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CMINT International Policy Lab (3): European Union.

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The Policy Lab 3 – European Union (Undergraduate A3) will articulate two lines of inquiry:

– a **reminder of the basic facts**, helping to understand what the European Union (EU) actually is, what it does (and does not do), why and how (institutional history; main classical theories of European integration [neo-functionalism, liberal intergovernmentalism, federalism, etc.]; main European policies [Common Agricultural Policy, Single Market, Monetary Union/Euro, etc.]);

– a special focus on the impact of the first days and months of D. Trump's new American presidency. The policy lab will monitor, at both European and national levels, on a weekly basis, the **effects of Trump's choices on EU policies** (for instance, defence, high tech, trade), so aiming to introduce students to current European politics.

Evaluation: 25% oral participation in the course, 40% oral presentations, 35% final written exam.

Attendance is mandatory, every absence must be justified.

No smartphone or computer allowed during the class.

Work load: 5 ECTS, 24 hours in class during the semester.

Three sorts of oral presentations will coexist during the course:

- a) Presentations around a question, a concept or an event relevant to the European Union (Q).
- b) Weekly press reviews (R);
- c) Presentations of a document or two (D).

Each students should present the three sort of presentations during the course (one student = one concept + one press review + one document). Team of two will be organised according to the number of students in the course.

Each presentation should be short, no more than 8/10 minutes, with minimal written notes.

Provisional schedule.

E1/ Tuesday 21st January 2025

Presentation of the course.

Short presentation of the EU institutions.

First distribution of work.

E2/ Tuesday 28th January 2025

Q1. Why Europe did not unite before 1945? What solutions did the European powers use to establish a liveable order on the continent?

R1. Press review

D1. *'The Schuman Declaration'* (9th May 1950).

E3/ Tuesday 4th February 2025

Q2. The *'European Coal and Steel Community'* (ECSC) (1951-52): a liberal or a corporatist venture?

R2. Press review

D2. *'European Convention on Human Rights'* (1950)

E4/ Tuesday 11th February 2025

Q3. Why did the *'Communauté européenne de défense'* (CED) - *'European Defence Community'* (EDC)(1952-1954) fail?

R3. Press review

D3. *'The Geneva Convention on Refugees'* (1951)

E5/ Tuesday 18th February 2025

Q4. Why was the *'European Economic Community'* (EEC) (1957) far more successful than the *'European Free Trade Association'* (EFTA) (1960)?

R4. Press Review

D4. *'Treaty establishing the European Economic Community'* (Rome, 25 March 1957)

E6/ Tuesday 25th February 2025

Q5. *'EURATOM'* (1957): a long-term failure with serious consequences today?

R5. Press review.

D.5 *'Eurobarometer survey'* (most recent document published).

E7/ Tuesday 11th March 2025

Q6. Why was the *'Common Agricultural Policy'* (CAP) so important in the EEC's early years (1957-1994)?

R6. Press Review

D6. (Two documents)

REIF, K. and SCHMITT, H. (1980), NINE SECOND-ORDER NATIONAL ELECTIONS – A CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE ANALYSIS OF EUROPEAN ELECTION RESULTS. *European Journal of Political Research*, 8: 3-44. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1475-6765.1980.tb00737.x>

Gilles, PITTOORS. « The European Parliament and the European Citizen as Voter », Briefing European Parliament History Series, 2023.

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document/EPRS_BRI\(2023\)757569](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document/EPRS_BRI(2023)757569).

E8/ Tuesday 18th March 2025

Q7. Federalism, neo-functionalism, liberal intergovernmentalism, what is the best theory to explain European integration after 1945?

R7. Press review

D7. *'Draft Treaty establishing the European Union'* (14 February 1984)

E9/ Tuesday 25th March 2025.

Q8. The *'Single European Act'* (1986) and the *'Maastricht Treaty'* (1992): an epochal change for European integration?

R8. Press review

D8. *'The Bruges Speech'* (Margaret Thatcher, 20 September 1988)

E10/ Tuesday 1st April 2025

Q9. Did the Amsterdam (1997), Nice (2001) and Lisbon (2007) treaties change the rules of the game in Europe? In which overall direction?

R9. Press review

D9. *'Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union'* (2001-2007).

E11/ Tuesday 8th April 2025.

Q10. Did the existence of the 'Euro' nearly kill European integration during the 'Eurozone crisis' (2008-2013) or prove to be its ultimate safeguard?

R10. Press Review

D10. Example of a Regulation.

E12/ Tuesday 15th April 2025.

Q.11. Viewed from 2025, are the 2004, 2007 and 2013 enlargements a total success for the EU?

R. 11 Press Review

D. 11. Example of a Directive.

Short and essential bibliography:

Hix, Simon, et Bjørn Kåre Høyland. *The Political System of the European Union*. Fourth edition. European Union Series. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2022.

Leucht, Brigitte, Katja Seidel, et Laurent Warloutzet, ed. *Reinventing Europe: The History of the European Union, 1945 to the Present*. London New York Oxford New Delhi Sydney: Bloomsbury Academic, 2023.

Foster, Nigel G., ed. *Blackstone's EU Treaties & Legislation*. 34th edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023.

Short and essential webography:

For European integration history, the 'Centre virtuel de connaissance sur l'Europe' (CVCE, University of Luxembourg), <https://www.cvce.eu/en>

Official site of the European Union: https://european-union.europa.eu/index_en

Official site of the European Parliament: <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/portal/en>

Official site of the European Council and the Council of the European Union:
<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/>

Official site of the European Commission: https://commission.europa.eu/index_en

Official site of the Court of Justice of the EU: https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/j_6/en/