be discussed. It originated from a long process of political and economic integration that started after the Second World War and culminated in the formation of the EU with the Treaty of Maastricht in 1992. Several lectures will give insight into the various stages of integration, the role of European leaders and the present Euroscepticism and resistance to the European project.

One of the themes of the course is also the system of governance within the European Union, which consists of the European Parliament (representing the people of Europe); the Council of the European Union (representing national governments); and the European Commission (representing the common EU interest). The role and function of the various other European institutions such as the European Court of Justice and the European Central Bank will be addressed as well.

The final course theme focuses on regional and cultural diversity within Europe, discussing the position of various countries and regions within the larger European family, and the role of Europe in the world.

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Provisional program: Week 1

Monday, July 8

Time	Activity	Description	Lecturer
10:00-11:00	Introduction	Welcome and Introduction to the Course	Amanda de Lannoy
11:00-12:30	Lecture 1	The History of the European Union #1	Amanda de Lannoy
	Lunch		
13:30-15:00	Seminar 1	Towards a United Europe: Early Treaties	Amanda de Lannoy

Tuesday, July 9

Time	Activity	Description	Lecturer
10:00-12:00	Lecture 2	The History of the European Union #2	Amanda de Lannoy
12:00-13:00	Lunch		
13:00-15:00	Seminar 2	Architect of a United Europe: Jacques Delors	Amanda de Lannoy

Wednesday, July 10

Time	Activity	Description	Lecturer
10:00-12:00	Lecture 3	Overview of European Institutions Addressing the Democratic Deficit	Dr. Jan Pieter Beetz
12:00-13:00	Lunch		
13:00-15:00	Seminar 3	The Legislative Procedure and Economic Governance of the European Union with a Focus on the Institutions Involved	Amanda de Lannoy

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Thursday, July 11

Time	Activity	Description	Organizations
09:00-17:00	Excursion to The Hague	A Diverse Europe: The Position of the Netherlands Within the Larger European Family	TBC

Friday, July 12

Time	Activity	Description	Lecturers
10:00-12:00	Lecture 4	Sustainability Policies and European Developments in Environmental Governance	Dr. Kristian Mennen
12:00-13:00	Lunch		
13:00-15:00	Seminar 4	Cases of Environmental Protection and Degradations	Amanda de Lannoy

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Provisional program: Week 2

Monday, July 15

Time	Activity	Description	Lecturer
10:00-12:00	Documentary	<i>Inside Europe: Ten Years of Turmoil</i> (2019)	
12:00-13:00	Lunch		
13:00-15:00	Seminar 5	The Many Challenges of the European Union: From Crisis to Crisis?	Amanda de Lannoy

Tuesday, July 16

Time	Activity	Description	Organizations
09:00-17:00	Excursion to Amsterdam	Lobby Groups and Transparency	Handel Anders! Transnational Institute

Wednesday, July 17

Time	Activity	Description	Lecturer
10:00-12:00	Lecture 5	Economic Security Meets Austerity: European Strategic Autonomy at the Brink	Dr. Luuk Schmitz
12:00-13:00	Lunch		
13:00-17:00	Self-study	Prepare for assessment	

Thursday, July 18

Time	Activity	Description	Lecturer
13:00-17:00	Assessment	Exam	Amanda de Lannoy

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Friday, July 19

Time	Activity	Description	Lecturer
14:00-15:00	Presentation of Certificates		Amanda de Lannoy
15:00-17:00	Drinks		

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Lecturers

Amanda de Lannoy is a lecturer at the Political History section of Utrecht University. She is primarily interested in Dutch parliamentary history, the crisis of the people's parties in Western-Europe. and neoliberalism as a political ideology.

Dr Jan Pieter Beetz is Assistant Professor in Political Theory and European Integration at the Utrecht University School of Governance (USG). His research focuses primarily on political theories of the European Union. Drawing on practice-dependent methods, he studies the normative and conceptual dimensions of the EU's democratic deficits. His research focuses on alternative theories of democracy beyond the state and their application to the EU; and legitimate EU responses to democratic backsliding in member states.

Dr Kristian Mennen is specialised in political and environmental history. After successfully defending his PhD on political culture in the inter-war period, he worked on a research project on the history of nature conservation in the Netherlands and the United Kingdom between 1930 and 1960, funded by the European Commission. He is interested in the political aspects of the history of the conservationist and environmentalist movements in the twentieth century. At Utrecht University he is teaching courses in the (Dutch) bachelor and master programmes in History.

Dr Luuk Schmitz is a senior researcher at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) in Cologne. He holds a PhD in political and social science from the European University Institute with a dissertation on European industrial policy. His research deals with structural transformations in European political economy, focusing on the political economy of public policy, the role of narratives in (re)politicizing economic policy, and the relation between the two.