

# EUR105- European Union Institutions, Politics, and Policies

## 1. Emnebeskrivelse

"European Union Institutions, Politics, and Policies" aims at giving a good understanding of the polity, politics, and policies of the European Union. We will discuss the institutions of the EU and explore how they compare to government institutions of national political systems. Further, we will look at what the EU does. This means we will go through the range of policies that the EU is to very different degrees involved in. We then discuss the theories that seek to explain the process of European integration. Was European integration fully under control of national governments or did it develop a dynamic of its own driven by the EU institutions themselves? Another important part of the course focusses on actors and how political parties, interest groups, and public opinion shape the politics of the EU.

Apart from covering the fundamental knowledge of institutions, policies, and actors, the course also takes an applied perspective by discussing issues that are currently salient in EU politics and inviting practitioners for guest lectures to provide an inside view of EU politics and policy-making.

## 2. Vurdering av emnedesign i forhold til mål og resultater (inkludert hovedfunn fra egne evalueringer og studentevalueringer)

Raimondas

## 3. Beskrivelse av videreutvikling av emnet Raimondas

## 4. Opplysninger om hvem har behandlet og fulgt opp emneevaluering og når: Kristen Steiner (Studiekonsulent) Kjetil Evjen (Undervisningsleder) og Raimondas Ibenskas (emneansvarlig)

- Pensumlister (vedlagt)
- FS-rapporter om gjennomføring i perioden (FS754.001) (vedlagt)
- Studentevalueringer

31 of 76 students answered the course evaluation. The majority of students found the contents of the lectures and the literature to range from good to excellent. EUR105 also has a seminar component which the students rated mostly from fair to good, but overall, the students believed the seminars helped, but there could be fewer. Some specific evaluations from the students are as follows:

*-The content of the course was presented in an easy to understand manner and was easy to follow. I would describe it as a good introductory course. However, regarding certain topics I*

would have enjoyed more in depth discussions, like we did it in the special lecture with the movie, I really enjoyed that one.

-It was positive that we got concrete feedback on the assignment

- I feel like the seminars can be a bit repetitive over time. Simply gathering information from the website didn't seem very useful for learning, I think the group discussions and debates are more engaging and help test our understanding of the material and our critical thinking skills.

-Some good contents, especially when it was active learning. But questions to discuss with fellow students in a small group is not really worth anything. They have read or not read the same literature and it is really dependent of it.

The active learning with working within internet resources about the EU was good.

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[Til litteraturlisten](#)

### Essential textbooks

[Til seksjonen](#)

1. Michelle Cini (redaktør). *European Union politics*. Seventh edition edited by Michelle Cini, Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borragán. Oxford University Press; 2022.

[Til referansen](#)

2. Lelieveldt H, Princen S. *The politics of the European Union*. Third edition. Cambridge University Press; 2023.

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### 1. Introduction: what is the EU and European integration

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3. Michelle Cini (redaktør). *European Union politics*. Seventh edition edited by Michelle Cini, Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borragán. Oxford University Press; 2022.

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4. Lelieveldt H, Princen S. *The politics of the European Union*. Third edition. Cambridge University Press; 2023.

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### 2. Institutions of the EU

[Til seksjonen](#)

5. Michelle Cini (redaktør). *European Union politics*. Seventh edition edited by Michelle Cini, Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borragán. Oxford University Press; 2022.

[Til referansen](#)

6. A court of kings; Charlemagne. *The Economist (London)*. Published online 2021:53-.

[Til referansen](#)

7. Lelieveldt H, Princen S. *The politics of the European Union*. Third edition. Cambridge University Press; 2023.

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### 3. Decision-making in the EU

[Til seksjonen](#)

8. Michelle Cini (redaktør). *European Union politics*. Seventh edition edited by Michelle Cini, Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borragán. Oxford University Press; 2022.

[Til referansen](#)

9. Lelieveldt H, Princen S. *The politics of the European Union*. Third edition. Cambridge University Press; 2023.

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#### **4. EU Policies 1: single market, EMU and environment**

[Til seksjonen](#)

10. Michelle Cini (redaktør). *European Union politics*. Seventh edition edited by Michelle Cini, Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borragán. Oxford University Press; 2022.

[Til referansen](#)

11. Lelieveldt H, Princen S. *The politics of the European Union*. Third edition. Cambridge University Press; 2023.

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#### **5. EU Policies 2: expenditure, trade and interior policies**

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12. Michelle Cini (redaktør). *European Union politics*. Seventh edition edited by Michelle Cini, Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borragán. Oxford University Press; 2022.

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#### **6. Theories of European integration**

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13. Michelle Cini (redaktør). *European Union politics*. Seventh edition edited by Michelle Cini, Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borragán. Oxford University Press; 2022.

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14. Lelieveldt H, Princen S. *The politics of the European Union*. Third edition. Cambridge University Press; 2023.

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15. Neofunctionalism and Liberal Intergovernmentalism. I: *European integration theory*. Third edition. Oxford University Press; 2019:43–84.

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#### **7. EU Policies 3: Enlargement and foreign and security**

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16. Michelle Cini (redaktør). *European Union politics*. Seventh edition. Oxford University Press; 2022.

[Til referansen](#)

17. Meltem Müftüler-Baç. The European Neighbourhood Policy. I: *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. 30 October 2019. ; :1–15.  
<https://oxfordre.com/politics/display/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.001.0001/acrefore-9780190228637-e-1082?rskey=2NCoeD&result=1>

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18. Stefan Lehne. Making EU Foreign Policy Fit for a Geopolitical World. *Carnegie Europe*. Published online sommer 1420. <https://carnegieeurope.eu/2022/04/14/making-eu-foreign-policy-fit-for-geopolitical-world-pub-86886>

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19. Stefan Lehne. A Reluctant Magnet: Navigating the EU's Absorption Capacity. *Carnegie Europe*. Published online høst 2120. <https://carnegieeurope.eu/2023/09/21/reluctant-magnet-navigating-eu-s-absorption-capacity-pub-90601>

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## 8. Interest groups and interest representation

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[Til referansen](#)

21. Lelieveldt H, Princen S. *The politics of the European Union*. Third edition. Cambridge University Press; 2023.

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22. BOUWEN P. Exchanging access goods for access: A comparative study of business lobbying in the European Union institutions. *European journal of political research*. 2004;43(3):337–369. doi:10.1111/j.1475-6765.2004.00157.x

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23. Dür A, Bernhagen P, Marshall D. Interest Group Success in the European Union: When (and Why) Does Business Lose? *Comparative political studies*. 2015;48(8):951–983. doi:10.1177/0010414014565890

[Til referansen](#)

24. Bunea A. Regulating European Union lobbying: in whose interest? *Journal of European public policy*. 2019;26(11):1579–1599. doi:10.1080/13501763.2018.1539115

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## 9. Public opinion and referenda

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25. Michelle Cini (redaktør). *European Union politics*. Seventh edition edited by Michelle Cini, Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borragán. Oxford University Press; 2022.

[Til referansen](#)

26. Public Opinion and Political Participation. I: *The politics of the European Union*. Third edition. Cambridge University Press; 2023:103–118.

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## 10. Political parties and the EU

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## 11. Political participation and elections

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31. Michelle Cini (redaktør). *European Union politics*. Seventh edition edited by Michelle Cini, Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borragán. Oxford University Press; 2022.

[Til referansen](#)

32. Lelieveldt H, Princen S. *The politics of the European Union*. Third edition. Cambridge University Press; 2023.

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## 12. EU and democratic backsliding

[Til seksjonen](#)

33. Kelemen RD. The European Union's authoritarian equilibrium. *Journal of European public policy*. 2020;27(3):481–499. doi:10.1080/13501763.2020.1712455

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34. Nick Sitter EB. Democratic Backsliding in the European Union. I: *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. 2019. utg. ; :1–10.  
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