

European Public Policy

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Outline:

1. Public Policy in multi-layered and multi-actor systems
2. Relationship between policy making at the national and the European levels
3. How the national and the European levels interact and condition one another
4. Implementation of European policy
5. The case of the European environmental policy

Horaris de les sessions:

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dimarts 26 de març: 16.00 - 19.00 h
dijous 28 de març: 16.00 - 19.00 h
dimarts 9 d'abril: 16.00 - 19.00 h
dijous 11 d'abril: 16.00 - 19.00 h

Political Culture, Public Opinion and Democratic Participation in the European Union

Outline of lectures to be given at
Department of Political Science
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Richard Sinnott
Centre for European Economic and Public Affairs
University College Dublin

Objective

The aim of the course is to undertake an analysis of political culture and public opinion in the European Union with particular emphasis on the process of integration, on selected policy issues and on democratic participation at the supranational level. The evidence from Eurobarometer studies over more than two decades will be critically examined and all empirical findings will be placed in a broader theoretical and institutional context. The course does not presuppose prior methodological or statistical skill or experience but should contribute to developing the student's critical appreciation of empirical research.

Topics

1. Integration theory: Bringing public opinion back in
2. Trends in attitudes to integration
3. Determinants of attitudes to integration
4. Knowledge and awareness of the European Union
5. European identity and trust among Europeans
6. Policy orientations and subsidiarity: a framework for analysis
7. Some policy issues (monetary union and foreign and security policy)
8. Participation and democratic representation in the European Union
9. The legitimacy of European integration

Reading

^{NO} The text for the course will be Oskar Niedermayer and Richard Sinnott (eds) *Public Opinion and Internationalized Governance*, Oxford University Press, 1995, especially chapters 2,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,16 and 17.

dimarts 30 d'abril: 16.00 - 19.00 h

dijous 2 de maig: 16.00 - 19.00 h

dimarts 7 de maig: 16.00 - 19.00 h

dijous 9 de maig: 16.00 - 19.00 h