



Title	<u>Democratic Resilience in the European Union</u>
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Brief description	While Article 2 TEU states that, the EU is founded on, among others, the value of democracy, the rule of law and the respect for human rights that are common to the Member States, academia and EU institutions have been primarily focused on one particular value, namely the rule of law. Four focus points are to be achieved in this course: investigating the co-dependent relationship between democracy and the rule of law; evaluating the protection and restoration of the rule of law in the Member States as a prerequisite for sustaining democracy; mapping out the possible ways of the enforcement of the value of democracy under EU law and finally, the evaluation of the executive cantered conditionality technique from the point of view of democracy.
Schedule	1. Overview, outlining the problem 2. Article 2 TEU and Article 10 TEU and the delicate relationship between democracy and the rule of law 3. What are the possible means of enforcement? Article 7 TEU and why it does not work 4. The applicability of the Charter of fundamental rights to member states 5. The rule of law framework and its renewal in 2019, the operation of the rule of law framework in Poland; the resolution of the European Parliament under Article 7 in relation to Hungary 6. The Rule of law mechanism, The rule of law conditionalities (Conditionality Regulation, RRF, horizontal enabling provisions) 7. The independence of the judiciary and the ECJ 8. The independence of the judiciary and European Court of Human Rights 9. Mutual trust, Horizontal Solange 10. The right to vote and what follows from it 11. Transition 2.0: how to restore democracy in an EU member state - Poland

	12. Transition 2.1: how to restore democracy in an EU member state - Hungary
Materials/Recommended readings	Reader to be made available at the start of the class Recommended: Michal Bobek, Pál Sonnevend, Dr. Adam Bodnar, Armin von Bogdandy, Transition 2.0, Re-establishing Constitutional Democracy in EU Member States, Nomos, 1. Edition 2023
Assessment/Exam	Written online exam on Moodle