

Political Institutions and Policy-Making in the European Union

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Political Science 603

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Class meetings: Thursdays, 10 am -1 pm

Course description:

This course provides an overview of European Union institutions and policymaking processes. It analyzes the various roles of EU institutions and advisory bodies. It examines the ways in which interest groups, political parties and public opinion affect decision-making in the Union. It explains and traces the implications of the diversity of policymaking processes that characterize EU decision-making. Finally, the course engages debates about the “democratic deficit” in Europe and considers whether meaningful action can be taken to increase legitimacy.

Course requirements and assessment:

Participation (including presentations): 20 %
Multiple-choice questions: 20 %
Final in-class exam: 60 %

Books to buy:

Hix, Simon. *The Political System of the European Union*. 2nd ed. Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2005.

Cini, Michelle, ed. *European Union Politics*. 2nd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007.

September 20

Week 1: Introduction: The EU political system and its different decision-making levels

Hix ch. 1

Helen Wallace (2005) “An Institutional Anatomy and Five Policy Models” in Helen Wallace, William Wallace and Mark A. Pollack *Policy-Making in the European Union*, 2nd edition, New York: Palgrave.

September 27

Week 2: Executive Politics: The European Commission

Hix, ch. 2

Tallberg, Jonas (2007). “Executive politics” in Jorgensen, Pollack and Rosamond *Handbook of European Union Politics*, Sage.

*Hooghe, Liesbet (2005). “Limits to International Socialization: the Case of the European Commission”, *International Organization* 58 (4). 861-898.

*Pollack, Mark A. (1997). “Delegation, agency and agenda setting in the European Community”, *International Organization* 51(1). 99-134.

*Wonka, Arndt, 2007: Technocratic and independent? the appointment of European Commissioners and its policy implications. In: *Journal of European Public Policy* 14, 169-189.

October 4

Week 3: Legislative Politics: The Council of Ministers

Hix, ch. 3

Cini, ch. 10 (The Council)

*Wallace, Helen (2002). “The Council: An Institutional Chameleon?”, *Governance*, 15(3): 325-44.

*Tallberg, Jonas (2004). “The Power of the Presidency: Brokerage, Efficiency and Distribution in EU Negotiations”, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 42(5): 999-1024.

*Lewis, Jeffrey (2003). “Informal Integration and the Supranational Construction of the Council”, *Journal of European Public Policy*, 10(6): 996-1019.

October 11

Week 4: Legislative politics: The European Parliament

Cini, ch. 11 (The European Parliament)

*George Tsebelis and Geoffrey Garrett (2000). "Legislative politics in the European Union", *European Union Politics* 1 (1): 9-36.

*Richard Corbett (2000). "Academic Modelling of the Codecision Procedure: A practitioner's Puzzled Reaction", *European Union Politics* 1: 373-78.

*Kreppel, Amie (2002). "Moving Beyond Procedure: An Empirical Analysis of European Parliament Legislative Influence", *Comparative Political Studies* 35(7): 784-813.

*Shackleton, Michael and Tapio Raunio (2003) "Codecision since Amsterdam: a laboratory for institutional innovation and change", *Journal of European Public Policy*, 20(2): 171-87.

October 18

Week 5: Judicial Politics: The European Court of Justice

Hix, ch. 4

Cini, ch. 12 (The Courts)

*Garrett, Geoffrey (1995). "The Politics of Legal Integration in the European Union", *International Organization* 49: 171-81.

*Walter Mattli and Anne-Marie Slaughter (1995). "Law and Politics in the European Union: A Reply to Garrett", *International Organization* 49: 183-90.

*Walter Mattli and Anne-Marie Slaughter (1998). "Revisiting the European Court of Justice", *International Organization* 52: 125-52.

*Karen J. Alter (1998) "Who are the masters of the Treaty? European Governments and the European Court of Justice", *International Organization* 52: 125-52.

October 25

Week 6: New Modes of Governance

Zeitlin, Jonathan (2005): "Introduction: The Open Method of Coordination in Question" and "Conclusion: The Open Method of Coordination in Action: Theoretical Promise, Empirical Realities, Reform Strategy", in Zeitlin and Pochet, with Magnusson, *The Open Method of Coordination in Action*.

*Duina, Francesco, and Tapio Raunio. "The Open Method of Co-Ordination and National Parliaments: Further Marginalization or New Opportunities?" *Journal of European Public Policy* 14, no. 4 (2007): 489-506.

*Majone, Giandomenico, 'From the Positive to the Regulatory State: Causes and Consequences of Changes in the Mode of Governance', *Journal of Public Policy* 17/2, 1997.

*Schmidt, Susanne. "Mutual Recognition as a New Mode of Governance" *Journal of European Public Policy* 14, no. 5(2007): 667-681.

November 1

Week 7: Public Opinion, Democracy, Parties and Elections

Hix, ch. 5 + 6

Cini, ch. 23 (Public Opinion)

*Liesbet Hooghe (2003). "Europe Divided? Elites vs. Public Opinion on European Integration", *European Union Politics* 4(3): 281-305.

*Gabel, Matthew J. (1998). "Economic Integration and Mass Politics: Market Liberalization and Public Attitudes in the European Union", *American Journal of Political Science* 42(3): 936-53.

*Christin T., Hug S. (2002) "Referendums and Citizen Support for European Integration", *Comparative Political Studies*, 35(5): 586-617.

November 8

Week 8: Interest Representation

Hix, ch. 7

Cini, ch. 13 (Interest Groups)

*Streeck, Wolfgang, and Philippe Schmitter. "From National Corporatism to Transnational Pluralism: Organized Interests in the Single European Market." *Politics and Society* 19, no. 2 (1991): 133-64.

*Greenwood, Justin and Alasdair Young (2005) "EU interest representation or US-style lobbying?" in Nicolas Jabko, Craig Parsons (eds) *With US or Against US? European trends in American Perspective*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

*Eising, Rainer (2004). "Multilevel Governance and Business Interests in the European Union", *Governance*, 17(2): 211-245.

*Mahoney, Christine, 2004: The Power of Institutions: State and Interest Group Activity in the European Union. In: *European Union Politics* 5, 441-466.

November 15

Week 9: The effect of the EU on member states: Europeanization

Cini, ch. 25 (Europeanization)

Tanja A. Börzel and Thomas Risse (2007) „Europeanization: the Domestic Impact of EU Policies“ in Jorgensen, Pollack and Rosamond *Handbook of European Union Politics*, Sage.

*Schmidt, Vivien. "The EU 'Polity' and the Europeanization of National Polities." In *With US or Against US?*, edited by Nicholas Jabko and Craig Parsons. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005.

*Moravcsik, Andrew. "Why European Integration Strengthens the State." In *American Political Science Association*. New York, 1994.

*chapter 1 in Hooghe, Liesbeth, and Gary Marks. 2001. *Multi-Level Governance and European Integration*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.

*Falkner, Gerda, Miriam Hartlapp, Simon Leiber and Oliver Treib (2004). "Non-Compliance with EU Directives in the Member States: Opposition through the Backdoor?", *West European Politics*, 27(3): 452-73.

November 22

Week 10: Regulating the Single Market

Hix, ch. 8

*Ch. 2 (Negative and Positive Integration) in Scharpf, Fritz. *Governing in Europe: Effective and Democratic*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999.

*Rhodes, Martin, and Bastiaan van Apeldoorn. "Capitalism versus Capitalism in Western Europe." In *Developments in West European Politics*, edited by Martin Rhodes, Paul Heywood and Vincent Wright, 171-89. London: Macmillan, 1997.

*Menz, Georg, 2003: Re-regulating the Single Market: national varieties of capitalism and their responses to Europeanization. In: *Journal of European Public Policy* 10, 532-555.

*Höpner, Martin, and Armin Schäfer. "A New Phase of European Integration: Organized Capitalisms in Post-Ricardian Europe." *MPIfG Discussion Paper* 07/4 (2007).

November 29

Week 11: Europe in Search of legitimacy

Cini, ch. 22 (Democracy and the European Polity)

*Moravcsik, Andrew 'In Defense of the 'Democratic Deficit': Reassessing the Legitimacy of the European Union'. *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 40, 4: 603-34, 2002.

*Hix, Simon and Andreas Follesdal, 'Why There is a Democratic Deficit in the EU: A Response to Majone and Moravcsik', *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 44(3) 2006.

**Simon Hix and Stefano Bartolini "Politics: The Right or the Wrong Sort of Medicine for the EU?",
http://www.notre-europe.eu/uploads/tx_publication/Polycypaper19-en.pdf

December 6

Week 12: Final Exam (=> no readings)