

European Integration: Theory and Processes

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Objectives

The purpose of this module is to provide students with the theoretical and methodological tools that are required for understanding the process of European Integration. The module is intended to help students successfully write a research paper and develop research skills for PhD applications.

The module overviews the different phases of European integration, the modes of EU governance and the different conceptualizations applied to EU polity, politics and policies. The module is divided in a set of thematic lectures by professors from the UAB and visiting scholars from different European universities.

Evaluation

Attendance is compulsory (at least 80% of the sessions). Evaluation is based on active participation during the course (20%), presentation and discussion of compulsory readings (20%), a written exam (30%) and a final assignment of 4,000 to 5,000 words (30%).

Students must choose a topic and submit a 3-page paper proposal by december. The paper proposal will include:

1. One clearly stated research question

2. One hypothesis or expected answer to the research question
3. A brief review of the major articles or volumes on the topic
4. A short description of how to answer to the research question.

Contents and bibliography

Session 1. Presentation: Prof. Francesc Morata, 6 nov
Cosmopolitan government in Europe.
Prof. Owen Parker (University of Sheffield)

Session 2. The process of European integration; the institutional framework,
Prof. Nuria Font, 13 Nov.
Bomberg, E., J. Peterson i Alexander Stubb (eds) (2008), *The European Union: How Does it Work?*, Oxford University Press.
Hix, S. y B. Hoyland (2012), *El Sistema Político de la Unión Europea*, Madrid: McGraw Hill. (original versión in English).
Cini, M. (ed.), (2009), *European Union Politics*, Oxford University Press.

Sesión 3, The European institutional system after the Lisbon Treaty. Nuria Font, 20 Nov.
Dinan, D. (2010), 'Institutions and Governance: A New Treaty, a Newly Elected Parliament and a New Commission', *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Vol 48 Annual Review pp. 95–118

Session 4. Mapping European integration theories, Prof. Nuria Font , 22 nov
Morata, F. (1999), *La Unión Europea. Procesos, actores y políticas*, Barcelona: Ariel, Capítulo 3.
Aspinwall, M. y G. Schneider (2000), 'Same menu, separate tables: The institutionalist turn in political science and the study of European integration', *European Journal of Political Research*, Vol. 38, pp. 1-36. (Thursday morning, 10-13h)

Intensive Seminar I (Program on CV)
Prof. Christoph Knill, 26-27-28 Nov. (mornings 10-13h)

Intensive Seminar II (Program on CV)
Prof. Simon Bulmer, 3-4 Dec. (mornings 10-13h)

Session 5. The budget of the European Union and the Financial Framework 2013-2020
Prof. Joan Colom (Universitat de Barcelona), 11 Dec.
Colom, J. (2000) 'La Política Presupuestaria', in F. Morata, *Políticas Públicas en la Unión Europea*, Barcelona: Ariel.

Session 6. The decision-making process: agenda-setting, initiative, formulation and implementation of European policies.
Prof. Ana Mar Fernández Pasarín, 18 Dec.

Dinan, D. (2011) 'Governance and Institutions: Implementing the Lisbon Treaty in the Shadow of the Euro Crisis', *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Vol.49, Annual Review, pp.103-121.

Session 7. The Comitology and the European Agencies. Towards a new executive order? Prof. Ana Mar Fernández, 8 Jan.

Egeberg, M and J.Trondal (2011), 'EU-level agencies: new executive centre formation or vehicles for national control?', *Journal of European Public Policy*, Vol. 18, N.6, pp.868–887.

Session 8. Europeanization in Spain. Prof. Francesc Morata, 15 Jan.

Morata, F. (2007), 'Introducción: el proceso de europeización y España', en F. Morata y G. Mateo (eds.), *España en Europa – Europa en España*. Barcelona: Fundació CIDOB, pp. 15-40

Session 9. The Europeanization of Common Agricultural Policy.

Prof. Ricard Ramon (European Commission), 22 Jan (to be confirmed).

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-post-2013/index_en.htm

Ramon, R. (2007), "La europeización de la PAC", en F. Morata y G. Mateo, *España en Europa – Europa en España*, Barcelona: CIDOB

Session 10. Europeanization and political devolution. Prof. Francesc Morata, 29 Jan.

Morata, F. (2007), 'La europeización del Estado autonómico', en F. Morata y Gemma Mateo (eds.), *España en Europa – Europa en España*. Barcelona: Fundació CIDOB, pp. 149-178

Session 11. Presentation of final research papers in progress. Prof. Francesc Morata, 31 Jan. (Thursday 10-14h)

Session 12. European elections and political parties. Prof.: Cesáreo Rodríguez-Aguilera (Universitat de Barcelona), 5 Feb.

Rodríguez-Aguilera, C. (2007), 'Elecciones europeas y partidos políticos en España', en F. Morata y Gemma Mateo (eds.), *España en Europa – Europa en España*. Barcelona: Fundació CIDOB, pp. 179-2004.