

Department of SOCIOLOGY
Module Code: P0305
Spring Semester 2022-23
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COURSE DETAILS

Lectures will take TUES@12pm TSI118
place THURS@ 1PM JHL6

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AIMS OF THE MODULE

The module introduces students to the European Union, the European integration process and the EU institutional environment. It aims to develop students' understanding of the way the European Union works and how its policy output and powers affect their lives as citizens. As such, the module has three objectives. First, to give students a solid understanding of the history, institutions, and decision-making processes of the European Union. Second, to equip students with an appreciation of the principal issues and controversies which currently face the European Union, and, third, to explore and analyse the broader political and societal context in which European integration is evolving.

Europe is (once again) undergoing a period of dynamic and multifaceted change, and, it is clear that the European Union is driving these changes. Over the past decade the EU was battered by a series of inter-linked crises, including the Eurozone, Brexit, the Covid pandemic and the Russian attack on Ukraine in 2022-23. This module will seek to reference current politics and illustrate how the EU institutions are managing these important developments. From an institutional perspective, the interaction between Council, Commission and Parliament is crucial to the trajectory of EU politics. Thus, the importance of 'getting to know the institutions' as a core objective of this module. This is particularly important as Ireland reaches the milestone of 50 years of EU membership in 2023. It is also the thirtieth anniversary of the Single European Market coming into being.

This module is one of four modules associated with the EU Erasmus Plus Jean Monnet Chair in European Integration and Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (2020-23) at Maynooth University. As such it

benefits from Erasmus Plus funding to support the teaching of European Integration.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Having completed the module, students should understand:

- how each of the key institutions of the EU works;
- the balance of power between the major EU institutions;
- the relationship between the EU and its member states;
- the successes and limits of European integration;
- the broad constellation of issues currently shaping European society;
- how to engage with and utilize the full range of primary and secondary sources relating to EU institutions and policies.
- The main elements of Ireland's experience of 50 years of European Union membership.

ORGANISATION AND ASSESSMENT

ASSESSMENT REGIME

Annotated bibliography for Essay One – 10%

Draft of Essay One – 10%

Final submission of Essay One – 30%

End of term Examination – 50%

Assessment for this module will be via 100% continuous assessment. This will be divided into four parts. First, students are asked to produce an annotated bibliography for the first essay. This should include key references you will use for the first essay and one or two sentences explaining why you have chosen these source materials to answer the question. The annotated bibliography must be printed out and brought to class for submission by Tuesday, Week 4

(**Tuesday 20 February 2023**. It will be worth 10% of the grade for the module.)

Second, students will be asked to write a 2,000 word essay (30% of the grade for the module) and prior to this a draft of this essay (10% of the grade). The draft should build on the annotated bibliography and be a fully realised essay. The first draft should be completed and submitted via Moodle by Friday, **10 March 2023**. This timeframe will allow the lecturer to provide extensive feedback on the writing process and allow students to incorporate feedback from the draft stage into the final product. I will then hold one to one meetings with students to highlight the important elements of the feedback and what needs to be done to improve the essay. The final part of this process will see students submit the final draft of the essay by **Friday 21 April 2023**. This will be worth 30% of the grade. Essay titles and submission procedures will be supplied separately to this outline and placed on Moodle.

Lectures in week 2 will be devoted to learning about how to use source materials on EU politics, in learning to think about, and read and write on European integration. Guest lectures will also take place throughout the term with information provided via Moodle.

Finally, students will take an in-person examination at the end of the semester. This part of the assessment will be worth 50% of the overall grade for the module.

Some appropriate sources of information for each of the sessions in this module are listed in turn below. The **core readings** must be consulted in advance of and subsequent to each lecture. However, you are advised that these reading lists are not exhaustive. They are intended as points of departure, i.e. their purpose is to guide you in your own searches for material. Additionally, readings recommended for one lecture/topic may also be useful for others. Credit is given to you in your assessments for the location and appropriate use of

relevant material. This module is part of the EU Jean Monnet project on teaching European integration at Maynooth University.

The module will be based around weekly lectures that will take place from week 1 through to Week 12 of the spring semester. Attendance at lectures is OBLIGATORY. In addition, I will make myself available on Friday morning for one to one Teams calls or in person meetings with students, from 1000 to 1200.

MAYNOOTH CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES

The module also draws upon and will engage with the activities of the Maynooth University Centre for European and Eurasian Studies (www.maynoothuniversity.ie/Europe), an inter-disciplinary research centre devoted to analysis of and debate on Europe, and brings together faculty from the disciplines of anthropology, history, political science, and sociology as well as European Integration. The Centre is a designated EU Erasmus Plus Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (2020-2023). Regular seminars will be held online throughout the academic year and students are very much encouraged to take part in the activities of the Centre. Among the events planned for this semester are a series examining the impact of EU membership on Ireland and a number of events focusing on the rule of law in the European Union. The first seminar takes place on Wednesday 22 February 2023 and deals with the rule of law crisis in the EU.

READING LISTS AND SOURCES FOR THIS MODULE

Because European integration is ongoing, students will need to keep themselves abreast of current events. The best newspaper to consult is the *Financial Times*, whilst the *Economist* also covers a broad range of issues connected to the European Union. The best Irish newspaper to consult for EU coverage is the *Irish Times* (www.irishtimes.com) where the dedicated EU correspondent is Naomi O' Leary. The best

daily web-based entity reporting on the EU is *Politico* and it should also be consulted regularly: (<http://www.politico.eu/>)

Students should note that *the reading lists included in this outline are not exhaustive*. While they are intended to give you a grasp of the major issues, there are always other sources that you could usefully consult. When your essays are marked, credit will be given to those students who demonstrate they have carried out research to find and use their own sources. Students should also note that there are links between the various issues covered in this module, and that credit will be given to students who demonstrate the capacity for appropriate synthesis. In other words, students should take a holistic approach and not treat the subjects covered simply as self-contained units.

The most useful starting point for document research (EU institutions) is undoubtedly www.europa.eu.int (EU-homepage).

Further useful web-pages and blog sites are:

- i) Centre for European Policy Studies (Brussels-based independent think-tank): www.ceps.be
- ii) Carnegie Europe (Brussels-based independent think-tank): <https://carnegieeurope.eu/>
- iii) The European Council on Foreign Relations (A think tank dedicated to strategic analysis of the challenges facing Europe and EU foreign and security policy in the twenty first century), (www.ecfr.eu)
- iv) the European Policy Centre (Brussels-based think tank): www.epc.eu
- v) The Irish Institute of International and European Affairs (Dublin-based organisation with educational and political aims): www.iiea.com
- vi) The Federal Trust (UK-based organization which lobbies for a federal EU): www.fedtrust.co.uk
- vii) *The Economist* <http://www.economist.com/>
- viii) Centre for European Reform (A prominent London-based think tank): www.cer.org.uk/
- ix) *Open Democracy* (One of the most comprehensive discussion sites on the net and one with a strong European focus): www.opendemocracy.net/

- x) European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) – The European Union’s in-house Paris-based think tank charged with producing policy papers and advice on EU Security and Defence Policy: www.iss.europa.eu
- Xiii) Eurobarometer (Official EU public opinion monitoring site), http://ec.europa.eu/public_opinion/index_en.htm
- Xiv) LSE EUROPP – European politics blogsite from LSE which is a superb source for current debates on Europe <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/>
- Xv) Irish Association for Contemporary European Studies (IACES): www.iaces.ie
- Xvi) UK in a Changing Europe (independent UK think tank) <https://ukandeu.ac.uk>

COURSE READING

The **core text** for this module is:

- Cini, M. and Borragan Perez-Solorzano, N., (eds), (2022), *European Union Politics*, seventh edition, (Oxford: Oxford University Press). This is a very accessible textbook, which will provide you with an understanding of EU history, institutions, policies, and key issues. The text is accompanied by a comprehensive set of online resources which can be found at: <http://www.oup.com/uk/orc/bin/9780199281954/>

Other key textbooks focusing on the EU institutions include:

- Bache, I., Bulmer, Burns, C., George, S., and Parker, O., (2020), *Politics in the European Union*, fifth, edition, (Oxford: Oxford University Press).
- Bradford, A., (2021) *The Brussels Effect: how the European Union rules the world*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press).
- Dinan, D., Nugent, N. and Patterson, W., (2017) *The European Union in Crisis* (Basingstoke, Palgrave MacMillan).

- Kenealy, D., Peterson, J., and Corbett, R., (September 2018) *The European Union: how does it work?* Fifth edition, (Oxford: Oxford University Press)
- Legrain, P., (2014) *European Spring: Why Our Economies and Politics are in a Mess – and How to Put Them Right*, (London: CB Books).
- Leliveldt, H. and Princen, S., (2015) *The Politics of the European Union*, second edition, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press)
- Nugent, N., (2017), *The Government and Politics of the European Union*, eighth edition, (Basingstoke; Palgrave).
- Hodson, D. Peutter, U., Saurreger, S. and Peterson, J., (2021) *The Institutions of the European Union*, fifth edition, (Oxford: OUP).
- Olsen, J., (2020) *The European Union: Politics and Policies*, seventh edition, (Basingstoke: Routledge).
- Pinder, J. and Usherwood, S., (2018) *The European Union: a very short introduction*, fourth edition, (Oxford: Oxford University Press).
- Stiglitz, J., (2016), *The Euro and its Threat to the Future of Europe*, (London: Allen Lane).
- Van Middlear, L. (2019) *Alarums and Excursions: improvising politics on the European Stage*, (New York: Agenda Publishing).
- Wallace, H., Roederer Rynning, C., Pollack, M. and Young, A. (eds), (2020), *Policy-Making in the European Union*, Eighth edition, (Oxford: OUP).

The books are available at the Maynooth University Bookshop with free postage on orders over 60 Euros:

<https://www.universitybooks.ie> .

For **wider general reading**, the following textbooks will be helpful:

- Ashiagbor, D., Countouris, N. and Lianos, I., (eds) (2012) *The European Union after the Treaty of Lisbon* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press)
- Buchanan, T., (2012), *Europe's Troubled Peace: 1945 to the Present* (Blackwell History of Europe), (Cambridge: Blackwell).
- Chrysochoou, D., (2008) *Theorising European Integration* (Abingdon: Routledge).
- Corner, M., (2014) *The European Union: An Introduction* (London: I.B. Tauris).
- De Burca, G. and Weiler, J.H., (2012), *The Worlds of European Constitutionalism*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- Dinan, D., (2014), *Origins and Evolution of the European Union* (Oxford: Oxford University Press).
- Dinan, D., (2010), *Ever Closer Union: an introduction to European Integration*, fourth edition, (Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan)
- Duff, A., (2018), *On Governing Europe: A Federal Experiment*, (London: space publishing)
- Elinas, A.E. and Suleiman, E. (2012), *The European Commission and Bureaucratic Autonomy: Europe's Custodians*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- Eriksen, E.O. and Fossum, J.E. (eds) (2012) *Rethinking Democracy and the European Union* (New York: Routledge).
- Fabrini, S., (2015) *Which European Union?: Europe After the Euro Crisis* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- Gatrell, P., (2019) *The Unsettling of Europe: the great migration, 1945 to the present*, (London: Allen Lane).
- Gillingham, J. (2016), *The European Union; an Obituary*, (London: Verso)
- Gowland, D., (2016), *Britain and the European Union*, (Abingdon: Routledge).

- Habermas, J., (2012) *The Crisis of the European Union: a response* (Cambridge: Polity).
- Hix, S. and Hoyland, B., (2011), *The Political System of the European Union*, third edition, (Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan).
- Kershaw, I., (2018), *Roller Coaster Europe 1950-2017*, (London: Allen Lane)
- McCormick, J., (2020) *Understanding the European Union, a concise introduction*, eighth edition, (Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan).
- Mody, A., (2018), *Euro Tragedy: A Drama in Nine Acts*, (Oxford: OUP).
- Piris, J.C., (2012), *The future of Europe - towards a two speed EU?* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- Ross, G., (2011), *The European Union and its Crises: Through the Eyes of the Brussels Elite*, (Basingstoke: Palgrave).
- Steel, B., (2018), *The Marshall Plan: Dawn of the Cold War*, (London: Simon and Schuster).
- Trilling, D., (2018), *Lights In The Distance: Exile and Refuge at the Borders of Europe*, (London: Picador).
- Varoufakis, Y. (2017) *Adults in the Room: My battle with Europe's deep establishment*, (London: Bodley Head).
- Varoufakis, Y., (2016), *And the Weak Suffer What they Must: Europe, Austerity and the Threat to Global Stability*, (London: Bodley Head).
- Van Middlear, L. (2013) *The Passage to Europe: how a Continent became a Union* (New Haven: Yale University Press).

Academic Journals that you should regularly consult include:

- Cambridge Review of International Affairs

- Comparative European Politics (CEP))
- Journal of Common Market Studies (JCMS)
- European Foreign Affairs Review
- European Journal of Political Research
- European Political Science
- Journal of European Public Policy (JEPP)
- West European Politics (WEP)
- Journal of European Integration (JoEI)

THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS

Europa - the main European Union internet portal

(www.europa.eu.int)

European Parliament -

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/home/default_en.htm

European Commission - <http://ec.europa.eu/>

Council of the European Union - <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>

European Court of Justice -

http://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/Jo1_6308/

European Central Bank -

<http://www.ecb.int/home/html/index.en.html>

The webpages of the European Union's main institutions provide an extraordinary range of source material on almost every aspect of politics, government and policy at EU level. Although you may find some of the material 'heavy' and rather bureaucratic in respect of jargon, it is worth thoroughly engaging with the websites as the course moves through the institutional cycle in particular.

LECTURE OVERVIEW, PO305

Week	Lecture	Topic
		Part I: The European Union: History and Institutions
1	1.	Introduction (31 Jan)
	2.	Why study the EU and its institutions? (3 Feb)
2	3.	Reading and writing about the EU (7 Feb)
	4.	Reading and writing about the EU (10 Feb)
3	5.	Postwar European Integration 1952-1987 (14 Feb)
	6.	From the Single European Act to Lisbon and Brexit (17 Feb)
4	7.	The Council of Ministers (21 Feb)
	8.	The European Council (24 Feb)
5	9.	The European Commission (28 Feb)
	10.	The European Commission (3 March)
6	11.	The European Parliament (7 March)
	12.	The European Parliament (10 March)
7	13.	The European Court of Justice (21 March)
	14.	The European Court of Justice (24 March)
8	15.	The European Central Bank (28 March)
	16.	The European Central Bank (31 March)
9	17.	The Expansionary Impulse: Enlargement (4 April)
	18.	The Expansionary Impulse: Enlargement (7 April)
10	19.	The 'Democratic Deficit' (18 April)
	20.	The 'Democratic Deficit' (21 April)
11	21.	Rules of Law issues in the EU (25 April)
	22.	Rules of Law issues in the EU (28 April)
13	23.	Ireland and the EU (2 May)
	24.	Ireland and the EU (5 May)

■ Note that the week of 13 to 17 March 2023 is a **Study week** and no lectures will take place. The **Easter holidays** will take place from 10 to 14 April 2023, and no classes will be held that week.

LECTURE LIST AND READINGS

Week 1

Lecture 1: Introduction

Required Readings:

Cini, M., and Borragan, N. (eds.), (2022), *European Union Politics*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press), Chapter. 1.

Dinan, D., (2018), 'How did we get here? In Kenealy, D., Peterson, J., and Corbett, R., *The European Union: how does it work?* Fifth edition, (Oxford: Oxford University Press), chapter 2.

Other Reading:

Checkel, J and Katzenstein, P. (eds), (2009), *European Identity*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).

Corbett, R., Peterson, J. and Kenaly, D., (2018), 'The EU's Institutions', In Kenealy, D., Peterson, J., and Corbett, R., *The European Union: how does it work?* Fifth edition, (Oxford: Oxford University Press), chapter 3.

Hix, S. and Hoyland, B., (2011), *The Political System of the European Union*, third edition, (Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan), chapter 1.

Hodson, D., (2016), 'Eurozone Governance: from the Greek Drama of 2015 to the Five Presidents Report', *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Annual Review, pp.150-66.

Laffan, B., (2018), 'The Member States', In Kenealy, D., Peterson, J., and Corbett, R., *The European Union: how does it work?* Fourth edition, (Oxford: Oxford University Press), chapter 4.

Leonard, M. (2005), *Why Europe will Run the 21st Century* (London: Fourth Estate).

Nugent, N., (2017), *The Government and Politics of the European Union*, eighth edition, (Basingstoke; Palgrave), part one, pp.1-76.

Peterson, J. and Shackleton, M., (2012) *The Institutions of the European Union*, third edition, (Oxford: OUP), chapter 1 and 2.

Tsebelis, G. (2008), 'Thinking about the Recent Past and the Future of the EU', *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Volume, 46, Number 2, March, pp.265-92.

Van Middellar, L., (2016), 'The Return of Politics – The European Union after the Crises in the Eurozone and Ukraine', *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Volume 54, Issue 3, pp. 495-507.

Lecture 2: Postwar: Impulses toward Integration

Required Readings:

Phinnemore, D., (2022), 'The European Union: establishment and development', in Cini, M., et al (eds), *European Union Politics*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press), Chapter 2.

Other Readings:

Davies, N. (2006), *Europe: East and West* (London: Jonathon Cape), chapters 1 and 2.

Dinan, D. (2014), *Origins and Evolution of the European Union* (Oxford: Oxford University Press), Part 3 and 4.

Dinan, D. (2004), *Europe_Recast: A History of the European Union*, (Basingstoke: Palgrave), Chapters 7 and 8.

Judt, T., 'The Reckoning', in *Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945*, (London: Heinemann), pp.665-700.

Leliveldt, H. and Princen, S., (2015) *The Politics of the European Union*, second edition, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), chapter 5 and 6.

Nugent, N., (2017), *The Government and Politics of the European Union*, eighth edition, (Basingstoke; Palgrave), part one, pp.1-76.

Week 2

Lecture 3 and 4: Reading and Writing about European Integration

Two lectures devoted to developing research skills around European Union material and issues. We will focus on how to find appropriate source materials (monographs, journal articles, think tank policy papers, official EU documents and national documents on European integration, as well as opinion and comment on live EU issues in newspapers and on the web). These lectures will focus in particular on the two assignments for this module, how to identify and employ appropriate source materials and how to write about and analyse the EU using these materials.

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Week 3

Lecture 5: European Integration 1952-1987

Required Readings:

Cini, M., (ed) (2019), *European Union Politics*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press), Chapter 1.

Phinnemore, D., (2022), 'The European Union: establishment and development', in Cini, M., et al (eds), (2013), *European Union Politics*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press), Chapter 2

Other Readings:

Bache, George, Bulmer and Parker, (2015) *Politics in the European Union*, Part Two (History), chapters 5 to 11, pp.83-196.

Dehousse, R. and Magnette, P., (2017), 'The history of EU institutions: Six decades of Institutional change', in Hodson, D. and Peterson, J., (eds), (2017) *The Institutions of the European Union*, fourth edition, (Oxford: OUP), Chapter 2.

Dinan, D., (2004), *Europe Recast*, (Basingstoke: Palgrave), Chapters 1-5.

Dinan, D., (2014), *Origins and Evolution of the European Union* (Oxford: Oxford University Press), Part 3.

Dinan, D. (2010), *Ever Closer Union*, fourth edition, (Basingstoke: Macmillan), Chapters 1-3.

Leliveldt, H. and Princen, S., (2015) *The Politics of the European Union*, second edition, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), chapter 6 and 7.

McCormick, J., (2014) *Understanding the European Union, a concise introduction*, sixth edition, (Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan).

Nugent, N., (2017), *The Government and Politics of the European Union*, eighth edition, (Basingstoke; Palgrave), part one, pp.1-76.

Urwin, D.W., (2013), 'The European Community: from 1945 to 1985', in Cini, M., et al (eds), *European Union Politics*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press), Chapter. 2.

Lecture 6: From the Single European Act to Lisbon and Brexit (1987-2019)

Required Readings:

Phinnemore, D., (2022), 'The European Union: establishment and development', in Cini, M., et al (eds), *European Union Politics*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press), Chapter 2

Church, C. and Phinnemore, D. (2022), 'Carrying the EU Forward: the Era of Lisbon', in Cini, M. et al, Chapter 3.

Other Readings:

Bache, George, Bulmer and Parker, (2015) *Politics in the European Union*, Part Two (History), chapters 5 to 11, pp.83-196.

Dinan, D., (2010), *Ever Closer Union* Fourth edition, (Basingstoke: Macmillan), Chapters 4-6.

Dinan, D (2004), *Europe Recast. A History of the European Union*. (Basingstoke: Palgrave), Chapters 7 and 8.

Dinan, D. (2014), *Origins and Evolution of the European Union* (Oxford: OUP), Part 4.

Egan, M. and Guimares, R.H., (2017), 'The Single Market: trade barriers and trade remedies', *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Volume 55, Issue 2, pp.294-311.

Finke, D., (2009), 'Challenges to Intergovernmentalism: An Empirical Analysis of EU Treaty Negotiations since Maastricht', *West European Politics*, Volume 32, Number 3, pp.466-95.

Leliveldt, H. and Princen, S., (2015) *The Politics of the European Union*, second edition, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), chapter 8, 9 and 10.

McCormick, J., (2014) *Understanding the European Union, a concise introduction*, sixth edition, (Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan), chapter 3.

Nugent, N., (2017), *The Government and Politics of the European Union*, eighth edition, (Basingstoke; Palgrave), part one, pp.1-76.

Young, A.R., (2014), 'The Single Market: from stagnation to renewal', in Wallace, H., Pollack. M, and Young, A.R., (eds), *Policy-Making in the European Union*, seventh edition, (Oxford: OUP), chapter 5.

Week 4

Lecture 7: The Council of Ministers

Required Readings:

Lewis, J., (2022), 'The European Council and the Council of the European Union', in Cini, M., et al (eds), *European Union Politics* (Oxford: OUP), chapter 11.

Hayes-Renshaw, F., (2017), 'The Council of Ministers: Conflict, Consensus and Continuity', in Hodson, D. and Peterson, J., (eds), *The Institutions of the European Union*, fourth edition, (Oxford: OUP), Chapter 4.

Other Readings:

Bache, George, Bulmer and Parker, (2015), *Politics in the European Union*, chapter 14, pp.249-69.

Bastasin, C., (2012), *Saving Europe: How National Politics Nearly Destroyed the Euro*, (Washington: Brookings Institution).

Bolstad, J. and Cross, J.P., (2016), 'Not all Treaties are created equal: the effects of treaty changes on Legislative Efficiency in the EU', *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Volume 54, Issue 4, pp.793-808.

Bulmer, S., (2012), *The Member States of the European Union* (New European Union Series), third edition, (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

Christiansen, T., (2005), 'The Council of Ministers: Facilitating Interaction and Developing Actorness in the EU'. In Richardson, J. (ed) *European Union: Power and Policy-making*, third edition, (London: Routledge).

Curtin, D., (2009), *Executive Power in the European Union: law, practice and constitutionalism*, (Oxford: OUP).

Hage, F. (2008) 'Who Decides in the Council of the European Union?' *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Volume 46, Number 3, June, pp.533-58.

Hix, S. and Hoyland, B., (2011), *The Political System of the European Union*, third edition, (Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan), chapter 2 and 3.

Leliveldt, H. and Princen, S., (2015) *The Politics of the European Union*, second edition, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), chapter 14.

Lewis, J., (2017), 'Coreper: national interests and the logic of appropriateness', Hodson, D. and Peterson, J., *The Institutions of the European Union*, Fourth edition, (Oxford: OUP), chapter 14.

Nugent, N., (2017), *The Government and Politics of the European Union*, eighth edition, (Basingstoke; Palgrave), part one, pp.1-76.

Oliver, P. and Stefanelli, J., (2016), 'Strengthening the Rule of Law in the EU: the Council's Inaction', *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Volume 54, Issue 5, pp.1075-1084.

Miklin, E., (2009), 'Government Positions on the EU Services Directive in the Council: National Interests or individual Ideological Preferences', *West European Politics*, Volume 32, Number 5, pp. 943-62.

Lecture 8: The European Council

Required Readings:

Bache, George and Bulmer, (2015), *Politics in the European Union*, chapter 14, pp.249-69.

De Schoutheete, P., (2017), 'The European Council: a formidable locus of power', in Hodson, D. and Peterson, J., (eds), (2017) *The Institutions of the European Union*, fourth edition, (Oxford: OUP), Chapter 3.

Other Readings:

Bickerton, C., Hodson, D. and Puetter, U., (2015), The New Intergovernmentalism: States and Supranational Actors in the Post-Maastricht Era, (Oxford: OUP)

- Blavoukas, S., Bourantonis, D., and Pagoulatos, G. (2007) 'A President for the European Union: A New Actor in Town?' *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Volume 45, Number 2, June, pp.231-52.
- Bulmer, S. and Wessels, W., (eds) (1987), *The European Council*, (Basingstoke: Macmillan).
- Caporaso, J.A., (2018), 'Europe's triple crisis and the uneven role of institutions: the Euro, refugees and Brexit', *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Volume 56, Issue 6, pp.1345-1361.
- Crum, B., (2007), 'Can the EU Presidency make its Mark on Interstate Bargains: The Italian and Irish Presidencies of the 2003-04 IGC', *Journal of European Public Policy*, Volume, 14, Number 8, pp.1208-1226.
- Elgström, O., (2003), *European Union Council Presidencies: A Comparative Analysis*, (London: Routledge).
- Hix, S. and Hoyland, B., (2011), *The Political System of the European Union*, third edition, (Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan), chapter 2 and 3.
- Leliveldt, H. and Princen, S., (2015) *The Politics of the European Union*, second edition, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), chapter 14.
- Guy Milton et al, (2015) National Leaders and the Making of Europe: Key Episodes in the Life of the European Council, (London: John Harper)*
- Nugent, N., (2017), *The Government and Politics of the European Union*, eighth edition, (Basingstoke; Palgrave), part one, pp.183-201.
- Tallberg, J. (2008) 'Bargaining Power in the European Council', *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Volume 46, Number 3, June, pp.685-708.
- Thompson, R. (2008) 'The Council Presidency in the European Union: Responsibility with Power', *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Volume 46, Number 3, June, pp.593-617.
- Wessels, W., (2016) *The European Council*, (Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan).

Week 5

Lecture 9 and 10: The European Commission

Required Readings:

Egberg, M., 'The European Commission', in Cini et al, *European Union Politics*, Chapter 10.

Other Readings:

Bache, George, Bulmer and Parker, (2015), *Politics in the European Union*, chapter 13, pp.231-48.

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