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Course title:	The Making of Europe: The Long 20 th Century
Track:	D-Track
Language of instruction:	English
Contact hours:	48 (6 per day)
ECTS-Credits:	4

Course description

This course provides an overview of the political, socio-economic, and cultural developments that shaped Europe in the long 20th century. Many deeply impacting developments occurred over the course of the 20th century: Two World Wars were fought, the birth of the European Union and the fall of Communism, just to name a few. Being such a crucial city in Europe's history in the 20th century, Berlin is the most logical location for this course. Special emphasis will also be given to Germany's role in the middle of the continent and to the historical origins of the European Union and its present state. The city of Berlin, with all its tangible historical remains, will be dealt with as a city of former crisis with great promises for a better future.

In this course we will try to identify the democratic values that have shaped the rebirth of Europe and discuss the challenges with which present-day Europe is faced. The course will reflect on Europe's place in the global, multi-polar world of the 21st century.

Several excursions will be organised in which you will visit some key historic sites in the city.

Student profile

The course is open to undergraduate students from different fields of study with an interest in culture, society and politics.

Prerequisites

The course requires a minimum language proficiency of B2 in English. A general background in the social sciences may help, but no specific expertise is required.

Required language skills

The language of instruction is English. Language proficiency on an advanced Intermediate level (Mittelstufe II) is a prerequisite for participation. For orientation purposes, you can assess your language skills here (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):

<https://rm.coe.int/CoERMPublicCommonSearchServices/DisplayDCTMContent?documentId=090000168045bb52>

Course requirements

Students must attend classes, actively engage in class discussions, and regularly contribute ideas to the class to successfully complete this course.

Grading

Active participation: 30%
 Midcourse exam: 30%
 Final exam: 40%

Reading

The reading material for the course will be provided.

Course schedule

Date	Program*
Monday, August 3, 2020	<p>Topic of the Day: Recent history of Europe</p> <p>Session I: Europe in the 18th and 19th century</p> <p>Session II: Europe and the First World War</p> <p>Session III: Europe and the Second World War</p>
Tuesday, August 4, 2020	<p>Topic of the Day: The making of the European Union (EU): interests, ideas and institutions</p> <p>Session I: History of the idea about the EU</p> <p>Session II: EU institutions</p> <p>Session III: Decision-making in the EU</p>
Thursday, August 6, 2020	<p>Topic of the Day: History of migration to and from Europe and the current immigration challenge</p> <p>Session I: Europe as a continent of emigration and immigration; Historical perspective</p> <p>Session II: Internal migration within the EU</p> <p>Session III: Current immigration crisis and the EU response</p>
Friday, August 7, 2020	<p>Topic of the Day: EU foreign and security policy</p> <p>Session I: Development of the EU common foreign policy</p> <p>Session II: EU security policy</p> <p>Session III: Future prospects</p>
Monday, August 10, 2020	<p>Topic of the Day: EU climate and energy policy</p> <p>Session I: History of the global environmental movement</p>

	<p>Session II: Evolvement of the EU as a climate and energy leader in the international arena</p> <p>Session III: Current status and prospect of the EU common energy and climate policy</p>
Tuesday, August 11, 2020	<p>Topic of the Day: Social rights and economic integration in the EU</p> <p>Session I: Development of social rights in the EU</p> <p>Session II: Creation of the common EU market</p> <p>Session III: The challenges of the single currency</p>
Thursday, August 13, 2020	<p>Topic of the Day: Enlargement of the EU: experience and future prospects</p> <p>Session I: History of the EU enlargement</p> <p>Session II: Current status</p> <p>Session III: Prospects after Brexit</p>
Friday, August 14, 2020	<p>Topic of the Day: Democratic deficit and the future of the EU</p> <p>Session I: Is there a democratic deficit in the EU?</p> <p>Session II: What is the future for the EU?</p> <p>Final Exam</p>

*On field trip days, adaptation of class times is possible.