European Integration: Laws & Institutions

Syllabus

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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 specific public policies including CBAM and EU Taxonomy regulations, we try to understand how EU works from the empirical perspective. After taking this course, students are expected to improve their understanding of the level of EU integration and actual policy making procedures in EU.

<Grade>

Attendance (10%), Assignment (10%), Class Presentation (20%), Q&A(20%), Midterm (20%), Final paper (20%)

“Assignment” is to check whether students prepare the class by reading all assigned materials.

“Class presentation” concerns the presentation made in the class. A student needs to present at least once during the course. Presentation materials should consist of 1) summary of the assigned material, 2) your finding of author’s main argument, 3) your finding of author’s main methodological strategy, 4) your evaluation on author’s argument and the choice of methodological strategy.

“Q&A” checks your class participation. How many times and how important questions you raise in the class and how correctly answer to my questions will be evaluated.

“Midterm” concerns the evaluation on your understanding of the assigned materials. From the materials assigned for each week, I will develop two questions after the first week of this course.

“Final paper” concerns the evaluation on your performance of analyzing voting records in the EP. In the third part of this course, we will cover the actual process and contents of at least one EU regulation. In particular, I will provide a data set concerning MEPs’ voting records on the amendments of the proposed regulation. You need to apply a statistical model analyzing a binary dependent variable and provide the whole process and outcomes of your analysis as a final paper.

**<Weekly Schedule>**

**Week 1(Sep. 03) Course Introduction**

* Reading materials: Class Note: Basic Introduction

**Week 2 (Sep. 10). Current EU Institutions and their works**

* Reading materials

1) Kenearly et al. 2018. Chapter1, 2, 3

2) Ihalainen et al. 2018. Chapter 18

* Issues you need to think of: understand the role and organizational structure of each institutions

**Week 3 (Sep. 17) No Class: National Holiday**

**Week 4 (Sep. 24) EU policy-making: History and Theoretical Discussion**

* Reading materials:

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) => Samuel Presentation

2) Tsebelis, G., and G. Garrett. 2000. “Legislative Politics in the European Union” European Union Politics 1(1):9-36 => 김혜선 + 김경서 presentation

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

* Issues you need to think of: understanding the historical development of the EP’s role and types of EU legislative procedure

**Week 5 (Oct. 01): EU decision-making Process I**

* Reading materials:

1) Akse, Erik. 2022. EU decision-making explained: From EU policy to EU law and back. (2nd edition). Pp. 9 – 28 (Chapter 1, 2 & 3) => Asrokulov presentation

2) Institutional Agreement on Better Law-making of 13 April 2016. (original agreement on 2003): Additionally, you can consult the introduction of better law-making agreement in the following website; <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/better-regulation/> => Kaiser presentation

* Issues you need to think of: Understanding the process of preparing a bill in the EU

**Week 6 (Oct. 08): EU decision-making process II**

* Reading materials:

1) Akse, Erik. 2022. EU decision-making explained: From EU policy to EU law and back. (2nd edition). Pp. 29 – 60 (Chapter 4) => Subinuer presentation

* Issues you need to think of: Understanding the process of preparing a bill in the EU

**Week 7 (Oct. 15): Ordinary Legislative Procedure**

* Reading materials:

1) Kenearly et al. 2018 Chapter 5 => 이다희 presentation, Chapter 6 => Pedersen Jakob presentation

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

* Issues you need to think of: Understanding the reviewing process of the EU legislation

**Week 8 (Oct. 22): Delegated Act & Others**

* Reading materials

1) Graig, Paul. 2018. Delegated and Implementing Acts. In Oxford Principles of European Union Law. Vol I. Schutze, R., and T. Tridimas (eds.). Oxford University Press, 716-747 => Cerniauskaite presenation

2) Egres, D., and G. Sarlos. 2023. “Nuclear perceptions from radioactive blue to sustainable green: The EU taxonomy as reflection of a divided public” Journal of Public Affairs, 24.. Doi:10.1002/pa.2901 => Lilly presentation

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

* Issues you need to think of: Understanding the role of delegated act in the EU legal system and some research strategy for the analysis of legal acts.

**Week 9 (Oct. 29): CBAM Contents & Amendments (Kang, Na-Kyung Special Lecture)**

* Reading materials: 1) Commission proposal, => 박아름 & 김지연 presentation
* 2) Amendments adopted by the EP => Qu Min presentation
* 3) Voting Records of the EP on 22 June, 2022,
* 4) Regulation => Bissekenova & Zhuravleva presenation
* Issues you need to think: 1) Comparing commission proposal and final regulation, and figuring out what are the main difference. You need to focus on only articles except recitals. 2) Comparing EP’s amendments and final regulation, and figuring out what are the main difference.

**Week 10 (Nov. 05): Mid-term Exam**

**Week 11 (Nov. 12): Net-Zero Industry Act Contents & Amendment**

* Reading materials: 1) Commission proposal = Ian & Apolline presenation
* 2) Amendments adopted by the EP = Pederson Mads presentation
* 3) Voting Records of the EP on 21 Nov. 2023
* 4) Regulation = Han Jungyun & Choi Ji Woo presentation
* Issues you need to think: 1) Comparing commission proposal and final regulation, and figuring out what are the main difference. You need to focus on only articles except recitals. 2) Comparing EP’s amendments and final regulation, and figuring out what are the main difference.

**Week 12 (Nov. 19): Analysis of CBAM (Special Lecture by Kang Na-kyung)**

* Issues you need to think of: learning how to analyze the policy-making and policies

**Week 13 (Nov. 26) Logit Model Explained**

* How to analyze the binary voting records of the EP members?
* How to collect the data of voting records of the EP members?
* Reading material: Class Notes

**Week 14 (Dec. 03). Logit Analysis with CBAM Data**

* Data will be given
* Issues you need to think of: technical skill for the analysis of data.

**Week 15 (Dec. 10) Final Report: Logit Analysis with Net-zero Industry Act**

* Data voting records amending Commission’s proposal should be collected from Week 9 and combining them into a data set: For this, students will be grouped and cover some portions of voting records individually.
* Data should be ready by Dec. 10