



## **Social integration in the European Union**

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### **Course outline**

The European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR) aims to set up key principles and rights capable of supporting fair and well-functioning labour markets with the ultimate goal of creating better-performing economies and more equitable societies. This seminar examines the prospects of social integration under the EPSR in the Member States. The course introduces the various cluster theories and examines the regulatory adaptation pressure Member States face in the social domain. Primary and secondary EU law is examined in the social field in a functional comparative method. Social and employment law institutions important for the EPSR are compared in the different Member States, including students' own research-based contribution. Regulatory gaps between national laws and the proposed legislative initiatives of the EPSR will also be discussed. In this way the seminar contributes to comparative social law and European labour and social law studies.

### **Schedule**

Week	Theme
1	The Evolution of Social Integration in the EU
2	Divergent Member State Interests & Varieties of Capitalism
3	Social Constitution
4	The European Pillar of Social Rights
5	Success Stories 1 – Gender and Pay Equality
6	Success Stories 2 – Race Equality
7	Moderate Successes 1 – Working Time
8	Moderate Successes 2 – Posting of Workers
9	The Role of CJEU in Social Integration
10	The Effect of Brexit on Social Integration
11	Wrap-Up
12-14	Students' Presentations
15	Evaluation

### **Course evaluation**

Team presentation on a chosen topic relevant to social integration. Presentations will be jointly evaluated by the teacher and peers.



## Readings

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