

POL 207Y: POLITICS IN EUROPE

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

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Classroom: AH 100
Class hours: Wednesdays 10am-12pm
Office hours: Tuesdays 1400-1530

Course Description

Europe offers a complex and fascinating subject of study. The Europe of the new millennium is made of up of 27 countries, varied and competing economic and social models, and multiple institutional designs that have been imitated around the globe. The course provides an introduction to European politics, society, and the processes of European integration. It is organized into four broad sections. The first analyzes national institutions in the major regions of Europe: the UK, France and Germany, the Scandinavian countries, Poland and Southern Europe. – and reflects on the ways in which these contrasting institutional configurations structure politics. The second examines in more detail the world's most advanced international regime, the European Union (the EU), through which member states have harmonized policies, eliminated barriers to the movement of goods and people, and pooled or transferred sovereignty. The third considers Europe's emergent foreign policy, its relationship(s) with the United States, and the effects of EU enlargement. The final section devotes attention to hotly debated issues in contemporary European politics: immigration, citizenship, and integration; denazification and democratization in Germany; and anti-Semitism and the legacy of Vichy in France.

Learning Objectives

The learning objectives of the course are the following ones: the students will develop the skills to critically understand politics in Europe, following both the institutional configuration of the 'Big Three' and the evolution of the EU. They will also develop an understanding of the theoretical explanations for integration and current political debates and issues regarding the EU. Finally, students will be able to critically engage the different normative and empirical discussions covered in the course

Requirements

Students are required to complete four assignments in order to pass the course:

1. A 2000-word research essay: 20% [due November 13]

2. A mid-term test: 25% [in class, November 27]
3. A 2000-word research essay: 20% [March 12 2014]
4. Final in-class test on the last day of the course: 25% [April 2, 2014].
5. Participation: 10%

Sources: The essays should have *at least* 15 sources, at least 8 of which should be books. The bibliography is to be annotated: that is, a short summary [not more than three sentences describing the argument made in each of the books] of the argument of each book/article is to be included (not more than fifty words). *Note that in annotating your bibliography it does not suffice to copy the abstract from an article; indeed, to do so constitutes plagiarism.*

Extensions and penalties

Penalty for late papers: 5 percent for the first day, 2 percent per day thereafter. Extensions are exceptionally granted on medical or compassionate grounds when they are requested *before* the essay is due. *No extensions will be granted after the due date.*

In medical cases, you must submit the *original copy* of a University of Toronto student medical certificate: <http://www.healthservice.utoronto.ca/pdfs/medcert.htm>.

A medical certificate alone does not entitle you to an extension; rather, the instructor has to be satisfied that the illness was genuine and that it prevented the student from completing the assignment.

Submission

Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to Turnitin.com for a review of textually similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site.

Submitting your essay through Turnitin: before the due date students will be given a class ID and a password. You should generate your own account and use it to submit your work. *Essays have to be submitted to turnitin.com before class. Submissions to turnitin.com after class count as late submissions.*

ESSAYS MUST ALSO BE HANDED IN AT THE START OF CLASS; AN ESSAY HANDED IN AT AFTER ALL THE ESSAYS HAVE BEEN COLLECTED ON THE DUE DATE CONSTITUTES A LATE ESSAY

Double-sided initiative: This course is taking part in the University of Toronto's double-sided initiative; you are encouraged to print your essays on both sides of the page.

Blackboard (Portal) and E-mail policy

All students should have an active University of Toronto email account. Important course information will be distributed electronically via Blackboard and students are strongly

encouraged to regularly log in there. Students' emails will be responded within 48-hours, excluding weekends.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence and will be dealt with accordingly. For further clarification and information, please see the University of Toronto's policy on plagiarism at <http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/using-sources/how-not-to-plagiarize>.

Students are strongly advised to keep rough and draft work and hard copies of their research paper and assignments before handing in to the instructors or the department. These should be kept until the marked assignments or paper has been returned.

Accessibility Needs

The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility. If you require accommodations for a disability, or have any accessibility concerns about the course, the classroom or course materials, please contact Accessibility Services as soon as possible: disability.services@utoronto.ca or <http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/accessibility>.

Tutorials: Tutorials are an important part of this course and they represent 10% of the overall grade. They will take place at the following times:

Tuesdays at 10am in AH 204

Wednesdays at 12pm in AH 302

Wednesdays at 1pm in AH 304

Thursdays at 2pm in UC 326

Tutorials will start the week of September 23rd. Please sign up for a tutorial on Blackboard.

Course schedule

Textbooks: Three texts are available for purchase from the bookstore:

- Colin Hay & Anand Menon, *European Politics* (Oxford, 2007)
- Desmond Dinan, *Ever Closer Union: an introduction to the European Union* (Lynne Rienner, 2005)
- Antje Wiener and Thomas Diez, *European Integration Theory* (Oxford, 2009)

In addition, I would advise you to obtain the few readings that are not taken from the books soon. I have provided links in some cases, but cannot guarantee that they will be valid all year and, in any case, they may be down during the relevant weeks and/or exams. You are in all cases responsible for obtaining these readings.

In addition to these readings, it is recommended that students subscribe to the weekly magazine *The Economist* and read the sections on Europe. Among the dailies, the *Financial Times* (London) has the best English-language coverage of events in Europe, followed by the *New York Times*.

Schedule and Weekly Readings

Note on slides: Slides will *not* be posted on Blackboard. They are designed to aid you in note taking; they are not a substitute for it.

BOOKS

Desmond Dinan, *Ever Closer Union: An Introduction to European Integration* (Boulder: Rienner, 2005).

Colin Hay and Anand Menon, *European Politics* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007).

Tony Judt, *Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945* (New York: Penguin Books, 2005).

Antje Wiener and Thomas Diez, *European Integration Theory* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009).

*All articles are available through the Article Finder at www.library.utoronto.ca
All book chapters are in the course reader*

PART I

Week 1 – Europe in 1945 (Sep. 11)

Judt, Introduction and Chapter 1

Week 2 – United Kingdom (Sep. 18)

Hay and Menon, Chapter 4

Week 3 – France (Sep. 25)

Hay and Menon, Chapter 2

Week 4 – Germany (Oct. 2)

Hay and Menon, Chapter 1

Week 5 – Italy and the Mediterranean Countries (Oct. 9)

Hay and Menon, Chapters 3 and 7

Martin Bull and Martin Rhodes, "Introduction – Italy: A contested polity," *West European Politics* 30, no. 4: (2007): 657-669.

Diego Garzia, "The 2013 Italian parliamentary election: Changing things so everything stays the same," *West European Politics* 36, no. 5 (2013): 1095-1105.

Week 6 – Sweden and the Scandinavian Countries (Oct. 16)

Hay and Menon, Chapter 5

Jenny Andersson, "Nordic nostalgia and Nordic light: The Swedish model as utopia 1930-2007," *Scandinavian Journal of History* 34, no. 3 (2009): 229-245.

Tapio Bergholm and Andreas Bieler, "Globalization and the erosion of the Nordic model: A Swedish-Finnish comparison," *European Journal of Industrial Relations* 19, no. 1 (2013): 55-70.

Jon Kvist and Bent Greve, "Has the Nordic welfare model been transformed?" *Social Policy & Administration* 45, no. 2 (2011): 146-160.

Week 7 – Poland the Post-Communist Countries (Oct. 23)

Hay and Menon, Chapter 9

Frane Adam, Primož Kristan and Matevž Tomšič, "Varieties of capitalism in Eastern Europe (with special emphasis on Estonia and Slovenia)," *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 42, no. 1 (2009): 65-81.

John Anderson, "Catholicism and democratic consolidation Spain and Poland," *West European Politics* 26, no. 1 (2003): 137-156.

Hubert Tworzecki, "The Polish parliamentary elections of October 2011," *Electoral Studies* 31, no. 3 (2012): 617-621.

PART II

Week 8 – The History of European Integration (Oct. 30)

Wiener and Diez, Chapters 1-2

(Optional) Dinan, Chapters 1-3

Week 9 – Theories of European Integration (Nov. 6)

Wiener and Diez, Chapters 3-4

(Optional) Dinan, Chapters 3-6

Week 10 – The Structure of the European Union (Nov. 13). Essay due in Class.

Hay and Menon, Chapters 8 and 11

Dinan, Chapter 7

Week 11 – European Economic Systems (Nov. 20)

Colleen A. Dunlavy and Thomas Welskopp, “Myths and peculiarities: Comparing U.S. and German capitalism,” *GHI Bulletin* 41 (2007): 33-64.

Peter A. Hall and David Soskice, *Varieties of Capitalism: The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001), Introduction, Chapters 8-9

Alistair Cole, *Development in French Politics* 5, chapter 12 [on blackboard]

Vivien A. Schmidt and Mark Thatcher, *Resilient Liberalism in Europe’s Political Economy* (Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2013), Chapter 11

Week 12 – In-class test (Nov. 27)

PART III

Week 13 – The Euro (Jan. 8)

Hay and Menon, Chapters 16 and 20

Martin Heipertz and Amy Verdun, “The dog that would never bite? What we can learn from the origins of the Stability and Growth Pact,” *Journal of European Public Policy* 11, no. 5 (2004): 765-780.

Week 14 – The Euro Crisis (Jan. 15)

Schmidt and Thatcher, Chapter 10

Andrew Moravcsik, “Europe after the crisis,” *Foreign Affairs* 91, no. 3 (2012): 54-68.

William E. Paterson, “The reluctant hegemon? Germany moves centre stage in the European Union,” *Journal of Common Market Studies* 49, no. 1 (2011): 57-75.

Week 15 – The European Union and Foreign Policy (Jan. 29)

Hay and Menon, Chapters 22-23

Federiga Bindi, "One year on: Assessing the European foreign policy and the European External Action Service," *The Brown Journal of World Affairs* 17, no. 2 (2011): 125-137.

Anand Menon, "The European defence policy from Lisbon to Libya," *Survival* 53, no. 3 (2011): 75-90.

Week 16 – Enlargement of the European Union (Feb. 5)

Hay and Menon, Chapter 21

Andrew C. Janos, "From Eastern empire to Western hegemony: East Central Europe under two international regimes," *East European Politics and Societies* 15, no. 2 (2001): 221-249.

Erin K. Jenne and Cas Mudde, "Can outsiders help?" *Journal of Democracy* 23, no. 3 (2012): 147-155.

Lucan A. Way and Steven Levitsky, "Linkage, leverage and the post-communist divide," *East European Politics and Societies* 21, no. 2 (2007): 48-66.

Week 17 – The European Union and Turkey (Feb. 12)

Joost Lagendijk, "Turkey and the European Union: 2014 and beyond," *Insight Turkey* 15, no. 2 (2013): 47-55.

John A. Scherpereel, "European culture and the European Union's 'Turkey question,'" *West European Politics* 33, no. 4 (2010): 810-829.

PART IV

Week 18 – Ideology (Feb. 26)

Hay and Menon, Chapter 12

Michael Freeden, "European liberalism: An essay in comparative political thought," *European Journal of Political Theory* 7, no. 1 (2008): 9-30.

Stathis N. Kalyvas and Kees van Kersbergen, "Christian democracy," *Annual Review of Political Science* 13 (2010): 183-209.

Magnus Ryner, "An obituary for the Third Way: The financial crisis and social democracy in Europe," *The Political Quarterly* 81, no. 4 (2010): 554-563.

Week 19 – Criticism of the European Union I (March 5)

Catherine De Vries and Erica Edwards, “Taking Europe to its extremes: Extremist parties and public Euroscepticism,” *Party Politics* 15, no. 1 (2009): 5-28.

Luke March, “Problems and perspectives of contemporary European radical left parties: Chasing a lost world or still a world to win?” *International Critical Thought* 2, no. 3 (2012): 314-339.

Luke March and Cas Mudde, “What’s left of the radical left? The European radical left after 1989: Decline and mutation,” *Comparative European Politics* 3, no. 1 (2005): 23-49.

Week 20 – Criticism of the European Union II (March 12). Essay due in class.

Andrew Duff, “On dealing with Euroscepticism,” *Journal of Common Market Studies* 51, no. 1 (2013): 150-162.

Cas Mudde, “Contrary to popular opinion, Europe has not seen a sharp rise in far-right support since the start of the crisis,” *EUROPP: European Politics and Policy*, August 23, 2012, <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2013/08/22/contrary-to-popular-opinion-europe-has-not-seen-a-rise-in-far-right-support-since-the-start-of-the-crisis/>

Joost van Spanje, “The wrong and the right: A comparative analysis of ‘anti-immigration’ and ‘far-right’ parties,” *Government and Opposition* 46, no. 3 (2011): 293-320.

Week 21 – Immigration (March 19)

Hay and Menon, Chapter 19

Mohammed Ayoob, “Was Huntington right? Revisiting the clash of civilizations,” *Insight Turkey* 14, no. 4 (2012): 1-11.

Samuel P. Huntington, *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order* (New York: Simon & Schuster Paperbacks, 1996), Preface and Chapters 4-5

Christian Joppke, “Why liberal states accept unwanted immigration,” *World Politics* 50, no. 2 (1998), 266-293.

Week 22 – Multiculturalism (March 26)

Huntington, Chapters 1-2

Paul Berman, “Who’s afraid of Tariq Ramadan?” *The New Republic*, June 4, 2007.

Emmanuel Karagiannis and Clark McCauley, "The emerging red-green alliance: Where political Islam meets the radical left," *Terrorism and Political Violence* 25, no. 2 (2013): 167-182.

Alana Lentin and Gavan Titley, "The 'crisis' of multiculturalism in Europe: Mediated minarets, intolerable subjects," *European Journal of Cultural Studies* 15, no. 2 (2012): 123-138.

Malise Ruthven, "Righteous and wrong," *The New York Review of Books*, August 19, 2010.

Week 24 – Exam (Apr. 2)