

# FUNDAMENTALS EUROPEAN UNION STUDIES

5.10. – 9.10.2020

HS240, Europasaal

## General Learning Objectives:

- Knowledge of basic facts and understanding basic dynamics of the European integration project from the perspective of law, political science and economics
- Basic knowledge on the legal foundations of the European Union
- Knowledge of competences of the European Union, the relation between the European level and the Member States
- First glance at different policy fields of the European Union and differences in decision making
- Overview on the institutional set-up of the European Union, competences of the institutions and interaction between the institutions
- Introduction into general approaches to explain the European integration process from a theoretic perspective
- First impression on how different disciplines interact in understanding and explaining the European Union

<b>Monday</b> <b>5.10.2020</b>	<b>Morning (10.30 – 12.00 )</b>
	Getting to know each other <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Introducing SCEUS, the teachers and their research interests</li><li>- Getting to know the students: why do you want to study EUS?</li><li>- One question: what I always wanted to know about the EU.</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>6.10.2020</b>	<b>Afternoon (13.30 – 16.30)</b>
	Fundamentals of historic development of the European Union from the perspective of law, political science and economics <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Landmarks of European Integration and what we learn from them for the integration process in general</li></ul>
	<b>Morning (9.00 – 12.00)</b>
	Fundamentals European Union Institutions (law and political science) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Introducing the institutions, their competences and the relevant passages in the Treaties</li><li>- Interests of the institutions, conflict lines</li></ul>
	<b>Afternoon (13.30 – 16.30)</b>
	Continuing on the institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Group work and discussions</li></ul>

<b>Wednesday</b> <b>7.10.2020</b>	<b>Morning (9.00 – 12.00)</b>
	Fundamentals on competences and policy areas (law and political science) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Competences, principles and methods of decision making</li> <li>- Supra-nationalism vs. Intergouvernementalism</li> </ul>
	<b>Afternoon (13.30 – 16.30)</b>
	Fundamentals on key policy areas (law, political science and economics) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Competition, Trade, Single Market, EMU, Foreign Policy and external relations</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>8.10.2020</b>	<b>Morning (9.00 – 12.00)</b>
	A gentle introduction to Microeconomics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Main concepts of Microeconomics (utility function, optimization, theory of business)</li> </ul>
	<b>Afternoon (13.30 – 17.30)</b>
	Fundamentals of Macroeconomics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion of fundamental concepts of Macro-economics (inflation, economic growth, GDP)</li> </ul>
	<b>Tutorial – Exam Preparation</b> 16.30 – 17.30
<b>Friday</b> <b>9.10.2020</b>	<b>Fundamentals Exam (11.00 – 12.30)</b>

### Texts to prepare (see Collection of Reading materials online)

Please, read and prepare the texts in advance. We build on these texts in our discussions during the lectures. During the lectures you are also highly welcome to raise questions on the texts you have prepared.

<b>Borchard, Klaus-Dieter (2017), The ABC of EU Law, published by the European Commission.</b>
Chapters to be prepared: (available at <a href="https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/5d4f8cde-de25-11e7-a506-01aa75ed71a1">https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/5d4f8cde-de25-11e7-a506-01aa75ed71a1</a> )
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- From Paris to Lisbon via Rome, Maastricht, Amsterdam and Nice (p. 11-22)</li> <li>- Fundamental Values of the European Union (p. 25-35)</li> <li>- The Constitution of the European Union (p. 43-86)</li> <li>- The legal order of the European Union (EU as a creation law, the legal sources of Union law, the EU's means of action) (p. 89-110) + The EU system of legal protects: Treaty infringement proceedings (p. 120-121) and preliminary rulings (125)</li> </ul>
<b>Lelieveldt, Herman; Princen Sebastiaan (2015), The Politics of the European Union. Cambridge University Press, Second edition.</b>
Chapter to be prepared:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 Analysing the EU: Explaining integration – Neo-functionalism/ Intergovernmentalism) (p.28 – 35)</li> </ul>

- 4 Legislation and decision-making: putting the institutional puzzle together: The ordinary legislative procedure (p. 82-90)
- 8 An overview of EU policy-making (179-206)

**CoreEcon, The Economy, e-book available at: <https://core-econ.org/the-economy/>**

Chapters to be prepared:

Chapter 3: Scarcity, work, and choice (<https://core-econ.org/the-economy/book/text/03.html>)

Chapter 4: Social Interactions (<https://core-econ.org/the-economy/book/text/04.html>)

Chapter 13 Economic fluctuations and unemployment  
(<https://core-econ.org/the-economy/book/text/13.html>)