Political Development of European Union

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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 investigate the role of EU institutions in the process of decision-making. Third, focusing on special legislative 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 (10%), Final Exam (30%)

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(Mar. 03). Course Introduction

Class Note: Basic Introduction

Week 2 (Mar. 10). EU Institutions

Kenearly et al. 2018. Chapter1, 2, 3

Ihalainen et al. 2018. Chapter 18

Week 3 (Mar. 17) Policy-Making in Presidentialism and Parliamentarism

Sinclair, Barbara. 2012. Chapter 2. (USA)

Jones et al. 2022. Chapter 24. (UK)

Week4 (Mar. 24) EU policy-making: Past I

Guerrieri (2008) “The start of European integration and the parliamentary dimension: the common assembly of the ECSC (1952-1958)” Parliament, Estates & Representation 28(1)

Crombez (1996) “Legislative Procedure in the European Community” British Journal of Political Science 26(2):199-228.

Steunenberg, Bernard (1994) `Decision Making under Different Institutional Arrangements: Legislation by the European Community', Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics 150: 642-669.

Week 5 (Mar. 31): EU policy-making: Past II

Crombez, C. B. 1997. “The Codecision Procedure in the European Union” Legislative Studies Quarterly 22:97-119.

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

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

Week 6 (April. 07): EU Policy-making: Current

Kenearly et al. 2018 Chapter 5, 6

Gabral, T. S. 2020. “A Short Guide to the Legislative Procedure in the European Union,” UNIO-EU Law Journal 6:161-180

EU Treaty

Week 7 (April. 14): EU Policy-making: Recent Cases

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

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.

Week 8 (April. 21): Midterm Report (Midterm)

Week 9 (April. 28): EU Digital COVID Certificate: legislative procedure

1. European Commission, Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Regulation on ‘Digital Green Certificate” COM(2021)130, 17 March 2021.
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.

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

Week 10 (May. 05): EU Digital COVID Certificate: contents amendment

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

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

Week 11 (May. 12):Practice in Analyzing the Conflict in Making COVID Certificate

Data Analysis

Week 12 (May. 19): EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism: legislative procedure

1. European Council Conclusions,
2. Inception Impact Assessment by Commission, <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12228-EU-Green-Deal-carbon-border-adjustment-mechanism-_en>
3. EP Committee report, A9-0019/2021
4. EP resolution T9-0071/2021

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

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

1. EP resolution T9-0071/2021
2. Commission proposal
3. EP debates, 08 March 2021

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

Week 14 (May. 26). Practice in Analyzing the Conflict in Making EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism

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

Week 15 (June. 02) Final Report (Final Exam)