

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, Spring 2012

Course 4445 EU and the Nation States: Policy Formulation and Implementation

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Knowledge aim: Increasingly, public policy results from decision processes that span several levels of governance. The course will highlight the relationship between the EU level and the national level regarding the formulation and implementation of policies. The role of institutions will be particularly emphasised in this respect, and analysed from various theoretical perspectives. Course participants are to learn how the European Commission, Union Council and European Parliament actually work and how politics within these key institutions reflects the way they are organised and recruited. Course participants are also to learn how EU-level executive bodies relate to national governments and how variation as regards the implementation of EU policies is to be explained.

Skill aim: After having finished the course, participants should be able to analyse decision processes within the multilevel EU system of governance, across policy fields. Such analytical skills help to predict and make sense of outcomes, and to possibly influence outcomes by identifying access points to a policy process and by knowing how to structure future processes.

Teaching: 10 lectures will be given.

Knowledge requirements: The course builds on a bachelor level in political science or European studies.

Plan for the course:

1.lecture (Egeberg): Introduction to the course: a theoretical and empirical overview

Literature: Egeberg (2006a; 2006b)

2. lecture (Gornitzka): Theoretical perspectives on European integration

Literature: Aspinwall and Schneider (2000); Olsen (2000); Sverdrup (1999)

3. lecture (Egeberg): The European Commission: leadership, organisation and personnel

Literature: Egeberg (2006c; 2006d); Trondal et al. (2008)

4. lecture (Egeberg): The European Commission: committee system and interest groups

Literature: Egeberg et al. (2006); Eising (2007); Gornitzka and Sverdrup (2008)

5. lecture (Gornitzka): The Council of the European Union: functions and political leadership

Literature: Hayes-Renshaw and Wallace (2006); ch. 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 11

6. lecture (Gornitzka): The European Parliament: structure and function

Literature: Hayes-Renshaw (2006), ch 8; Scully (2010)

7. lecture (Egeberg): *The Council of the European Union: the committee system*

Literature: Hayes-Renshaw and Wallace (2006); ch. 3, 4, 11 ; Egeberg et al. (2006); Joerges and Neyer (1997); Blom-Hansen and Brandsma (2009)

8. lecture (Gornitzka): *Changing EU institutions – is design possible?*

Literature: Olsen (2002); Sverdrup (1999); Tallberg (2010)

9. lecture (Egeberg): *Towards a multilevel Union administration*

Literature: Egeberg (2006a); Martens (2006); Støle (2006); Ugland og Veggeland (2006)

10. lecture (Gornitzka): *EU impacts on national institutions, politics and policies*

Literature: Goetz and J-H Meyer-Sahling (2008); Goetz (2001); Knill (1998); Olsen (1992); Radaelli (2008); Sverdrup (2004)

Reading list (compulsory)

(All chapters/articles are available in compendia or electronically, except for those in M. Egeberg (ed.): *Multilevel Union Administration*, and in F. Hayes-Renshaw and H. Wallace: *The Council of Ministers*)

- Aspinwall, M. and G. Schneider (2000): "Same Menu, Separate Tables: The Institutional Turn in Political Science and the Study of European Integration", *European Journal of Political Research* 38: 1-36 35 pp
- Blom-Hansen, J. and G.J. Brandsma (2009) "The EU Comitology System: Intergovernmental Bargaining and Deliberative Supranationalism?" *Journal of Common Market Studies* 47: 719-740 21 pp
- Egeberg, M. (2006a): "Europe's Executive Branch of Government in the Melting Pot: an Overview", in M. Egeberg (ed.): *Multilevel Union Administration. The Transformation of Executive Politics in Europe*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan 16 pp
- Egeberg, M. (2006b): "The Institutional Architecture of the EU and the Transformation of European Politics", in M. Egeberg (ed.) 14 pp
- Egeberg, M. (2006c): "Balancing Autonomy and Accountability: Enduring Tensions in the European Commission's Development", in M. Egeberg (ed.) 20 pp
- Egeberg, M. (2006d): "The College of Commissioners: Executive Politics as Usual?" in M. Egeberg (ed.) 15 pp
- Egeberg, M., G. Schaefer and J. Trondal (2006): "EU Committee Governance between Intergovernmental and Union Administration", in M. Egeberg (ed.) 20 pp
- Eising, R. (2007): "Interest Groups and the European Union", in M. Cini (ed.): *European Union Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press 17 pp
- Goetz, K.H. (2001): "European Integration and National Executives: A Cause in Search of an Effect". In K. H. Goetz and S. Hix (eds.): *Europeanised Politics? European Integration and National Political Systems*. London: Frank Cass 20 pp
- Goetz, K.H. and J-H Meyer-Sahling (2008): "The Europeanisation of National Political Systems: Parliaments and Executives", *Living Reviews in European Governance* 3: 2, <http://www.livingreviews.org/lreg-2008-2> 26 pp

Gornitzka, Å. and U. Sverdrup (2008): “Who Consults? The Configuration of Expert Groups in the European Union”, <i>West European Politics</i> 31: 725-750	25 pp
Hayes-Renshaw, F. and H. Wallace (2006): <i>The Council of Ministers</i> . Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan	260 pp
Joerges, C. and J. Neyer (1997): “Transforming Strategic Interaction into Deliberative Problem-Solving: European Comitology in the Foodstuffs Sector”, <i>Journal of European Public Policy</i> 4: 609-25	16 pp
Knill, C. (1998): “European Policies: The Impact of National Administrative Traditions”, <i>Journal of Public Policy</i> 18: 1-28	27 pp
Martens, M. (2006): “National Regulators between Union and Governments: a Study of the EU’s Environmental Policy Network IMPEL”, in M. Egeberg (ed.)	19 pp
Scully, R. (2010): “The European Parliament”, in M. Cini and N. Pérez-Solórzano Borragán (eds.): <i>European Union Politics</i> (3 rd edition). Oxford: Oxford University Press	13 pp
Olsen, J.P. (1992): “Analyzing Institutional Dynamics”, <i>Staatswissenschaften und Staatspraxis</i> 3: 247-71	24 pp
Olsen, J.P. (2000): ”Organising European Institutions of Governance: A Prelude to an Institutional Account of Political Integration.” I H. Wallace (red.): <i>Whose Europe? Interlocking Dimensions of Integration</i> . London: Macmillan	20 pp
Olsen, J.P. (2002): ”Reforming European Institutions of Governance”, <i>Journal of Common Market Studies</i> 40: 581-602	26 pp
Radaelli, C.M. (2008): <i>Europeanization, Policy Learning, and New Modes of Governance</i> , <i>Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis</i> 10: 239-254	16 pp
Støle, Ø. (2006): “Towards a Multilevel Union Administration? The Decentralization of EU Competition Policy”, in M. Egeberg (ed.)	16 pp
Sverdrup, U. (1999): ”Precedents and present events in the European Union: An institutional perspective on treaty reform”, in K.H. Neunreither and A. Wiener (eds.): <i>European Integration. Institutional Dynamics and Prospects for Democracy after Amsterdam</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press.	24 pp
Sverdrup, U. (2004): “Compliance and Conflict Management in the European Union: Nordic Exceptionalism”, <i>Scandinavian Political Studies</i> 27: 23-43	20pp
Tallberg, J. (2010): “Explaining the Institutional Foundations of European Union Negotiations”, <i>Journal of European Public Policy</i> 17 (5): 633-647	15pp
Trondal, J., C. van den Berg and S. Suvarierol (2008): ‘The Compound Machinery of Government. The Case of Seconded Officials in the European Commission’, <i>Governance</i> 21: 253-274	21 pp
Ugland, T. and F. Veggeland (2006): “The European Commission and the Integration of Food Safety Policies across Levels”, in M. Egeberg (ed.)	20 pp
Total number of pages	ca. 766 pp

Recommended reading:

Bulmer, S. and C. Lequesne (eds.) (2005): *The Member States of the European Union*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Egeberg, M. (2005): “The EU and the Nordic Countries: Organizing Domestic Diversity?”, in S. Bulmer and C. Lequesne (eds.)

March, J.G. and J.P. Olsen (1989): *Rediscovering Institutions*. New York: The Free Press

Olsen, J.P. (2007): *Europe in Search of Political Order. An institutional perspective on unity/diversity, citizens/their helpers, democratic design/historical drift and the co-existence of orders.* Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Page, E.C. (1997): *People Who Run Europe.* Oxford: Clarendon Press

Trondal, J. (2010): *An Emergent European Executive Order.* Oxford: Oxford University Press

Wallace, H. and W. Wallace (eds.) (2000): *Policy Making in the European Union.* Oxford: Oxford University Press

Wessels, W., A. Maurer and J. Mittag (eds.) (2003): *Fifteen into One? The European Union and Its Member States.* Manchester: Manchester University Press