Big Books and Major Statements in European Politics

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Time of Class Meetings: Thursday 17:00-19:00
Location: Seminar Room 4 (Badia Fiesolana)
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Purpose: This seminar reviews some of the most classic and widely debated statements on European international relations and integration (Haas, Hoffmann, Deutsch, Moravcsik). It equally considers some recent and contemporary statements on European affairs. For that purpose, the seminar intends to host two visitors to introduce and discuss their own current and most recent work. The course aims to help graduate students to master major writings and thinking in European politics. The course’s last two session are reserved for big books and major statements in European affairs of the future. These session provide the course participant the opportunity to present and have discussed their own dissertation project in light of the preceding sessions.

Requirements: 1. Students are expected to come to class fully prepared and to have thoroughly completed the assigned readings before each week’s meeting, and actively to participate in class discussions. Regular seminar attendance goes without saying. Required readings will be discussed in class. The “Recommended Supplementary Readings” will not be discussed in class. They function as a guide for students who want to learn more about a given topic, or who wish to undertake independent research on the issue at hand. When appropriate, the course provider or a participant will present to the seminar a brief summary of work listed under “Recommended Supplementary Readings.”

2. Course participants are asked to write three or more short literature critiques of around two pages each (say around 1000 words or so). These “reaction papers” will introduce key readings and will be discussed in class together with the readings themselves. The authors of these reviews need to send them via e-mail attachment to the other course participants no later than 24 hours before the seminar meetings. Authors will very briefly present their critique papers in seminar, followed by questions and discussion.
3. Depending on ultimate enrollment and student interests, course participants may further be asked to present brief drafts of possible dissertation projects, possible Ph.D. research designs or thesis outlines, and or preliminary Ph.D. thesis arguments and findings.

Other requirements to be specified according to students’ interests and course enrollment.

**Prerequisites:** No formal prerequisites. However, the course design presumes that participants have a solid background in international relations, and European history and politics, or are willing to make up deficits through independent reading as the course proceeds.

**Course Outline**

1. Introduction and Overview
2. Classic Statements and Basic Orientations
3. European Politics, “Grand Bargains,” and Social Science Theorizing
4. Embedded Bilateralism: Features, Implications, Futures
5. Rise of European Foreign, Security, and Defense Policy
6. Europe in the North Atlantic World, Transatlantic Relations, NATO
7. Market Power Europe
8. Debating the Sources and Prospects of the European Project and the Europe to Come
9. Big Books and Major Statements of the Future (1)
10. Big Books and Major Statements of the Future (2)
Session 1
Introduction and Overview (Course Goals, Course Organization, Discussion of Syllabus)


Recommended background reading:


RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS
Useful for Historical, Political, and Institutional Background

Neill Nugent, The Government and Politics of the European Union 7th Edition (Basingstoke and New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010). Well done overview of history, institutional frame, and major policy domains of European integration and EU politics. Very useful to brush up or fill gaps in these areas in case you feel there might be some.

Desmond Dinan, Ever Closer Union: An Introduction to European Integration 4th Edition (Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Riener Publishers, 2010). Ditto. Gives a readable overview of the history and politics of European integration as well as the various Brussels institutions, their roles, and how they intertwine with one another.


**Theoretical Overviews and Evolution of Research Practices**


**Session 2**

**Classic Statements and Basic Orientations**

Robert Schuman, *The Schuman Declaration* (pp. 13-14);

Preambles to the Treaties Establishing the European Communities (Treaties of Paris and Rome) (pp. 15-17);

Jean Monnet, *A Ferment of Change* (pp. 19-26);

Charles de Gaulle, *A Concert of European States* (pp. 27-44);

Read the reprints (some excerpted) of the above in Brent F. Nelsen and Alexander Stubb, eds., *The European Union: Readings on the Theory and Practice of European Integration* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2003), Part I (“Visions of a United Europe”).


Stanley Hoffmann, “Obstinate or Obsolete? The Fate of the Nation-State and the Case of Western Europe,” *Daedalus*, Vol. 95, No. 3 (Summer 1966), pp. 862-915. Read excerpts reprinted in Nelsen/Stubb (pp. 163-177); however, feel encouraged to spend some time with the full 1966 article (available as PDF).
Recommended background reading:

Ben Rosamond, *Theories of European Integration* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 2000), Preface, chapter 1 ("Introduction"), chapter 2 ("Federalism, Functionalism and Transactionalism"), chapter 3 ("Neofunctionalism") and chapter 4 ("Backlash, Critique and Contemplation"). Read chapter 1 especially carefully. You might speed up your reading pace in the sections on Federalism (pp. 23-31) and Functionalism (pp. 31-42) as well as in the section Alternative Critiques (pp. 81-85).

RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS

Functionalism, Neofunctionalism, and Supranational Governance


Intergovernmentalism, Realism(s), and Regional Integration

Stanley Hoffmann, “Obstinate or Obsolete? The Fate of the Nation-State and the Case of Western Europe,” *Daedalus*, Vol. 95, No. 3, pp. 862-915.


Session 3
European Politics, “Grand Bargains,” Social Science Theorizing


Recommended background reading:

Ben Rosamond, Theories of European Integration (New York: St. Martin's Press, 2000), skim chapter 5 ("Theorizing the ‘New Europe’") and chapter 6 ("Intergovernmental Europe").

RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS

Examples of Liberalism and Liberal Intergovernmentalism


Walter Mattli, The Logic of Regional Integration: Europe and Beyond (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999).


Types of Historical Institutionalism


Constructivist Examples

Craig Parsons, *A Certain Idea of Europe* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2003), especially Introduction (pp.1-33) and Conclusion (pp. 231-242).


Multi-Level Governance


Nature of Europe and N of 1 Issue


Session 4
Embedded Bilateralism: Features, Implications, Futures


Session 5
Rise of European Foreign, Security, and Defense Policy

Seth G. Jones, *The Rise of European Security Cooperation* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007), read Chapters 1 (“Introduction”), 2 (“Power and Security Cooperation”), and 7 (“The Tragedy of US-European Relations”); further read and or skim a good deal of Chapters 3-6 on security institutions, economic sanctions, arms production, and military forces, respectively.


Recommended background reading:


RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS


**Session 6**

**Europe in the North Atlantic World, Transatlantic Relations, European Security, NATO**

James Sperling to be invited to participate and present in this session. Attendance tbc.


The North Atlantic Treaty, Washington, DC, 4 April 1949; Available at [http://www.nato.int/docu/basictxt/treaty.htm](http://www.nato.int/docu/basictxt/treaty.htm)


James Sperling, readings to be announced and circulated.

**RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS**


If you wish, also have a peek at some of the other essays on the symposium on “Power and Weakness” ten years after in this special issue of Policy Review. The issue is accessible on the Hoover Institution’s web pages.


**Session 7**

**Market Power Europe**

Chad Damro to be invited to participate and present in this session. Attendance tbc.

Chad Damro, readings to be announced and circulated.

**Session 8**

**Debating the Sources and Prospects of the European Project and the Europe to Come**


or


**RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS: Crisis-Ridden Europe in the World to Come**


**Session 9**
**Big Books and Major Statements of the Future (1)**

Reserved for Project Outlines, Research Designs, and Preliminary Findings of Course Participants’ Work

**Session 10**
**Big Books and Major Statements of the Future (2)**

Reserved for Project Outlines, Research Designs, and Preliminary Findings of Course Participants’ Work