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Tuesday, 15:30 – 18:15

Aula 2

SSC 410 The European Union

This course introduces the main aspects of the European Union (EU), covering the historical context, institutions and actors, policies and policy making, and theories.

The course is divided into two parts. The first part focuses on the history of the process of European integration, and on the institutional architecture of the EU (a detailed list of the topics can be found in the following programme). This first part is examined by a mid-term quiz (40% of the final grade), composed of approximately 30 short answer questions (multiple choice; one-word-answers; or one-sentence-answers) and one long answer question (with a choice of one out of three).

The second part addresses internal and external policies, and theories of European integration (a detailed list of the topics can be found in the following programme). This second part is examined by another quiz (40% of the final grade), again composed of approximately 30 short answer questions and one long answer question (one out of three).

Active class participation accounts for the remaining 20% of the final grade. This includes a power point presentation of about 10 minutes on a topic of EU politics, which every student is asked to prepare once in a semester.

Programme:

1	February 22 15:30 – 18:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Introduction to the Course</u> <u>The Historical Context:</u> The European Community: From 1945 to 1985 	Michelle Cini and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borragan (eds) <i>European Union Politics</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009, Chapters 1 and 2
2	March 1 15:30 – 18:15	<u>The Historical Context:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The European Union: Establishment and Development From the Constitutional Treaty to the Treaty of Lisbon 	Michelle Cini and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borragan (eds) <i>European Union Politics</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009, Chapters 3 and 4
3	March 8 15:30 – 18:15	<u>Institutions and Actors:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The European Commission 	Michelle Cini and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borragan (eds) <i>European Union Politics</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009, Chapter 8
4	March 15 15:30 – 18:15	<u>Institutions and Actors:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Council 	Michelle Cini and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borragan (eds) <i>European Union Politics</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009, Chapter 9
5	March 22 15:30 – 18:15	<u>Institutions and Actors:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Parliament Interest Groups 	Michelle Cini and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borragan (eds) <i>European Union Politics</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009, Chapters 10 and 12
6	March 29 15:30 – 18:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Institutions and Actors:</u> The Courts Review for the Exam 	Michelle Cini and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borragan (eds) <i>European Union Politics</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009, Chapter 11
7	April 5 15:30 – 18:15	Mid Term Exam	
8	April 12 15:30 – 18:15	<u>Policies:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Common Agricultural Policy The Single Market 	Michelle Cini and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borragan (eds) <i>European Union Politics</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009, Chapters 21 and 16
9	April 19 15:30 – 18:15	<u>Policies:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Economic and Monetary Union Regional Europe 	Michelle Cini and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borragan (eds) <i>European Union Politics</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009, Chapters 20 and 18
April 22 – May 1 Spring break			
10	May 3 15:30 – 18:15	<u>Policies:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> External relations Common Foreign and Security Policy 	Michelle Cini and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borragan (eds) <i>European Union Politics</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009, Chapters 14 and 15
11	May 10 15:30 – 18:15	<u>Theories:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Neo-functionalism Intergovernmentalism 	Michelle Cini and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borragan (eds) <i>European Union Politics</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009, Chapters 5 and 6

12	May 17 15:30 – 18:15	1. <u>Theories</u> : New theories of European integration 2. Review for the exam	Michelle Cini and Nieves Perez-Solorzano Borragan (eds) <i>European Union Politics</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009, Chapter 7
13	May 23-26 15:30 – 18:15	Final Exam –exact day and time to be announced	

General Attendance Policy:

Attendance to all CSU courses is mandatory. Two unexcused absences are allowed during the semester but more than two unexcused absences will lower your grade (excused absences will be accepted for serious medical reasons or emergencies) as follows: 3 unexcused absences, lowers one letter grade; 4 unexcused absences, lowers two letter grades; 5 unexcused absences, lowers 3 letter grades. More than five unexcused absences will result in failure of the course.

In order not to disrupt the class, punctuality is required. Students are expected to be in class at the beginning of the class hour; any delay exceeding ten minutes will be considered an absence.

Dates of mid-term and final exams can not be changed for individual travel plans or personal needs. Students should take note of the dates and hours of the midterm and final exams and plan their trips after the last exam. It is important to inform friends and relatives about these exam dates so that no tickets are purchased for you that will interfere with these exam dates. Missing the midterm or the final exam will mean failure of the course.

During the academic year photocopies and other material may be distributed in class by the instructors. Students who were not in class are responsible for getting the material from their classmates and making their own photocopies.

Other class policies:

Use of the computer in class is restricted to oral presentations, unless previously approved by the professor.

Eating is NOT allowed in class.

Cellular phones must be turned off or placed on silent mode during class.