**European Public Law and Policy**

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**Course description**

The one semester long lecture based course maps out the characteristics of the European Union as a legal entity and the specific features of its legal order. The main goal of the course is to provide a solid understanding of the functioning of the European Union and how its legal system works and interacts with national law. Departing from early ideas of European integration the course explains in a detailed fashion the division of competences between the EU and its Member States, the sources and nature of EU law, its relation to national laws and the available judicial mechanism to enforce EU rules.

**Couse outline**

During the semester the following topics are considered:

**Lecture 1-2**

History of European integration drivers and crisis- Structure of the European Union and the Union citizenship

**Lecture 3-4**

Institutions, bodies and agencies of the European Union ( Council, Parliament, Commission)

**Lection 5-6**

Legislative procedures and decision making in the EU, Sources of EU law.

**Lection 7-8**

Fundamental values of the European Union- Competences of the European Union and principles governing the institutions.

**Lecture 9-10**

Constitutional principles of EU law Fundamental Rights Protection in the EU.

**Lecture 11-12**

Enforcement of EU law I.-national level, the preliminary reference procedure, Enforcement of EU law II.- CJEU level judicial review part

**Lecture 13-14**

Online consultation

**Assessment**

Written exam.