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**European Politics in Global World**

Objectives

One of the most exciting and complicated political projects unfolding in the world is the political and economic integration of the European nation-states into the European Union. It is a fascinating experiment because it may point the way toward a common future of pooled or even diminished sovereignty for states everywhere. It is also of particular interest to students of European politics who have generally studied a continent that is divided along economic, cultural, and political lines. This course provides the student with an advanced understanding of the causes of European integration. It does so by tackling the following questions: What, then, are the forces that have historically divided the European continent? What makes the European Union different? What kind of political entity is the EU: a treaty organization, a new modern state, or some sort of post-modern political unit the likes of which the world has never seen? Is it the wave of the future or a passing phase? Will Europe survive its current crisis?

Assignments:

1. In class mid-term test (30 percent).
2. 3 page article review on Europe's Crisis (30 percent)—due on last day of classes.
3. Final Exam (40 percent).

Books for purchase at Bob Miller Book Room (180 Bloor Street, Lower Concourse)

Desmond Dinan, *Ever Closer Union*

Markus Crepaz and Jurg Steiner, *European Democracies*

Articles not in these books will be available on Blackboard.

## Lecture Themes

1. Introduction (Jan.7)
2. Europe Divided: Origins, Read: Andrew Janos, "The Politics of Backwardness in Continental Europe 1780 to 1945", in *World Politics*, vol.41, no.3, 1989, pp.325-358. (Jan.14)
3. Europe at its Worst, Read: Jan Gross, *Neighbors*, , pp.1-114 (Jan.21)
4. The Communist Legacy, Read: Steiner and Crepaz, pp.227 to 257; Andrew Janos, "What Was Communism?"(Jan.28).
5. The Road to European Integration, Read: Dinan, pp.1-72 (Feb.4)
6. The Road to European Integration II: Read Dinan, pp.73-132 (Feb.11)
7. IN CLASS TERM TEST February 25.
8. European Politics: Parties and Elections, Read: Steiner and Crepaz, pp.17-89 (March 4)
9. European Politics: Legislative and Executive Authority, Read: Steiner and Crepaz, pp.91-133 (March 11)
10. Europe's Crisis, Read Dinan, pp.133-170; Steiner and Crepaz, pp.178-202 (March 18)
11. European Policy: Beyond Borders, Read: Dinan, pp.483-528 (March 25)
12. European Policy: Internal and External Security, pp. 529-588 (April 1)