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Course title:	Economic Integration in Europe
Track:	D-Track
Language of instruction:	English
Contact hours:	48 (6 per day)
ECTS-Credits:	4

Course description

The process of European Integration has arguably been most successful in the economic domain. Already in 1958, the European Union's (EU) six founding member states created a custom union that abolished tariffs between them and established a common external tariff that ever since governs exchanges with the rest of the world. Through subsequent integration steps, the EU moved ever closer to its goal of building a fully integrated internal market offering free movement of goods, service, labour and capital. Gradually, the appeal of an economically integrated Europe widened the EU to 28 member states. Today, 19 member states even form a monetary union since they adopted a common currency, the Euro. As a result, the EU is unquestionably the world's most advanced project of regional economic integration.

This course will introduce students to the political and historical background of the economic integration process in the European Union, as well as to basic theoretical concepts that help to understand the economic rationales behind this development. In addition to the class sessions, the course program foresees two field trips to relevant political and economic institutions in Berlin.

Upon completion of this course, students are familiar with the historical and institutional developments regarding the economic integration in the European Union as well as with the main features of the EU's internal market. Furthermore, students are enabled to understand and critically discuss the economic issues and current problems in the EU's main economic policy areas such as competition policy and state aid, the European Monetary Union (EMU), the EU's Budget, EU external trade policy, the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) as well as EU Cohesion and Social Policy. The course will also take up current debates on the causes of the euro crisis and Brexit and their consequences for the present and future of the European integration project.

Student profile

The course is open to students from various academic disciplines with a general interest in the history, politics and economy of Europe and the European Union.

Prerequisites

There is no special knowledge about European politics or economics required but students should be interested in Europe and the European Union in general. A very good command of English is highly necessary.

Course Requirements

Students are expected to attend each class, to read the literature assigned for each class, and to participate in class discussions and field trips.

Grading

Attendance and active participation: 30%
 Midterm exam: 30%
 Final exam: 40%

Reading

A course reader will be provided.

Baldwin, R. E. and Wyplosz, C. (2015). *The Economics of European Integration*. Maidenhead: McGraw-Hill Education.

Grimwade, N. (2013) Theory of economic integration: a review. In: *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*. Online Edition. (Eds.) Durlauf, S.N. and Blume, L.E. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Thompson, H. (2017). Inevitability and contingency: The political economy of Brexit. *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, Vol. 19(3): 434–449.

Wallace, H., Pollack, M. A. and Young, A. R. (Eds.) (2015). *Policy-making in the European Union*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Course schedule

Date	Program*
Monday, July 2, 2018	<p><u>Session 1</u> Introduction to the course History of Economic Integration in Europe</p> <p><u>Session 2</u> The Economics of Regional Integration</p> <p><u>Session 3</u> Discussion session (I)</p>
Tuesday, July 3, 2018	<p><u>Session 1</u> The European Single Market</p> <p><u>Session 2</u> Competition Policy and State Aid</p> <p><u>Session 3</u> Field trip to political or economic institution (tba)*</p>
Thursday, July 5, 2018	<p><u>Session 1</u> Optimum Currency Areas</p> <p><u>Session 2</u> Economic and Monetary Union</p> <p><u>Session 3</u> Discussion session (II)</p>

<p>Friday, July 6, 2018</p>	<p><u>Session 1</u> Midterm exam</p> <p><u>Session 2</u> The EU Budget</p> <p><u>Session 3</u> The Common Agricultural Policy</p>
<p>Monday, July 9, 2018</p>	<p><u>Session 1 & Session 2</u> EU Trade Policy</p> <p><u>Session 3</u> Discussion session (III)</p>
<p>Tuesday, July 10, 2018</p>	<p><u>Session 1</u> Cohesion Policy</p> <p><u>Session 2</u> Social Policy</p> <p><u>Session 3</u> Field trip to political or economic institution (tba)*</p>
<p>Thursday, July 12, 2018</p>	<p><u>Session 1</u> Euro Crisis</p> <p><u>Session 2</u> Brexit</p> <p><u>Session 3</u> Discussion session (IV)</p>
<p>Friday, July 13, 2018</p>	<p><u>Session 1</u> Final exam</p> <p><u>Session 2</u> Summary</p> <p><u>Session 3</u> FUBiS Farewell Ceremony</p>

*Field trips may be subject to change depending on the availability of appointments and speakers. On field trip days, adaptation of class times is possible.