



Course Code EUS-355	Course Title European Social and Economic Policies	ECTS Credits 6
Department European Studies and International Relations	Semester Spring	Prerequisites EUS-105
Type of Course Required	Field European Studies	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 3 rd	Lecturer(s) Dr Christina Ioannou
Mode of Delivery face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

As the European Union grows and matures, its movement toward a single market and an Economic and Monetary Union has been the primary focus of attention. However, other policy areas have been greatly affected by this process of European integration, especially the social sphere, as socio-economic forces usually move together. This course focuses specifically upon the development of social and economic policies in the EU. These are areas that increasingly attract attention, especially in view of the growing challenges of economic globalisation and national welfare state retrenchment. The course aims to offer a deep understanding of the various issues that socio-economic developments cover and critically engage in their analysis. In particular, three main thematic areas of EU social policy are studied in this course (employment and social affairs, consumer protection, and public health), and in relation to the economic aspect both the internal (single market, internal trade, competition) and external policies (external trade, development cooperation) of the EU are discussed.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding on the origins of economic cooperation in the EU, as well as on the development of the single market.
2. Evaluate the development of monetary cooperation in the EU, the development of the ERM and the Euro-zone.
3. Assess both the internal and external economic policies of the EU: Competition Policy, Environmental Policy, Energy Policy, Transport Policy, Commercial Policy, Development Aid Policy, External Relations.
4. Illustrate understanding of the development of social policy in the EU, from the origins of the organisation to the present day.
5. Appraise the ways in which European social policies work, in the fields of employment and social affairs, consumer protection and public health.
6. Assess the impact of socio-economic policies.

Course Contents:

1. Understanding the history of European Economic Integration: The Single Market, the Economic and Monetary Union and the Euro-zone.
2. Internal Economic Policies: Competition Policy, Environmental Policy, Energy Policy, Transport Policy.
3. External Economic Policies: Commercial Policy, Development Aid Policy, External Relations
4. Understanding what is European Social Policy.
5. Employment and Social Affairs: Gender Policy, Working Conditions, Disability Policy, Anti-discrimination Policy, Anti-poverty Policy, Protection of the Elderly and the Youth.
6. Consumer Protection: Food Labelling, Animal Health, Chemical Safety, Biological Safety, Biotechnology (Genetically Modified products).
7. Public Health: Communicable Diseases, Smoking, Alcohol and Alcohol-related harm, Mental Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity, Drugs.

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Project, Presentation, Discussion

Assessment Methods:

Final Examination, Mid-Term Examination, Project, Presentation, Attendance / Participation

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Moussis, Nicholas (MN)	Access to the European Union: Law, Economics, Policies, 17 th Edition	European Study Service	2008	
Geyer, Robert R., (GR)	Exploring European Social Policy	Oxford: Blackwell	2000	

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Bretherton, Charlotte and Vogler, John	The European Union as a Global Actor	London: Routledge	2002	
Bache, Ian and George, Stephen	Politics in the European Union	Oxford: Oxford University Press	2006	
Cini, Michelle	European Union Politics	Oxford: Oxford University Press	2005	
Farell, Mary, Fella, Stefano and Newman, Michael	European Integration in the 21st Century – Unity in Diversity?	London: Sage	2002	
Gillingham, John	European Integration 1950-2003: Superstate of New Market Economy?	Cambridge: Cambridge University Press	2003	

McCormick, John	Understanding the European Union	Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan	2008	
Moussis, Nicholas	Handbook of European Union: Institutions and Policies	European Study Service	1999	