

Sociology of the European Union

This course is an introduction to contemporary European Union institutions, politics and public policy. It provides the fundamentals on European Union policy-making. The first part of the course addresses the institutional development of the European Union (Integration process and Enlargement). The second part complements this first insight by bringing institutions and actors into the analysis (administrations, political parties, voters, interest groups). The third part focuses on the outcomes of the EU in terms of policies (Agriculture, Environment, Competition) and on the international stage. The final session will come back to the Euro-crisis, and analyse recent developments.

References

Bach (I) *Politics in the European Union*, Oxford University Press, 2011

Jones E., A. Menon, and S. Weatherill, *The Oxford handbook of the European Union*, Oxford University Press, 2012.

Assessment

Written exam(1h.), questions related to the course.