

MA European Union Studies - European Institutions

Semester 2, 2011-2012

Course Code: 5504VINS

Level: 400

ECTS: 5

Language of instruction: English

Teachers: Week 1-3: Jan Rood; week 4-6: André Gerrits

Time and Place:

Monday: February 6 – March 12, 3-5 pm; Arsenaal/014

Thursday: February 9 – March 15, 9-11 am; Huizinga/023b

Attendance:

Students are allowed to miss one session. If you miss more than one session and / or deadlines without genuine extenuating circumstances, your work will not be marked.

Programme:

Week 1/class 1 (6/2): General introduction on the EU / Distribution of the assignments for the paper

Week 1/ class 2 (9/2): The main European institutions

Week 2/ class 3 (13/2): Decision-making procedures in the EU / The Community method

Week 2/ class 4 (16/2): The Lisbon treaty / Conceptualising the EU

Week 3/ class 5 (19/2): Presentation of papers

Week 3/ class 6: (23/2): Presentation of papers

Week 4/ class 7: (27/2); External relations of the EU: Institutions and policies

Week 4/ class 8 (1/3): External relations of the EU: Theories and concepts.

Week 5/ class 9 (5/3): Europe and the World: Enlargement and beyond...

Week 5/ class 10 (8/3): Europe and its neighbors: ENP, EaP, Russia

Week 6/ college 11 (12/3): Presentation of papers

Week 6/ college 12 (15/3): Presentation of papers

Blackboard: see [Blackboard](#).

Assessment method

Research papers (50%)

End-term exam (50%)

End-term Research Papers:

Students are required to write and present two individual research papers, max. 2,000 words each (everything included). Word count is obligatory. Deadlines for research papers as well as other requirements (presentations) will be announced in class.

Exam: to be announced

Required reading:

- Neill Nugent, *The government and politics of the European Union*, London, PalgraveMacmillan, 2010 (7th edition).
- Karen E. Smith, *European Union Foreign Policy in a Changing World*. London, Polity Press, 2008 (Fully revised and updated edition)

Additional literature may be announced in class.

Students are encouraged to buy the core textbooks.

Contact information

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