

# POLITICAL CULTURE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

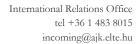
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## **Course description**

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