



POL/SOC 310 Integration Processes and Enlargement of Europe

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Course Description

The course focuses on theoretical interpretation and analysis of EU enlargement processes and the specific mechanisms of institutional arrangements of the European Union and its policies. Special attention will be paid to *the processes* of enlargement, such as the impact of accepting new member states on the core of the EU, on the newcomers and on their neighbors. Such processes will be reviewed with a *sociological approach*. Class discussions will analyze arguable points that appear in scientific literature, in the sphere of politics and public debates. The possible membership of Ukraine in the EU will be analyzed.

Objectives of the course

- To present a systemic outlook on the processes of European integration;
- To analyze the institutional specifics of the EU polity;
- To analyze the institutional conditions and perspectives of collective action;
- To highlight the difficulties and tasks of the realization of the EU project;
- To uncover scientific debates on different issues of European politics and European project in general;
- To equip students with the instruments of comparative analysis.

Course Evaluation

	Max score	A+ = 99-100	B+ = 87-89	C+ = 77-79
Analytical reports	20	A = 90-98	B = 83-86	C = 73-76
Reports	20	A- = 90-92	B- = 80-82	C- = 70-72
Participation in discussions	10	F = 0-63		
Tests	40			
Total	100			

Topics for reports:

- Intended and unintended consequences of the EMU: sociological dimension
- New dimensions of conflicts in the EU
- *Europification* of national policy making (Anderson, Eliassen)
- Corporatist and statist designs in environmental policy (Aguilar)
- Control of organized crime and police cooperation (Anderson, den Boer)
- Perspectives and problems of migration: different responses to the same challenge
- Political implementation of the idea of European Citizenship
- Difficulties in implementation of the Common Defense Policy
- European welfare state model
- Civilian power Europe
- Problems of legal integration
- Patterns of employment in new Europe
- and etc.



Course Outline

<p>Theme 1: Introduction: the specifics of sociological analysis of the processes of European integration.</p>
<p>Theme 1.1: Transnational processes and “axiomatic of national states” (Beck, 2000) Paradigm of «inclusive globalization» (Robertson, Albrow, Castells).</p>
<p>Topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is European integration a product of globalization? (Hirst, Thompson, 1996. Starie, 1999)• Is the development of the EU an evidence of dividing world into new competitive regional blocks or progressive harmonization of world order? (Albrow)
<p>Theme 2: Scientific approaches to the study of European integration. Neofunctional and intergovernmental approaches. EU as an “internationalization of the state” (Albrow). Idea of new Middle Ages or “arrested federalism” (Anderson). Governmentality theorists (Dean, Rose).</p>
<p>Topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is <i>European State</i> a possibility? (Stone-Sweet, Sandholtz, Majone, Anderson, Dehousse)• Is the EU a supranational, quasi-federal, enlarged national, regulative or network state?
<p>Theme 3: Problems in creation of the European polity. The idea of European unification and its critique. Politics of creating common European identity and the problem of nationalism (Laffan, Giorgi, Siedentop, Moravcsik). The idea of “advanced liberalism” (Dean, Rose).</p>
<p>Topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whether <i>European Society</i> is possible? (Delanty, Mann)• Singular European society or plural societies of Europe?• Europe of Nations or Europe of Regions? (Smith, 1999).
<p>Theme 4: History of the EU development, stages of integration. Social dimension of the EU Policy. The dynamics of broadening the circle of participants and functions of the EU. Harmonization of Law, the scheme of budget forming, Structural Funds.</p>
<p>Topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fifth enlargement of the EU. To give an analysis of one new member state negotiation phase.•
<p>Theme 5: Institutional structure of the EU. Powers and functions of European Commission, European Council, Council of Europe, European Parliament, European Court of Justice, institutions of national levels. Legal foundation of the EU. Mechanisms of multilevel governance. Supranational, national and subnational centers of decision-making. Centralization or decentralization of institutes of power? The concept of “subpolitics” (Beck) and the processes of autonomization. The problem of deficit of democracy.</p>
<p>Topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Show the pattern and mechanisms of interaction among different levels of decision-making using the example of one member-state.



<p>Theme 6: Specific Policies of the EU. European Economic Space. Creation of a Single European Market, Monetary and Custom Union. Common policies in the field of security, human rights protection, protection of environment, trade, agriculture, fishery, transport, energy sector, science and technology, education, and etc. Foreign policy of the EU.</p>
<p>Topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Analyze a specific policy of the EU and its possible consequences for Ukraine in case of its application.
<p>Theme 7: Agents of political space of the EU. Member-states, non-member states, candidates to membership. Political parties, Non-governmental organizations, interest groups, mass movements, networks, regions, and etc. The development of civil society of the EU. The role of individual in European public space. EU as a cosmopolitan democracy (Held, Archibugi) or agonistic democracy (Mouffe)?</p>
<p>Topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Analyze the possibilities and difficulties for different forms of collective action given the existing institutional structure of the EU. Use specific examples.
<p>Theme 8: Problems of disorganized capitalism: issues of migration, unemployment, social exclusion, injustice, inequality, social welfare, and etc. (Esping-Anderson, Castells, Albrow). The idea of European model of society. Argument between the supporters of neo-liberal and regulated capitalism.</p>
<p>Topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Compare the processes of migration, unemployment, social exclusion, inequality, and etc. in Ukraine and the EU, Ukraine and different member-states of the EU.
<p>Theme 9: Models of the dynamics of growth of the EU (Appadurai, Axford, Huggins, Barry, Castells, Urry). The politics of the enlargement of the EU. The Policy of Neighborhood. Argument between supporters of maximum enlargement of the EU and representatives of institutional idealism.</p>
<p>Topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Place of Ukraine in Europe.

The information contained in this course syllabus may subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor or EESA.