European Integration: Laws and Institutions in EU

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Course Description:

This course aims to improve our understanding of European integration, particularly focusing on the policy making in EU. This course thus consists of three broad topics. First, it investigates the historical development of diverse decision making procedures at EU. Second, focusing on ordinary legislative procedure, we investigat the role of EU institutions in the process of decision-making. Third, focusing on special legisltive procedure, we see the areas of policies decided by this procedure and find some distinct characteristics of it. After taking this course, students are expected to improve their understanding of actual policy making procedures in EU.

Grade:

Class attendance (10%), Class Q&A (30%), Class Presentation (20%), Midterm Exam (20%), Final Exam (20%)

Students who are absent for over 1/3 of the class will receive a grade of 'F' or 'U' for the course. (Exceptions can be made when the cause of absence is deemed unavoidable by the course instructor.)

Class materials

1. Academic articles which can be downloaded electronically.
2. Some documents and materials of the EU which can be downloaded electronically.

Midterm Exam: a short paper describing a European policy and the relevant decision-making procedures. Also, you need to review existing literature concerning the policy issue.

Final Exam: an analysis of voting records concerning the policy issue and proper interpretation of the analysis with respect to the political competitions happening inside the EP.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1(02. 09). Course Introduction

Week 2 (09. 09). EU Policy-making: Treaties and Rules of Procedures of the EP

1. Guerrieri (2008) “The start of European integration and the parliamentary dimension: the common assembly of the ECSC (1952-1958)” Parliament, Estates & Representation 28(1) => Group A presentation
2. Gabral, T. S. 2020. “A Short Guide to the Legislative Procedure in the European Union,” UNIO-EU Law Journal 6:161-180. => Group B presentation
3. Treaty of Functioning the EU
4. EP Rules of Procedure

Main Focus: understanding the ordinary legislative procedure and the special legislative procedure.

Week 3 (16. 09). EU Policy-making: Historical Development before Maastricht

1. Crombez (1996) “Legislative Procedure in the European Community” British Journal of Political Science 26(2):199-228. => Professor
2. Earnshaw, David and David Judge (1997) `The Life and Times of the European Union's Co-operation Procedure', Journal of Common Market Studies 35: 543-564. => Group A presentation
3. Steunenberg, Bernard (1994) `Decision Making under Different Institutional Arrangements: Legislation by the European Community', Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics 150: 642-669. => Group B presentation

Main focus: the role of the EP in the EU decision-making procedure

Week4 (23. 09). EU Policy-making: Historical Development since Maastricht

1) Crombez (1997) “The Codecision Procedure in the European Union” Legislative Studies Quarterly 22:97-119. => Group A presentation

2) Crombez, C. B. Steunenberg, and R. Corbett. 2000. “Understanding the EU Legislative Process,” European Union Politic 1(3): 101-131 => Group B presentation

3) Pollack, Mark. 2000. “The End of Creeping Competence? EU Policy-making Since Maastricht” Journal of Common Market Stdues 38(3):519-538. => Professor

Main focus: the role of the EP in the EU decision-making procedure

Week 5 (30. 09). EU Policy-making: Recent Cases

1) Hurka, S. and M. Haaag. 2020. “Policy Complexity and Legislative Duration in the European Union,” European Union Politics 21(1):87-108. => Group A presentation

2) Liefferink, D., and M. S. Andersen. 1998. “Strategies of the ‘green’ member states in EU environmental policy-making” Journal of European Public Policy 5(2):254-270. => Professor

3) Baledón, M. S, M. Trudel, and N. Kosoy. 2021. “Alternative Jet Fuels and Climate Geopolitics: What, Why does it and Who matters in the Environmental Policy-making process,” International Journal of Sustainable Transportation, DOI: 10.1080/15568318.2021.1912225

Main focus: issues concerning the EU decision-making procedure

Week 6 (07. 10). EU Digital COVID Certificate: legislative procedure

October 8h will replace this class. 14:00-17:00

1. European Commission, Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Regulation on ‘Digital Green Certificate” COM(2021)130, 17 March 2021. => Group A presentation
2. European Council, Oral Conclusion of 21 January 2021.
3. European Committee of the Regions, Draft Resolution on Free Movement during the COVID-19 Pandemic(Digital Green Certificate) and the Scaling Up of Vaccine Production, 4 May 2021. => Group B presentation

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/legislative-train/theme-promoting-our-european-way-of-life/file-digital-green-certificate

Main focus: understanding the EU decision-making procedure and roles of EU institutions

Week 7 (14. 10) Invited Talk (German Ambassador, Michael Reiffenstuel), 14:00-15:30 or 15:30-17:00

Week 8 (21. 10). EU Digital COVID Certificate: contents amendment

1. Amendment by the EP to the commission proposal, T9-0145/2021, 29 April 2021 => Group A presentation
2. A legislative resolution by the EP, T9-0273/2021, 08 June 2021 => Group B presentation
3. Debates on Digital Green Certificate, 28 April 2021
4. Debates on EU Digital COVID Certificate, 08 June 2021

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Main focus: understanding the contents of EU Digital COVID certificate

Week 9 (28. 10) Midterm Exam

Week 10 (04. 11) Invited Talks (French Ambassador, Emmanuel Biard) 15:00-16:30

EU Digital COVID Certificate: voting

1. Voting Records, 28 April 2021 (amendment records)
2. Voting Records, 08 June 2021 (resolution)
3. Data managing w.r.t. European Political Groups and Member States.
4. Interpretation

Main focus: understanding the political competitions over the EU Digital COVID certificate

Week 11 (11. 11) ) EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism: legislative procedure

1. European Council Conclusions,
2. Inception Impact Assessment by Commission, => Group A presentation

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12228-EU-Green-Deal-carbon-border-adjustment-mechanism-_en>

1. EP Committee report, A9-0019/2021 => Group B presentation
2. EP resolution T9-0071/2021

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/legislative-train/theme-a-european-green-deal/file-carbon-border-adjustment-mechanism

Main focus: understanding the EU decision-making procedure and roles of EU institutions

Week 12 (18. 11) Professor Reudiger Frank, University of Vien. 15:30-17:00

German Unification and Its Implication on Korea

Week 13 (25. 11) EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism: contents amendment

1. EP resolution T9-0071/2021 => Group A presentation
2. Commission proposal => Group B presentation
3. EP debates, 08 March 2021

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/legislative-train/theme-a-european-green-deal/file-carbon-border-adjustment-mechanism

Main focus: understanding the contents of EU CBAM

Week 14 (02.11). EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism: Voting

1. Voting Records, 08 March 2021 (amendment, resolution)
2. Data managing w.r.t. European Political Groups and Member States.
3. Interpretation

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/PV-9-2021-03-08-TOC\_EN.html

Main focus: understanding the political competitions over the EU CBAM

Week 15 (09.12) Final-Exam