



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
EUS-378	Contemporary South-East Europe	6
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
None	Politics and Governance	Fall or Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Core	European Studies	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
1 st Cycle	Dr. Yiannos Katsourides	3 rd
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Corequisites
Conventional	N/A	N/A

Course Objectives:

The course constitutes an introduction to the contemporary history, politics and social issues of South Eastern European countries, including Greece, Cyprus and Italy. Its purpose is two-fold: first to provide knowledge and stimulate critical thinking about this geographical area in the world ; then, to cultivate further the capacity to undertake comparative political or sociological analysis of historical as well as contemporary issues.

The objectives of the course are to:

- Provide a detailed overview of the societies and politics of South Eastern countries, namely, Italy, Greece and Cyprus
- Provide knowledge about how the historical trajectory of South Eastern European has shaped their contemporary social, economic and political arenas.
- Introduce students to the main debates at the national and regional level, concerning South Eastern Europe.
- Explain the impact that the EU has had on Greece, Cyprus and Italy, through the utilization of theories of Europeanization.

- Offer a comparison of specific (South Eastern European) countries, through the utilization and discussion of concepts, theories and cutting-edge research in sociology, political science and international relations.

Learning Outcomes:

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

- Identify the special place of South Eastern Europe in the regional balance of power within and outside of EU.
- Possess in depth knowledge about the contemporary politics, economies and societies of Greece, Cyprus and Italy.
- Engage with confidence with academic research rooted in comparative perspectives.
- Critically examine how wider, regional or global processes have affected South European countries.
- Exhibit further understanding and empirical knowledge of how Europeanization has impacted on domestic politics.
- Understand complex arguments about south European exceptionalism (and its critiques).
- Master the research resources that are necessary to conduct investigations of South Eastern Mediterranean countries.

Course Content:

A brief political history of Greece
The Greek Political System
Greek politics and society before and after the crisis
A brief political history of Italy
The Italian political system
Italian politics and society before and after the crisis
A brief political history of Cyprus

The political system of the Republic of Cyprus
Greek-Cypriot politics and society before and after the crisis
Turkish-Cypriot politics and society
South Eastern Europe: A comparative perspective
Europeanisation issues: the EU and south Eastern Europe

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Student presentations, Discussion, Individual guidance

Assessment Methods:

Research essay, mid-term examination, final examination

Readings:

Charalambous, G. (2014) Political Culture and Behaviour in the Republic of Cyprus after the Crisis. Nicosia: Peace Research Institute Oslo.

Jones, E. and Pasquino, G. (2015) Oxford Handbook in Italian Politics. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Featherstone, K. and Sotiropoulos, D. (eds.) (2019) Oxford Handbook in Greek Politics. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.

Clogg, R. (2002) A concise History of Greece. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Aktar, A., Kizilyürek, N., Ozkirimli, U. (Eds.) (2009) Cyprus, Greece and Turkey : Nationalism in the Troubled Triangle.

Kalyvas, S. (2015) Modern Greece : What Everyone Needs to Know. Oxford : Oxford University Press.

Capussela, A. L. (2018) The Political Economy of Italy's Decline. Oxford : Oxford University Press.

*This is not an exhaustive list. For each week, students will be required to study specific journal articles or to review report summaries.