International & European Studies

Winter School · 2 – 26 January 2019

Course title: Peace and Power-Sharing in the European Union: Institutions, Politics, and History

Date: 7 – 10 January 2019

Language of instruction: English

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Contact hours: 12 (plus study trips to Strasbourg and Berlin)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In the aftermath of the Second World War, for the first time in European history, former enemies created a political union in order to coordinate their economic and political activities. Over the past decades, this unique cooperation of sovereign nation states gradually led to the emergence of a supranational political system. Although today the European Union (EU) still is not a “real” state, it is not only made up of 28 European nations but also of the EU’s very own institutions, such as the European Commission, the European Parliament (EP), and the European Court of Justice, which all possess unique powers to shape the lives of more than 500 million citizens in Europe every day.

This course will introduce students to the EU as a political system, characterized by the separation of powers principle, with significant executive, legislative, and judicial powers, and it will also cover how policies are made in this unique multi-layered system of governance.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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<td>The European Union and the process of “Regional Integration”: When, why, what, and how?</td>
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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By familiarizing themselves with how the EU works today, at the end of the course students will have basic knowledge about processes of regional integration which they can not only apply to Europe and its different policy fields alone, but to other world regions as well. They will be able to identify and understand the dynamics of transnational policy-making and how the coordination of economic and political endeavors among nation states generally impacts the lives of citizens in many countries at the same time.

PREREQUISITES

The course does not require any special knowledge. The course is designed for undergraduate and graduate students from different countries and with different academic backgrounds who are generally interested in Europe and the European Union. A very good command of English and the willingness to actively participate in the course are required.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS & GRADING

The course concludes with a written exam at the end of the program. The grade of the course will be calculated by the result of the written exam (70%) and active participation in class (30%).

Active participation in class as well as during study trips includes:

- attendance
- asking questions
- taking part in discussions and group work
- showing interest
- giving presentations

READING


INFORMATION ON THE LECTURER

Jan Battke is the academic coordinator of the International and European Studies program, and postgraduate researcher at Tübingen University’s Institute of Political Science at Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen. He studied political science and sociology in Tübingen and at the University of Washington in Seattle, USA. He earned his MA from Tübingen University in 2011, worked as a post-
graduate researcher at the Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS) at Humboldt University, Berlin, and was a visiting scholar at Duke University, USA, and at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, USA. His main area of interest is the European Union and its decision-making process, with a focus on interest group politics and patterns of political participation.