

**Fall 2019**  
**MIR 501: *Politics of European Integration***  
**Thursday 18:30-21:30**  
**IB 301**

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**Course description:**

The European Union is today a major political actor. With 28 member states, it is also a unique political system in world politics based on a complex institutional architecture mixing elements of national sovereignty, intergovernmental cooperation and supranational decisions. Adding to this institutional complexity, only 19 member states have endorsed the euro as their currency while both EU and non-EU member states are part of the Schengen space. Moreover, with 1 member state demanding to exit, 5 candidate countries, and 2 potential candidates, the borders of the EU are under constant revision. This course aims to provide a thorough understanding of European integration since WWII. We will also examine some of the current issues the EU faces today: the question of democratic deficit and political legitimacy, the Brexit, and Turkey-EU relations.

**Requirements:**

The weekly reading workload is about 70 pages per week. Students are expected to regularly attend the class and to participate in class discussions. The course pack is available at the MIR coordination office.

**Evaluation and Grading Policy:**

Participation (15%), three quizzes (15%), two short papers (20%), one in class-midterm (20%), and one final exam (30%).

**Plagiarism:**

Please read attentively the guideline on how to avoid plagiarism.  
<http://www.buowl.boun.edu.tr/students/favoidingplagiarism.htm>

**W1-Sept. 19- Introduction to the course: The Multiple Crises of the European Union**

*No reading.*

**W2-Sept. 26-The Origins of the European Union: European Integration vs. the Nation State?**

Dinan Desmond, *Ever Closer Union. An Introduction to European Integration* (Houndmills, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan 2004): "Introduction" & ch. 1 "Reconstruction, Reconciliation, and Integration, 1945-1957", 1-37.

Alan Milward, *The European Rescue of the Nation State* (Routledge, 2d ed. 2000): ch.1 "History and Theory", 1-17, & ch. 6 "The lives and teachings of the European Saints", 281-303.

Cartsen Strøby Jensen, “Neo-functionalism” in Cini, Michelle and Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borrogán, *European Union Politics* (Oxford University Press, third ed. 2010): 71-85.

### **W3-Oct. 3- The European Economic Community and Eurafrika, 1957-1985**

Dinan Desmond, *Ever Closer Union. An Introduction to European Integration* (Houndmills, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan 2004): ch. 2 “Uncertain Terrain 1958-1972

Peo Hansen and Stefan Jonsson, “Eurafrika Incognita: The Colonial Origins of the European Union”, *History of the Present*, 7(1), Spring 2017, 1-32.

Mark Gilbert “Narrating the Process: Questioning the Progressive Narrative of European Integration”, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 46(3) 2008, 641-662.

### **W4-Oct. 10-The Single Market and the European Union**

Dinan Desmond, *Ever Closer Union. An Introduction to European Integration* (Houndmills, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan 2004): ch. 3 “A Community in Flux, 1973-1984” & ch. 4 “From the European Community to European Union, 1985-93”, 97-132.

David Phinnemore, “The European Union: Establishment and Development” in Cini, Michelle and Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borrogán, *European Union Politics* (Oxford University Press, third ed. 2010), 32-47.

Michelle Cini, “Intergovernmentalism” in Cini, Michelle and Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borrogán, *European Union Politics* (Oxford University Press, third ed. 2010), 86-103

### **W5-Oct. 17- The Post-Cold War Enlargement**

Clive Church and David Phinnemore, “From the Constitutional Treaty to the Treaty of Lisbon”, 32-67.

Dinan Desmond, *Ever Closer Union. An Introduction to European Integration* (Houndmills, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan 2004): ch. 5 Enlargement, 1994-2005, 133-159.

Mark A. Pollack, “Realist, Intergovernmentalist, and Institutional Approaches”, in Erik Jones, Anand Menon, and Stephen Weatherhill eds. *The Oxford Handbook of the European Union*, Oxford University Press 2014), 3-17.

### **W6-Oct. 24-Midterm Exam**

### **W7-Oct. 31- The European Union institutions**

Morten Egeberg “The European Commission”; Jeffrey Lewis “The Council of the European Union”; Roger Scully “The European Parliament”, in Cini, Michelle and Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borrogán, *European Union Politics* (Oxford University Press, third ed. 2010): 125-175.

**W8-Nov. 7- Democratic Deficit? Voting Powers and Decision-Making**

Simone Bunse and Kalypso A. Nicolaidis, “Large Versus Small States: Anti-Hegemony and the Politics of Shared Leadership” in Erik Jones, Anand Menon, and Stephen Weatherhill eds. *The Oxford Handbook of the European Union*, Oxford University Press 2014), 249-266.

**W9-Nov. 14-Political Legitimacy and Public Opinion**

Dimitri N. Chrysoschoou “Europe’s Contested Democracy” in Cini, Michelle and Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borrogán, *European Union Politics* (Oxford University Press, third ed. 2010), 378-389.

Sarah Hobolt “Public Opinion and Integration” in Erik Jones, Anand Menon, and Stephen Weatherhill eds. *The Oxford Handbook of the European Union*, Oxford University Press 2014), 716-733.

**W10-Nov. 21- Citizenship and Migration**

Jonathon W. Moses, “The Shadow of Schengen” in Erik Jones, Anand Menon, and Stephen Weatherhill eds. *The Oxford Handbook of the European Union*, Oxford University Press 2014), 600-612.

Sarah Wolff and Ricard Zapata-Barrero “Border Management; Impacting on the construction of the EU as a polity?” in Sarah Wolff et al., *Freedom, Security, and Justice after Lisbon and Stockholm* (TMC Asser Press, 2011), 117-134.

**W11-Nov. 28-EU-Turkey Relations, and the Syrian Refugees Issue**

EU-Turkey statement, 18 March 2016

**W12-Dec 5-The Brexit****W13-Dec 12-Review and Discussion Session****Final Exam TBA**