

<b>Course</b>	<b>PUBLIC POLICIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION</b>			
	Type (M)	Semester VI	ECTS 4	Code
<b>Lecturer Assistant Tutor</b>				
<b>Goals and objectives</b>	<p>This course deals with theoretical and practical approaches to public policy –making process at the level of the European Union (EU). In concrete terms, it aims to explain the concepts and models of analysis of different public policies and the theoretical approaches which are used for this purpose.</p> <p>The main purpose is to focus on understanding the concepts of public policy and governance approaches at the EU level and also specific phenomenon like ‘democratic deficit’ at the EU level.</p> <p>Beyond this, the course aims to introduce students to the various specific policies of the EU and the role of other non-state actors and interest groups in the policy-making processes.</p>			
<b>Expected results</b>	<p>Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply the main theories of European integration in the analysis of the EU public policies;</li> <li>• Understand, analyse and evaluate the developments, actors, institutions and challenges of policy-making in general, and European public policies in particular;</li> <li>• Obtain a moderate understanding of the EU governance approaches and models; and</li> <li>• Acquire knowledge and information about alternative approaches and theories on public policies in general and European public policies, in particular.</li> </ul>			
<b>Content</b>	<b>Weekly schedule</b>			<b>Week</b>
	Introduction and presentation of the course and syllabus			1
	Concepts and theories of public policies; What is the EU?			2
	Public policies in the European Union (EU)			3
	Governance approaches in the EU (Part 1)			4
	Governance approaches in the EU (Part 2)			5
	Democratic Deficit in the public polices of the EU (Part 1)			6
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	Course Summary: Reflection, Review,			8
	Midterm exam			9
Case study: Analysis of the public policy in the external relations of the EU			10	

	The role of non-state actors and interest groups in the public policy making process in the EU	11		
	Seminar presentations	12		
	Public policy in the Member-States vs. EU	13		
	Summary of the course and discussions on the final exam	14		
	Final exam	15		
<b>Teaching methods</b>	<b>Activity</b>		<b>Weight (%)</b>	
	- Lectures		30%	
	- Seminars		30%	
	- Case studies		30%	
	- Role play		10%	
	- Problem-based learning			
<b>Evaluation methods</b>	<b>Evaluation activity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Weight (%)</b>
	- Participation and activity in lectures			10%
	- Seminars and presentations			20%
	- Midterm exam			30%
	- Final exam			40%
<b>Resources and tools of concretization</b>	<b>Tools</b>	<b>Number</b>		
	- Class			
	- Moodle			
	- Projector			
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Type of activity</b>	<b>Weekly hour</b>	<b>Total charge</b>	
	- Lectures	2	30	
	- Seminars/Presentations		15	
	- Independent teaching		45	
	- Exams		10	
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