

STV 4030B
European Union: Government, Politics, and Policies
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Overview and Objectives

Starting from the observation that the European Union possesses many of the attributes of modern political systems, the aim of the course is to enable students to apply general theories of political science in order to explain how the EU works. For each of the main processes in the EU political system – executive, legislative and judicial politics, public opinion, interest groups and democracy, as well as regulative, expenditure, monetary and interior policies, the course will equip students with key political science tools and a solid grasp of relevant theories thereby enabling a rigorous and sophisticated analysis of politics in the European Union.

What will you learn?

Knowledge:

- Understanding of relevant political science theories for analysing key aspects of government, politics, and policies in modern political systems
- Overview of the developments in the EU in all key aspects of its political system
- Familiarity with the scholarly debate in all main areas of government, politics and policies in the European Union

Skills:

- Ability to identify and apply relevant general theories from political science to analyse any aspect of the political system of the EU
- Ability to identify relevant primary and secondary sources of empirics in order to conduct independent research on any aspect of the political system of the EU
- Ability to identify competing theoretical claims regarding any aspect of politics in the EU and evaluate them in light empirical evidence

General knowledge:

- Develop the ability to produce theoretically informed empirical analysis
- Develop written and oral presentation skills
- Ability to consume, summarise, and evaluate academic research

The textbook for the course is Simon Hix & Bjørn Høyland (2011) *The Political System of the European Union*. This textbook apply general political science theories on various aspect of government, politics and policies in the EU. For each topic, I also assign a 3 - 4 papers that address one of the topics covered in the relevant book-chapter.

We will cover two topics per week. Each week, I will use the Tuesday class to introduce the two topics, as presented in the textbook. In the Thursday class, we will spend the first hour discussing the key controversies in the assigned readings. In the second hour, I will present this week's assignment and provide guidance on how to conduct the required research.

Assesement

There will be 5 written assignments. The assignments are to be submitted in frontier. The deadline for submission is Monday 23:59 the following week. All five assignments must be submitted in order to pass the course. There will be no final exam.

Required Texts

- Hix, S. and Høyland, B. (2011). *The Political System of the European Union*. Palgrave Macmillan, 3rd edition

Useful background texts

- Chalmers, D., Davies, G., and Monti, G. (2010). *European Union Law: Text and Materials*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2nd edition
- Moravcsik, A. (1998). *The Choice for Europe: Social Purpose & State Power from Messina to Maastricht*. Cornell University Press
- Shepsle, K. A. and Bonchek, M. S. (1997). *Analyzing Politics: Rationality, Behavior and Institutions*. W.W. Norton and Co., London
- Hinich, M. J. and Munger, M. C. (1997). *Analytical Politics*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge

Course Outline

Executive and Legislative Politics (Week 4)

- Hix, S. and Høyland, B. (2011). *The Political System of the European Union*. Palgrave Macmillan, 3rd edition (Chapters 1-3)
- Crombez, C. and Hix, S. (2011). Treaty Reform and the Commission's Appointment and Policy Making Role in the European Unions. *European Union Politics*, 12(3):291 – 314
- Hooghe, L. (1999). Images of Europe: Orientations to European Integration Among Senior Officials of the Commission. *British Journal of Political Science*, 29:345–367
- Franchino, F. (2009a). Experience and the Distribution of Portfolio Payoff in the European Commission. *European Journal of Political Research*, 48(1):1 – 30
- Tsebelis, G. and Garrett, G. (2000). Legislative Politics in the European Union. *European Union Politics*, 1(1):9–36
- Hix, S., Noury, A., and Roland, G. (2006). Dimensions of Politics in the European Parliament. *American Journal of Political Science*, 50(2):494–511
- Mattila, M. (2004). Contested decisions: Empirical analysis of voting in the European Union Council of Ministers. *European Journal of Political Research*, 43(1):29–50
- König, T., Lindberg, B., Lechner, S., and Pohlmeier, W. (2007). Bicameral Conflict Resolution in the European Union: An Empirical Analysis of Conciliation Committee Bargains. *British Journal of Political Science*, 37(2):281 – 312

Judicial Politics and Public Opinion (Week 5)

- Hix, S. and Høyland, B. (2011). *The Political System of the European Union*. Palgrave Macmillan, 3rd edition (Chapters 4-5)
- Carrubba, C., Gabel, M., and Hankla, C. (2008). Judicial Behavior under Political Constraints: Evidence from the European Court of Justice. *American Political Science Review*, 102(4):435 – 452
- Stone Sweet, A. and Brunell, T. L. (1998). Constructing a Supranational Constitution: Dispute Resolution and Governance in the European Community. *American Political Science Review*, 92(1):63–81
- Garrett, G., Kelemen, R. D., and Schulz, H. (1998). The European Court of Justice, National Governments, and Legal Integration in the European Union. *International Organization*, 52(1):149–176
- Alter, K. J. (1998). Who Are the "Masters of the Treaty"? European Governments and the European Court of Justice. *International Organization*, 52(1):121–147

- Hooghe, L. and Marks, G. (2006). Calculation, Community and Cues: Public Opinion on European Integration. *European Union Politics*, 6(4):419 – 443
- Garry, J. and Tilley, J. (2009). The Macroeconomic Factors Conditioning the Impact of Identity on Attitudes towards the EU. *European Union Politics*, 10(3):361 – 379
- Gabel, M. (1998). Public Support for European Integration: An Empirical Test of Five Theories. *Journal of Politics*, 60(3):333 –354

Democratic deficit and interest representation (Week 6)

- Hix, S. and Høyland, B. (2011). *The Political System of the European Union*. Palgrave Macmillan, 3rd edition (Chapters 6-7)
- Majone, G. (2000). The Credibility Crisis of Community Regulation. *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 38(2):273–302
- Moravcsik, A. (2002). In Defence of the "Democratic Deficit": Reassessing the Legitimacy of the European Union. *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 40(4):603–34
- Føllesdal, A. and Hix, S. (2006). Why There is a Democratic Deficit in the EU: A Response to Majone and Moravcsik. *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 44(3):533 – 562
- Crombez, C. (2003). The Democratic Deficit in the European Union: Much Ado about Nothing? *European Union Politics*, 4(1):101–20
- Crombez, C. (2002). Information, Lobbying and the Legislative Process in the European Union. *European Union Politics*, 3(1):7–32
- Marshall, D. (2010). Who to Lobby and When: Institutional Determinants of Interest Group Strategies in European Parliament Committees. *European Union Politics*, 11(4):553 – 575
- Klüver, H. (forthcoming). The contextual nature of lobbying: Explaining lobbying success in the European Union. *European Union Politics*

Regulation and Expenditure Policies (Week 7)

- Hix, S. and Høyland, B. (2011). *The Political System of the European Union*. Palgrave Macmillan, 3rd edition (Chapters 8-9)
- Ringe, N. (2005). Policy Preference Formation in Legislative Politics: Structures, Actors, and Focal Points. *American Journal of Political Science*, 49(4):731–746
- Clift, B. (2009). The Second Time as Farce? The EU Takeover Directive, the Clash of Capitalism and the Hamstrung Harmonization of European (and French) Corporate Governance. *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 47(1):55 – 79

- Nicolaidis, K. and Schmidt, K. (2007). Mutual recognition "on trial": The long road to services liberalization. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 14(5):717 – 734
- Carrubba, C. J. (1997). Net Financial Transfers in the European Union: Who Gets What and Why? *Journal of Politics*, 59(2):469–496
- Rodden, J. (2002). Strength in Numbers? Representation and Redistribution in the European Union. *European Union Politics*, 3(2):151–175
- Kemmerling, A. and Bodenstein, T. (2006). Partisan policies in regional redistribution: Do parties affect the distribution of eu structural funds across regions? *European Union Politics*, 7(3):373 – 392
- Mattila, M. (2006). Fiscal transfers and redistribution in the European Union: do smaller member states get more than their share? *Journal of European Public Policy*, 13(1):34 – 51

EMU and Interior Policies (Week 8)

- Hix, S. and Høyland, B. (2011). *The Political System of the European Union*. Palgrave Macmillan, 3rd edition (Chapters 10-11)
- Buitter, W. H. (1999). Alice in Euroland. *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 37(2, June):181–209
- Leblond, P. (2006). The Political Stability and Growth Pact is Dead: Long Live the Economic Stability and Growth Pact. *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 44(5):969 – 990
- Hallerberg, M. (2010). Fiscal federalism reform in the European Union and the Greek crisis. *European Union Politics*, 12(1):127 – 142
- Goldbach, R. and Fahrholz, C. (forthcoming). The Euro Area's Common Default Risk: Evidence on the Commission's Impact on European Fiscal Affairs. *European Union Politics*
- Hix, S. and Noury, A. (2007). Politics not Economic Interests: Determinants of Migration Policies in the European Unions. *International Migration Review*, 41(1):182 – 205
- Franchino, F. (2009b). Perspective on European Immigration Policies. *European Union Politics*, 10(3):403 – 420
- Brücker, H. and Schröder, P. J. (2011). Migration regulation contagion. *European Union Politics*, 12(3):315 – 335