

Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg

Faculty of Social Science, Economics, and Business Administration
Professorship for International and European Politics
(Prof. Dr. Monika Heupel)



Lecturer: **Marlene Joger, M.A.**

Contact: marlene.joger@uni-bamberg.de

Office hours: By appointment

Winter term 2023-24

Seminar: European Integration

Credits: **6 ECTS**

Time: **Thursday, 19.10.23, 14-16pm (c.t.),
Thursday, 14.12.23, 11.01.24, 18.01.24, 25.01.24, 01.02.24, 14-18pm (c.t.),
Thursday, 08.02.24, 14-16pm (c.t.)**

Room: **F21/03.50 (in person)**

Since its creation, the European Union has emerged as the most advanced regional integration project in the world. For much of its existence, scholars have treated it as an international organization sui generis, but as European integration has widened in scope and deepened in terms of competences, the EU is increasingly being treated as a political system similar to nation states. This course aims to provide students with both empirical knowledge about the EU and a theoretical toolbox to analyze a wide range of EU-specific questions.

The course is separated into five blocks: The first block serves to get familiar with the history and political system of the EU. In block two, students will gain insight into important theoretical accounts regarding European Integration. This includes both the most widely-known “grand theories” of Neofunctionalism and Liberal Intergovernmentalism as well as theories such as Postfunctionalism and New Institutionalism. In so doing, students will gain an insight into the existing angles in theorizing European Integration. The third and fourth blocks are concerned with analyzing the role of each of the EU’s main institutions. This will include a theory-guided look at their individual power and constraints as well as their relationship with the other institutions. The last block of the seminar will deal with challenges to the process of European Integration and the future of the European Union.

Requirements:

- The working language of the seminar is English. Presentations and coursework must also be in English.
- In order to have sufficient basic knowledge about the European Union, previous participation in the introductory lecture (Einführungsvorlesung) or an equivalent is required.
- Regular attendance and preparing the required texts is expected, as is active participation in discussions.
- To obtain 6 credit points, students must give a presentation and write a term paper (4500-5500 words). Presentations will be assigned during the first session.

Please note:

- The number of participants is limited to **xx**. Student registration via FlexNow! is required. You can register from **xx-xx**. Please note that your registration is binding. The last day to de-register is **xx**.
- **If you have any questions regarding your registration, please contact Claudia Genslein (claudia.genslein@uni-bamberg.de or F21/3.18).**

Course outline

1. 19.10.2023 Introduction and assignment of presentations

Block I

2. 14.12.2023 History of European Integration
Legislation in the EU political system

Block II

3. 11.01.2024 Neofunctionalism and Liberal Intergovernmentalism
The three institutionalisms

Block III

4. 18.01.2024 Executive Politics and the European Commission
The European Council and the Council of the European Union

Block IV

5. 25.01.2024 Legislative Politics at the European Parliament
The European Court of Justice as a driving force for integration?

Block V

6. 01.02.2024 Euro crisis and the so-called refugee crisis
Brexit and the future of the EU

Closing session

7. 08.02.2024 Discussion of term paper

30.03.2024 Deadline term paper