

POLITICS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION PSC 266 SPRING 2008
Tuesdays, Thursdays 9:40 – 10:55 p.m. in MEL 221
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OBJECTIVES:

BOOKS:

The following books are required and available at the UR book store:

COURSE REQUIREMENTS.

1) Discussion Board:

2) Midterm

3) Paper

Grade:

Thursday, 1/17: Introduction to the class: Why study the European Union?

Tuesday, 1/22: What is the European Union? Federation, Mult

Thursday, 1/24: Theorizing about the EU: Neofunctionalism and Liberal Intergovernmentalism

Tuesday, 1/29: Theorizing about the EU: Rational Choice, Historical Institutionalism, and Constructivism

Thursday, 1/31: The European Presidency, Commission and Council

Tuesday, 2/5: The European Parliament and Voting Behavior

Thursday, 2/7: The Legal Institutions in Europe (European Court of Justice, European Convention of Human Rights)

Tuesday, 2/12: Is there a democratic deficit in the multilevel EU? If so, how problematic is it?

Thursday, 2/14: Britain – the EU's awkward partner

Tuesday, 2/19: Spain – substate empowerment through EU membership

Thursday, 2/21: The Europeanization and De-Europeanization of the French state

Tuesday, 2/26: Germany and Europe: centrality in the EU

Thursday, 2/28: Reluctant Europeans: Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland

*** Distribution of paper topics in class ***

Tuesday, 3/4: Italy in the European Union

Thursday, 3/6: MIDTERM

Spring break – no class

Tuesday, 3/18: Trade policy in the European Union

Tavares, Samia (2003), Which Country Sets the Tariff? The Political Economy of Tariff Determination in the European Community. Manuscript, Rochester Institute of Technology.

Thursday, 3/20: European Social Policy

Tuesday, 3/25: Migration and Asylum Flows

Thursday, 3/27: The Relationship between Religion and the State in Europe

Washington Quarterly

Tuesday, 4/1: The External Relations of the European Union

Thursday, 4/3: The Liberalization of Capital markets and European Monetary Union

Tuesday, 4/8: The International Role of the Euro: Rival to the Dollar?

Thursday, 4/10: The Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)

