

## Institutions and challenges of the European Union

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### Aim and approach

There are no less than 58 entries in the handbook on the European Union (EU) published at Oxford University Press, and 25 in the one edited by Renaud Dehousse at the *Documentation française*. While it is not possible to present the political reality of the EU in an exhaustive way in one lecture, this lecture course provides a number of elements of understanding. Its objective is to present, in an intelligible way, the main institutions and policy challenges of the EU. To do this, a political sociology approach is mobilised to restore the EU as it *is*, rather than taking a stand for what it *should be*. Weekly reading of a text (article or chapter) is mandatory. It is also strongly recommended to prepare each lecture session by consulting the elective readings at each session and by following European political news.

### Working method

**Step 1:** To be prepared for each session of the lecture, you must read the required text as well as the Powerpoint. The Powerpoint will be online one week before each session. You can download all these documents from the following page: <https://samuelbhfaure.com/2a-eu-institutions-l/>

**Step 2:** If there is any essential information from each session that you have not understood, do further research using references listed on the syllabus (see below pages 3-10).

**Step 3:** If you haven't found any answers to your questions, ask them before Tuesday 5.30pm on the "Forum" space that I will open every week on the *Campus Numérique*. If one of you has an answer to a question asked by another student, answer it on the Forum (and not through a private message), so that everyone can benefit from it.

**Step 4:** If questions have not been answered, I will answer them during the lecture.

Students who participate each week on the Forum with relevant contributions will receive a two-point bonus on their final grade. Students who participate actively but less regularly or whose contributions are not essential will get a one-point bonus on their final grade.

## Assessment

The course is evaluated by two one-hour exams online:

- The first exam will evaluate your knowledge learned in sessions 1 to 4, be organized between 19-23 October and consist of two parts:
  - o Ten multiple-choice questions on course fundamentals (5 points)
  - o Six multiple-choice questions on mandatory readings (3 points)
  
- The second exam will assess your knowledge learned in sessions 1 to 9, be organized between 14-18 December and consist of two parts:
  - o Six multiple-choice questions on mandatory readings (3 points)
  - o A development question/an essay (9 points)

For multiple-choice questions, a half-point is added per correct answer and a quarter-point is subtracted per wrong answer. Regarding the essay, the rating takes into account three main evaluation criteria:

- the clarity of the demonstration,
- its originality and the scientific references on which it is based.
- Responses with unclear, normative or unjustified developments will be penalized.

Your answer should not exceed 500 words (one page). Two points will be removed if you exceed this limit. Students can answer the exam in either French or English.



## Programme

Class starts at 9.10 am.

### I. INSTITUTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

#### **Session 1 (9.24) – HISTORY: What’s the driver of European integration?**

Aim	Explaining the institutionalisation of the EU
Argument	The institutionalisation of the EU has been unexpected
Keywords	Bargaining, ‘constructive ambiguity’, J. Delors, enlargement, national interest, internal market, J. Monnet, treaties
Compulsory reading	Nicolas JABKO. <i>L’Europe par le marché. Histoire d’une stratégie improbable</i> . Paris: Presses de Sciences Po, 2009, p. 15-26; 259-270.
Elective readings	Bickerton, Chris. <i>The European Union: A Citizen’s Guide</i> . London: Pelican, 2016, p. 43-74. Frédéric MÉRAND, Julien WEISBEIN. <i>Introduction à l’Union européenne</i> . Bruxelles: De Boeck, 2011, p. 19-40. Renaud DEHOUSSE, Paul MAGNETTE. L’évolution du système institutionnel. In Renaud DEHOUSSE (ed). <i>Politiques européennes</i> . Paris: Presses de Sciences Po, 2009. p. 31–51. Robin HERTZ, Dirk LEUFFEN. Too big to run? Analysing the impact of enlargement on the speed of EU decision-making. <i>European Union Politics</i> . 2011, vol. 12, no 2, p. 193–215.

#### **Session 2 (10.1) – GOVERNANCE: What are the (main) EU institutions?**

Aim	Mapping the (main) EU institutions
Argument	EU political regime is ordered by a variety of institutions that represent different and even divergent interests
Keywords	European Council, Council, Commission, Court, Parliament, ECB
Compulsory reading	Frédéric MÉRAND, Julien WEISBEIN. <i>Introduction à l’Union européenne</i> . Bruxelles : De Boeck, 2011, p. 41-66.
Elective readings	Bickerton, Chris. <i>The European Union: A Citizen’s Guide</i> . London: Pelican, 2016, p. 43-74. Antonin COHEN. <i>Le régime politique de l’Union européenne</i> . Paris : La Découverte, 2014, p. 7-34.



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### Session 3 (10.8) – DECISION-MAKING: How does the EU work?

Aim	Understanding decision-making processes in the European Union
Argument	There are two (main) ways for making decisions in the EU: the "Community" method and the "intergovernmental" method
Keywords	Budget, co-decision, Community method, decision-making, intergovernmentalism, 'ordinary legislative procedure', norms, parliamentarisation
Compulsory reading	Stéphanie NOVAK. La prise de décision dans l'Union européenne. In Olivier COSTA, Frédéric MÉRAND (eds.), <i>Études européennes</i> , Bruxelles: Éditions Bruylant, 2017, p. 55-94.
Elective readings	Bickerton, Chris. <i>The European Union: A Citizen's Guide</i> . London: Pelican, 2016, p. 11-42. Antonin COHEN. <i>Le régime politique de l'Union européenne</i> . Paris: La Découverte, 2014, p. 35-66. Renaud DEHOUSSE, Andrew THOMPSON. Intergovernmentalists in the Commission: Foxes in the Henhouse?. <i>Journal of European Integration</i> . 2012, vol. 34, no 2, p. 113–132. Morten EGEBERG, Ase GORNITZKA, Jarle TRONDAL. A Not So Technocratic Executive? Everyday Interaction between the European Parliament and the Commission. <i>West European Politics</i> . 2013, vol. 37, no 1, p. 1–18. Didier GEORGAKAKIS. Une Commission sous tension? La singulière différenciation des personnels administratifs et politiques de la Commission européenne in Didier GEORGAKAKIS (ed.). <i>Le champ de l'Eurocratie. Une sociologie politique du personnel de l'UE</i> . Paris: Economica, (Etudes politiques), 2012, p. 43-83. Caroline HOWARD GRON, Heidi HOULBERG SALOMONSEN. Who's at the table? An analysis of ministers' participation in EU Council of Ministers meetings. <i>Journal of European Public Policy</i> . 2015, vol. 22, no 8, p. 1071–1088. Paul MAGNETTE. <i>Le régime politique de l'Union européenne</i> . 4th edition. Paris: Presses de Sciences Po (Références Gouvernances), 2009, p. 75–140; 169–198. Bernard STEUNENBERG. « Is big brother watching? Commission oversight of the national implementation of EU directives ». <i>European Union Politics</i> . 2010, vol. 11, no 3, p. 359–380.



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#### Session 4 (10.15) – LOBBIES: How do interest groups shape the EU?

Aim	Presentation of interest groups in Brussels and their role in the EU decision-making process
Argument	Lobbies represent actors with multiple resources, objectives and strategies and have a variable effect on the EU
Keywords	Interest groups, lobbying
Compulsory reading	Guillaume COURTY, Hélène MICHEL. Groupes d'intérêt et lobbyistes dans l'espace politique européen: des permanents de l'eurocratie. In Didier GEORGAKAKIS (ed.), <i>Le champ de l'Eurocratie. Une sociologie politique du personnel de l'UE</i> . Paris: Economica, (Études politiques), 2012, p. 213-239.
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## II. CHALLENGES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

### **Session 5 (10.22) – EURO: The monetary policy of the EU**

Aim	Presentation of the monetary policy of the EU through the Eurozone crisis
Argument	Supranational institutions (ECB, but also Court and Commission) have been strengthened during the Eurozone crisis in 2007-9
Keywords	ECB, Euro, Germany, Greece
Compulsory reading	Clément FONTAN. Frankenstein en Europe: l'impact de la Banque centrale européenne sur la gestion de la crise de la zone euro. <i>Politique européenne</i> . 2013, vol. 42, no 4, p. 22–45.
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### **Session 6 (11.5) – MIGRATION: The area of freedom, security and justice**

Aim	Understanding the functioning of the area of freedom, security and justice through the migration challenge
Argument	Migration policy unveils 'multi-level' governance
Keywords	Freedom of movement, immigration, migrants, refugees
Compulsory reading	Virginie GUIRAUDON. Les effets de l'eupéanisation des politiques d'immigration et d'asile. <i>Politique européenne</i> . 2010, vol. 31, no 2, p. 7-32.



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### Session 7 (11.12) – A EUROPEAN DEFENCE POLICY: An oxymoron?

- Aim Explaining the EU's political role in a non-Community area
- Argument The CSDP reveals the differentiated integration of the EU
- Keywords Armaments, Army, CSDP, Defence, EDA, EEAS, Industry, OCCAR, strategic culture
- Compulsory reading Samuel B.H. FAURE. 2017. « Pourquoi la défense européenne est-elle impuissante ? » dans Le Gouriellec Sonia (dir.), *Notre monde est-il plus dangereux ?*, Paris : Armand Colin. 117-122.
- Elective readings Samuel B.H. FAURE. *La défense européenne. L'émergence d'une culture stratégique commune*. Montréal: Athéna Editions, 2016, p. 83-100.
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### Session 8 (11.19) – DEMOCRACY: What is the EU's problem with democracy?

Aim	Understanding how European citizens perceive the EU
Argument	European citizens are less opposed to the EU than indifferent to it
Keywords	Euroscepticism, citizens, citizenship, democracy, democratic deficit, Erasmus, European elections, identity
Compulsory reading	Virginie VAN INGELGOM. « Mesurer l'indifférence. Intégration européenne et attitudes des citoyens ». <i>Sociologie</i> . 2012, vol. 3, no 1, p. 1–20.
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### Session 9 (11.26) – CONCLUSION: Does the EU have a future?

Aim	Drawing some avenues on the future of the EU
Argument	The most credible hypothesis is not European disintegration but the strengthening of European differentiation
Keywords	Community method, differentiated integration, « opt-out », transfer of sovereignty, variable geometry Europe





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« Géopolitique de l'Europe » (Sciences Po) par Sylvain Kahn, Philippe Perchoc, Thomas Raineau : <https://www.coursera.org/learn/geopolitique>

## **Scientific Journals**

European Journal of Political Research (Wiley)  
European Union Politics (Sage)  
Journal of Common Market Studies (Wiley)  
Journal of European Public Policy (Routledge)  
Politique européenne (L'Harmattan)  
West European Politics (Routledge)  
CAIRN (<http://www.cairn.info/>)  
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Le Grand Continent	<a href="https://legrandcontinent.eu/fr/">https://legrandcontinent.eu/fr/</a>	Specialized journal
Contexte	<a href="https://www.contexte.com/">https://www.contexte.com/</a>	Specialized journal
Coulisses de Bruxelles	<a href="http://bruxelles.blogs.liberation.fr/">http://bruxelles.blogs.liberation.fr/</a>	Blog of the Libération correspondent in Brussels
Décrypter la communication européenne	<a href="http://www.lacomeuropeenne.fr/">http://www.lacomeuropeenne.fr/</a>	Blog of an expert of the political communication
EU Observer	<a href="https://euobserver.com/">https://euobserver.com/</a>	Specialized journal
Euractiv.fr	<a href="http://www.euractiv.fr/">http://www.euractiv.fr/</a>	Specialized journal
Fondation Robert Schuman	<a href="http://www.robert-schuman.eu/fr/">http://www.robert-schuman.eu/fr/</a>	Think Tank
Notre Europe	<a href="http://www.institutdelors.eu/">http://www.institutdelors.eu/</a>	Think Tank
Institut Jacques Delors		
Toute l'Europe	<a href="http://www.touteurope.eu/">http://www.touteurope.eu/</a>	Information website funded by the French government and the EU
VoxEurop	<a href="http://www.voxeurop.eu/en">http://www.voxeurop.eu/en</a>	Specialized journal

