

**MA in European Integration Studies (MUIE, Faculty of Law)**  
Module “Multilevel Governance in the EU” (10 ECTS)

**MA in Political Science (Faculty of Political Science)**  
Module “European Integration: Theory and Political Process”

## Syllabus 2022-2023

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### **I.General information**

#### **1. Objectives**

The purpose of this module is to introduce students with the history and institutional processes of the European Union, as well as to provide them with theoretical and methodological tools that are required for studying the process of European Integration. The module is intended to help students successfully write a research paper and develop research skills for PhD applications.

The module overviews the different phases of European Integration, the modes of EU governance and the different conceptualizations applied to EU policy, politics and policies. The module is divided into a set of thematic lectures by professors from the UAB and visiting scholars from other universities.

## 2. Remedial readings:

Background readings for basic knowledge on the European Union:

Bomberg, E., J. Peterson and A. Stubb (eds) (2008), *The European Union: How Does it Work?*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Bulmer, S. et al. (2020) *Politics in the European Union*, Oxford: Oxford University Press. Also available in Ebook.

Bulmer, S. and Lequesne, Ch. (eds) 2020, *The Member States of the European Union*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 3rd ed.

Cini, M. and Pérez-Solorzano, N. (eds) (2019), *European Union Politics*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 6th edition.

Dinan, D. (2014), *Origins and Evolution of the EU*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2nd edition.

Hix, S. and B. Hoyland (2022), *The Political System of the European Union*, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 4th ed.

Nugent, N. (2010), *The Government and Politics of the European Union*, London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Wallace, H. et al. (2020) *Policy-making in the EU*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 8th ed. (digital version)

<https://global.oup.com/ukhe/product/policy-making-in-the-european-union-9780198807605?cc=gb&lang=en&>

## 2. Contents

### Part A. European Integration: Theory and Political Process (12 sessions)

Main questions addressed:

- What is the specificity of the EU as a political organisation?
- What is the political nature of the EU?
- What is the role of the EU as a provider of public policies?
- What are the principles of government and governance of the EU?
- What about legitimacy and democracy in the EU?
- How does it work? How decisions are taken at the EU level? How do institutions interact?
- How Member states implement and comply with EU law

**Session 1- 09/02. Introduction. The idea of Europe and the historical path of the EU (Prof. Ana Mar Fernández Pasarín).**

Compulsory reading (available via the UAB intranet):

Zeitlin, J., Nicoli, F. & B. Laffan (2019) 'Introduction: the European Union beyond the polycrisis? Integration and politicization in an age of shifting cleavages', *Journal of European Public Policy* (26:7): 963-976.

**Session 2-16/02 The EU Institutional System (Prof. Nuria Font)**

Compulsory reading (available via the UAB intranet):

Hix, S. and B. Høyland (2022) Chapter 1: Introduction: Explaining the EU Political System, in S. Hix and B. Høyland, *The Political System of the European Union*. European Union Series.

**Sessions 3-23/02. The EU Institutional System (Prof. Nuria Font)**

Compulsory reading (available via the UAB intranet):

Crum, B. (2022), 'Why the European Parliament lost the Spitzenkandidaten-process', *Journal of European Public Policy*. Published online 31 January 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2022.2032285>

Recommended reading (available via the UAB intranet):

Hobolt, S. (2014), 'A vote for the President? The role of Spitzenkandidaten in the 2014 European Parliament elections', *Journal of European Public Policy* 21(10): 1528-1549.

**Sessios 4- 02/03. EU Decision-Making (Prof. Nuria Font)**

Compulsory reading:

Rasmussen, A. (2012), 'Twenty Years of Co-decision Since Maastricht: Inter and Intrainstitutional Implications', *Journal of European Integration* 34(7): 735-751

**Session 5-09/03. European Integration theories (Prof. Nuria Font)**

Recommended reading (available via the UAB intranet):

Hooghe, L. and G. Marks (2019), 'Grand theories of European integration in the twenty-first century' *Journal of European Public Policy* 26(8): 1113-1133.

**Sessions 6, 7 and 8-16/03; 23/03, 30/03. Democracy and legitimacy in the EU (Prof. Javier Arregui, UPF)**

Compulsory readings:

Arregui, J, (2016) 'Determinants of Bargaining Satisfaction across Policy Domains in the Council of the European Union' *Journal of Common Market Studies* 54 (5): 1105- 1122

Christiansen, T. and Neuhold, C. (2013), 'Informal politics in the EU. J Common Mark Stud, 51: 1196-1206.

Thomas D. Zweifel (2002). 'Who is without sin cast the first stone: the EU's democratic deficit in comparison', *Journal of European Public Policy*, 9:5, 812-840

**Sessions 9 and 10- 13/04 y 17/04. Specific focus: The EU and the protection of the Rule of Law (Prof. Núria González, UB)**

Readings:

Press article. Francis Fukuyama: Putin's war on the liberal order | Financial Times

Bard, P. and Kochenov, D. (2019), The Last Soldier Standing? Courts vs Politicians and the Rule of Law Crisis in the New Member States of the European Union

**Session 11- 20/04. First part module-Exam (Prof. Ana Mar Fernández Pasarín)**

**PART B. MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE IN THE EU**

This sub-module provides concrete examples of cohesion policies developed by the European Union. It will focus on the process of policy making, plans and strategies in key sectors for the Union such as agriculture, fisheries, transport, borders control and territorial cooperation, as well as on the main goals and challenges to be addressed at Community level in light of the recent geopolitical, climatic and health changes. Local and regional scale, governance models and financing tools will also be discussed in each case. Sessions include, in addition to the readings, the active participation of students through autonomous research activities and moment of joint discussions.

**Session 12-24/04. EU regional policy-Cohesion policy (prof. Matteo Berzi, UAB)**

Fratesi U. & Wislade F. G. (2017) The impact of European Cohesion Policy in different contexts, *Regional Studies*, 51:6, 817-821, DOI: 10.1080/00343404.2017.1326673

Surubaru N. (2016): Administrative capacity or quality of political governance? EU Cohesion Policy in the new Europe, 2007–13, *Regional Studies*

**Session 13-27/04. Rural spaces and Common Agricultural Policy (prof. Matteo Berzi)**

Heyl K, Döring T, Garske B, Stubenrauch J, Ekardt F. The Common Agricultural Policy beyond 2020: A critical review in light of global environmental goals. *RECIEL*. 2021;30:95–106. <https://doi.org/10.1111/reel.12351>

**Session 14-04/05. The Common Fishery Policy (prof. Matteo Berzi)**

Said, A., Pascual-Fernández, J., Amorim, V. I., Autzen, M. H., Hegland, T. J., Pita, C., ... & Penca, J. (2020). Small-scale fisheries access to fishing opportunities in the European Union: Is the Common Fisheries Policy the right step to SDG14b?. *Marine Policy*, 118, 104009.

**Session 15-08/05. Multilevel Policies in Times of Pandemic: EU Response to Covid-19 (Dr. Francesco Camonita, Consultant)**

Ladi, S., & Wolff, S. (2021). The EU Institutional Architecture in the Covid-19 Response: Coordinative Europeanization in Times of Permanent Emergency. *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 59(Suppl 1), 32.

Peter VAN KEMSEKE, Jeremy RIFKIN. *Europe reinvented : how COVID-19 is changing the European Union*. Belgium: Boeklyn, 2020 (Chapter 1)

El País Website (2020). *90 horas de angustia para el mayor acuerdo de la UE desde el euro*. Available at: <https://elpais.com/economia/2020-07-23/90-horas-de-angustia-para-el-mayor-acuerdo-de-la-ue-desde-el-euro.html>

Barrientos Alzate, M. & European Documentation Center UAB (2021). Covid-19: Respuesta de la Unión Europea en 2020. *Quaderns de síntesi*, n.6. Available at: <https://ddd.uab.cat/pub/worpaper/2021/238156/COVID-19.pdf>

### **Session16-11/05. European territorial cooperation (Dr. Francesco Camonita)**

Noferini A., Berzi M., Camonita F., Durà A. (2019), Cross-border cooperation in the EU: Cross-border Cooperation in the EU: Euroregions amid Multilevel Governance and Re-territorialisation. *European Planning Studies*, 28:1, 35-56, DOI: 10.1080/09654313.2019.1623973

### **Session 17-15/05. Cross-border cooperation practices (prof. Matteo Berzi)**

Durà A., Camonita F., Berzi, M. and Noferini A. (2018). *Euroregions, Excellence and Innovation across EU borders. A Catalogue of Good Practices*. Barcelona, Geography Department UAB. ISBN paper version: 978-84-947903-8-6/ ISBN ebook: 978-84-947903-9-3

### **Session 18-18/05. Policies at the external borders of the EU (prof. Xavier Ferrer, UPF)**

Xavier Ferrer-Gallardo & Lorenzo Gabrielli (2022) The Ceuta Border Peripeteia: Tasting the Externalities of EU Border Externalization, *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, 37:3, 645-655, DOI: 10.1080/08865655.2022.2048680

Session 19. Transeuropean networks (prof. Matteo Berzi)

### **Session 19-22/05. Transeuropean networks (prof. Matteo Berzi)**

Aparicio, Ángel, 'The Changing Decision-Making Narratives in 25 years of TEN-T Policies', *Transportation Research Procedia*, 25, 2017, pp. 3715–24.

### **Session 20-25/05. Concluding session (prof. Ana Mar Fernández-Pasarín)**

## **III. Evaluation:**

Evaluation is based on:

1. A written exam on the first part of the module (sessions 1-10): 50%

2. A written exercise on the second part of the module (12-19): 50%