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| **POLITICAL CULTURE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION** |
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| **Course description**  The course seeks to give a comprehensive picture about the different political cultures among the member-states and tries to analyse the possible development of a European one.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Schedule** |  | | **1st week** | Introduction; requirements, program of the semester | | **2nd week** | Basic concepts; concept of the political culture; typologies of the political culture; role of the political culture in the political system | | **3rd week** | Consensus-oriented political culture | | **4th week** | Conflictual political culture | | **5th week** | Political decision-making in the EU | | **6th week** | Political culture of the EU – neofunctionalism, technocratic leadership, compromise of Luxemburg | | **7th week** | Political culture of the member-states# 1 – consensual old member-states | | **8th week** | Political culture of the member-states#2 – conflictual old member-states | | **9th week** | Political culture of the member-states#3 – Eurosceptic member-states | | **10th week** | Political culture of the member-states#4 – post-socialist member-states | | **11th week** | Political culture of the member-states#5 – southern member-states | | **12th week** | Consultation | | **13th week** | Evaluation of the essays | |
| **Curriculum**  The curriculum composes all of the reading materials and the information presented during the classes. |
| **Reading materials**   * Simon Hix (Author), Dr Bjørn Høyland (Author) – The Political System of the European Union (The European Union Series) 1 Mar 2011 * Gabriel Abraham Almond és Sidney Verba – The Civic Culture: Political Attitudes and Democracy in Five Nations * Roger Eatwell – European Political Cultures |
| **Assessment**  Essay |