

Course title	European Integration and EU Governance
Course Code	GOV404.1
Category	Compulsory
Level	MA in Governance
Duration (semesters)	1
Semester when taught (autumn/spring)	Autumn
ECTS:	6
Access requirements	None
Responsible	Prof. K. A. Lavdas, Prof. M. Belov, Prof. R. Chari
Course objectives	
<p>The course aims to provide students with a systematic understanding of the main features, problems and prospects of the European Union as a system of governance. The course is addressed to a wide variety of MA students, including those who wish to learn more about the European Union's past and present as an evolving system of governance in its international environment, European integration as an historic experiment, and the particular strengths, weaknesses and prospects of the EU as a ground-breaking policy-generating system in today's world.</p>	
Course Description	
<p>The course tackles the analysis of both European integration as a process and today's EU governance and consists of three main sections. First, we examine the formation of the EC/EU and the combination of strategic, conditional, and aleatory factors that brought about this historic experiment in mixed and diffuse forms of reciprocity and highly advanced</p>	

cooperation. In this context, we also look into the evolving role of European integration in its international environment. The second section examines systematically EU governance, European constitutionalism and EU policy-making, exploring the 'four freedoms' and a number of other facets of the EU as a policy-generating system. The third section focuses more closely on regulatory policies and their profound impact on today's Europe. In this context, the final section also examines the critical and wide-ranging role of interest groups in EU policy-making and policy implementation.

Course Outline

First section (Professor Kostas A. Lavdas)

Power politics and the choice for Europe

EU governance in an evolving international environment

Theoretical prisms and EU governance

'Soft Power' / 'Normative Power' Europe?

The role of the enlargement waves in promoting the EU's soft power

National opt-outs: hindering or promoting European integration?

Second section (Professor Martin Belov)

European supranational constitutionalism and EU Governance. Relationship with national and global constitutionalism and governance

EU policy making. Institutional design and legitimacy.

EU governance policy areas and the four freedoms.

New challenges to EU governance and EU policy-making. Economic and financial governance and migration policy as responses to financial and migration crisis

Third section (Professor Raj Chari)

The EU as a political system and EU policies

The roles of interest groups in influencing EU decisions

Regulatory policies and regulatory impact

EU competition policy as a crucial field: merger control regulation and state aid control

Privatization processes and *life after privatization*

Educational Outcomes

On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- Understand the EC/EU as an evolving system of governance in historic and contemporary perspective;
- Understand key concepts in EU governance and European studies and apply them to/in specific problems/contexts;
- Identify policy issues and policy problems and critically assess their scope, impact and potential in influencing EU governance;
- Critically assess different approaches to EU governance and to the various links between EU institutions, national governments, civil society and the economic and social actors and interest groups in today's Europe;
- Formulate relevant research questions in EU governance and contemporary European studies.

More generally, it is anticipated that students will have been sensitized to the potential of utilizing various conceptual and methodological tools of the study of governance in order to approach on their own further policy issues in today's EU.

Basic Textbook(s)

The teaching team will distribute relevant readings in pdf and photocopies.

Basic Bibliography

Adler-Nissen, R. *Opting out of the European Union: diplomacy, sovereignty and European integration*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

Bache, I. Bulmer, S., George, S., and Parker, O. *Politics in the European Union*, Fourth Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015.

Belov, M. Globalisation, Crisis of Territoriality and their Effects on the Constitutional Principles. In Belov, M. (ed.) *Global Governance and Its Effects on State and Law*. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 2016.

Belov, M. The Functions of Constitutional Identity Performed

in the Context of Constitutionalization of the EU Order and Europeanization of the Legal Orders of EU Member States. – In: *Perspectives on Federalism*, Vol. 9, Issue 2, 2017, <http://www.on-federalism.eu/index.php/component/content/article/260-the-functions-of-constitutional-identity-performed-in-the-context-of-constitutionalization-of-the-eu-order-and-europeanization-of-the-legal-orders-of-eu-member-states?eprivacy=1>

Chari, Raj. *Life After Privatization*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015.

Chari, R. Evolution of Aid in the EU: Classifying Different Types of Countries, and the Financial and Economic Crisis. In Herwig C. H. Hofmann and Claire Micheau (eds.), *State Aid Law of the European Union*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016.

Hix, S. and Hoyland, B. *The Political System of the European Union*, Third edition. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

Joerges, C. and Dehousse, R. *Good Governance in Europe's Integrated Market*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002.

Krisch, N. *Beyond Constitutionalism. The Pluralist Structure of Postnational Law*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.

Lavdas, K. A. and Chrysochoou, D. N. *A Republic of Europeans: Civic Potential in a Liberal Milieu*. Cheltenham, UK & Northampton, USA: Edward Elgar, 2011.

Lavdas, K. A., Litsas, S. N. and Skiadas, D. *Stateness and Sovereign Debt: Greece in the European Conundrum*. Lanham, MD, USA: Lexington Books/ Rowman & Littlefield, 2013 / paperback edition, 2015.

Lavdas, K. A. The European Union as a Transnational Republic? Consociational, Multicultural, and Post-Territorial Dimensions. In David Tabachnick & Leah Bradshaw (eds.), *Citizenship and Multiculturalism in Western Liberal Democracies*. Lanham, MD, USA: Lexington Books/ Rowman & Littlefield, 2017.

Moravcsik, A. *The Choice for Europe: Social Purpose and*

	<p><i>State Power from Messina to Maastricht</i>. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.</p> <p>Schütze, R. <i>European Constitutional Law</i>, Second edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016.</p> <p>Stone Sweet, A. Constitutionalism, Legal Pluralism and International Regimes. <i>Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies</i>, 16 (2009).</p>								
Additional Bibliography	Additional bibliography will be offered specifically for each lecture.								
Teaching Methodology	Lectures 12 x 3 = 36 hours								
	The course will be delivered through participative lectures followed by class discussion based on readings and case studies.								
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Traineeship	No								
Location	Athens, Plaka								
General note	While the 'Course Objectives' and 'Educational Outcomes' above remain immutable, the 'Course Content' and 'Course Outline' may be altered in order to accommodate student's needs and individual professor's approaches. Bibliography and reading materials may vary accordingly.								