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ЕРЕВАН

Course Description and objectives

In this course, the focus will be on the functioning of the EU's institutions and the methods of decision-making as well as on various important aspects of its external relations and current issues. Since its start in the fifties, the EU has evolved into an ever more important multilevel system of integration – important, both in terms of its capacity of decision-making and its scope of policies. During the course the students will be provided with an understanding of the (institutional) structure of the EU and its functioning, in particular with regard to the role of the EU-institutions, their interplay and the balance between the EU-institutions and the member states, as well as of the most important venues of foreign policy and external relations. The course will cover the most important issues regarding the dynamics of EU integration and external relations.

The course consists of 72 academic hours, 3 modules and 12 sessions: lectures and seminars. Students will be required to study weekly readings, to write and present one research paper, and to do an end-term assignment.

Assessment method

Seminars (20%), research paper (40%) End-term exam (40%)

Attendance:

If you miss more than one session and / or deadlines without genuine extenuating circumstances, your work will not be marked.

End-term Research Papers:

Students are required to write an individual research paper, max. 3,000 words each (*everything included*). Word count is obligatory. Deadlines for research paper as well as other

requirements (presentations) will be announced in class.

Programme

Module 1. Introduction into the EU. How the EU works?

In this module, the focus will be on providing the students with the historical overview of the ideas of the Unity and various important aspects of the formation of the EU as well as on evolution of the EU's Treaties. The module will shed light on the functioning of the EU's institutions and the methods of decision-making. During the module the students will be provided with an understanding of the (institutional) structure of the EU and its functioning, in particular with regard to the role of the EU-institutions, their interplay and the balance between the EU-institutions and the member states. The module will also cover the most important theories regarding the dynamics of EU integration and external relations.

- History of the EU (European Integration from 1945 to 1984, Cold war and Marshall Plan, Treaty of Paris, Treaty of Rome, Merger Treaty, Single European Act, Treaty of Maastricht, Treaty of Amsterdam, Treaty of Nice, Treaty of Lisbon)
- Institutions of the EU (briefly who does what). Decision making in the EU
- Integration theories (Federalism and Federation, Neo-functionalism, Intergovernmentalism, New Theories of European Integration)

Module 2. The EU's Foreign Policy.

The module will focus on various important aspects of its external relations. Since its start in the fifties, the EU has evolved into an ever more important multilevel system of integration – important, both in terms of its capacity of decision-making and its scope of policies. The module will provide with an understanding of the most important venues of foreign policy and external relations.

- Institutions for EU external relations (Common Foreign and Security Policy, European External Action Service, Implications of Lisbon Treaty)
- Enlargement and Neighbourhood policy (ENP, EaP/UfM, ENP review),
- EU-Russia relations
- EU-USA relations
- EU policy in the South Caucasus
- EU-Armenia relations.

Module 3. Current Issues of the EU

In this module, the focus will be on providing the students with the overview of the current issues of the European Union ranging from migration to disintegration tendencies within the Union.

- Migration issue
- Financial economic issues
- Democratic deficit issue
- Brexit – What is next?

Deadlines: Proposal end-term research paper (containing: title; table of contents; brief outline major argument / question / hypothesis; bibliography).

Exam: T.B.A.

Required reading:

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