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This module addresses politics and policy-making in the European Union, with applications to supranational and national government as well as to issues belonging to the specific policy domain of health care and public health. Specifically, it looks at the regulatory impact of EU integration on political institutions, on health systems governance and management, and on public health regulations at all levels of government.

By design, this course will approach the European Union as an empirical, a theoretical and a practical challenge. First of all, how does the European Union influence the general patterns of policy-making? Then, what are the theoretical frameworks that explain how these politics developed over time? And finally, what practical lessons can be drawn from the current European experience with regional and market integration?

The emphasis of the course is set on the understanding of the legal and political orders that apply within the European Union at the national and supranational levels. The course relies on concepts such as governance, judicialization and Europeanization, which are articulated in a general framework of understanding that can then apply to other political areas subject to regional integration and/or federal regulation.

No previous knowledge in any of these topics is required for taking the course, but some interest in comparative politics and public policy will naturally prove useful.

COURSE SUMMARY

1. European Politics

Integration

Institutions

2. Health Politics

Health systems

Public health

3. French Politics

Political system

Reform challenges

MAIN READINGS

Piattoni, Simona. 2010. *The Theory of Multi-level Governance. Conceptual, Empirical, and Normative Challenges*, Oxford University Press.

Thatcher, Mark (ed.). 2007. *Internationalisation and Economic Institutions. Comparing European Experiences*, Cambridge University Press.

Wallace, Helen, Pollack, Mark and Alasdair Young (eds). 2010. *Policy-Making in the European Union*, 6th ed., Oxford University Press.

Reading guide: *these references expand far beyond the course itself, and are recommended readings for later study; session-specific readings will suffice to follow the course as such. Piattoni explores the vast issue of power fragmentation over several strata of government; Thatcher's compendium offers a broad range of comparative case studies in political economy; and Wallace et al. offer an exhaustive introduction to policy-making in the European Union.*

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

The course has no other assignment than a **discussion session** organized in the fourth and last hours of each session. The aim of the discussion is to bring all participants to share their views on the European and Indian policy agendas.

COURSE WEBSITE

All course material is archived online at the following address:

<http://f.briatte.org/teaching/epp/>

SESSION 1 EUROPEAN POLITICS

Outline

- 1 · European Integration
- 2 · Political Decision-Making
- 3 · Judicial Decision-Making
- 4 · Discussion: EU and Global Finance Regulation

Readings

Bache, Ian, George, Stephen and Simon Bulmer (eds). 2011. *Politics in the European Union*, 3rd ed., Oxford University Press.

Quaglia, Lucia. 2011. "The European Union in Regulating Global Finance," paper presented at the 12th Biennial Meeting of the EUSA, Boston, March 3-5.

Sandholtz, Wayne and Alec Stone Sweet. 2011. "Neofunctionalism and Supranational Governance," in Erik Jones, Anand Menon and Stephen Weatherill (eds), *Oxford Handbook of the European Union*, Oxford University Press.

Wiener, Antje and Thomas Diez (eds). 2009. *European Integration Theory*, 2nd ed., Oxford University Press.

SESSION 2 HEALTH POLITICS

Outline

- 1 · Global Health Dynamics
- 2 · EU Health Systems Policy
- 3 · EU Public Health Policy
- 4 · Discussion: Health Systems in Transition Countries

Readings

Greer, Scott. 2009. *The Politics of European Health Policies*, McGraw-Hill.

Mossialos, Elias *et al.* (eds). 2010. *Health System Governance in Europe*, Cambridge University Press.

Kutzin, Joseph, Jakab, Melitta and Cheryl Cashin. 2010. "Lessons from Health Financing Reform in Central and Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union," *Health Economics, Policy and Law*, vol. 5, no. 2, pp. 135-147.

Lamping, Wolfgang and Monika Steffen. 2010. "European Union and Health Policy: The 'Chaordic' Dynamics of Integration," *Social Science Quarterly*, vol. 90, no. 5, pp. 1361-1379.

SESSION 3 FRENCH POLITICS

Outline

- 1 · Fifth Republic Institutions
- 2 · French State Reform
- 3 · French Europeanisation
- 4 · Discussion: French Market Governance and Internationalization

Readings

- Baumgartner, Frank R. 2008. "Politics in France: The Fifth Republic at Fifty," in W. Phillips Shively (ed.), *Comparative Governance*, McGraw-Hill.
- Cole, Alistair. 2008. *Government and Governance in France*, Cambridge University Press.
- Levy, Jonah D. 2011. "The Return of the State? French Economic Policy under Nicolas Sarkozy," paper presented at the 12th Biennial Meeting of the EUSA, Boston, March 3-5.
- Levy, Jonah D. 2008. "From the *Dirigiste* State to the Social Anaesthesia State: French Economic Policy in the *Longue Durée*," *Modern & Contemporary France*, vol. 16, no. 4, pp. 417-435.

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Thanks for attending, for your remarks during class and for your feedback on the course. You will find additional material on the course website, and I will answer emails sent to f.briatte@ed.ac.uk. Enjoy your time in Paris!