POLITICAL SCIENCE 412
THE POLITICS AND ECONOMICS OF MODERN EUROPE

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Thursdays 2:15-5:05pm

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I. PURPOSE:

In the early 1950s, six countries in Western Europe joined together in the European Coal and Steel Community, the predecessor to what is known today as the European Union. This organization has played a central part in Europe’s political and economic development since the end of WWII. What started out as an attempt to avoid the devastation of WWII in the future, and to rebuild the economies of Western Europe, now constitutes one of the most complex and intriguing political systems in the world. In the process of integration, the nation states of Europe have become the member states of the EU. They have pooled their sovereignty to a historically unprecedented degree, most recently by adoption a single currency and by creating new cooperative structures in the areas of both internal and external security. The integration process remains in flux, making the EU a moving target to study and evaluate.

The EU’s existence and development raises many theoretical and empirical questions. The objective of this class is to address these questions, by familiarizing ourselves with the relevant literatures. We will begin with the most fundamental of questions relating to state sovereignty on the continent and then the integration project. After that we will look at a series of issues of governance that make the European case so important to social science.

II. ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Complete readings, come to class and participate
2. Weekly response/discussion papers of no more than 3 double spaced pages on the readings.
3. A short paper, no more than 10 pages, that takes our readings and discussions as a point of departure and develops a research question and/or preliminary empirical investigation on atopic of your interest.
IV. Students with Documented Disabilities

Students who may need an academic accommodation based on the impact of a disability must initiate the request with the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) located within the Office of Accessible Education (OAE). SDRC staff will evaluate the request with required documentation, recommend reasonable accommodations, and prepare an Accommodation Letter for faculty dated in the current quarter in which the request is being made. Students should contact the SDRC as soon as possible since timely notice is needed to coordinate accommodations. The OAE is located at 563 Salvatierra Walk (phone: 723-1066, 723-1067 TTY).

V. Topics

April 3: Introduction and Overview of Class

If you have no familiarity with the details of the EU history and/or its institutional structures, you may want to look at the following books.


April 10: Nations and Nationalism

April 17: Theories of European Integration


April 24: Identity: Europe vs the Nation State


May 1: Executive Politics: Commission, Council and Central Bank


### May 9: Legislative Politics


### May 15: EU Law, the European Court of Justice and the defense of federalism


May 23: Political Economy


May 30: The Future of Europe: Problems, Solutions?