



Democracy in Europe – old threats and emerging challenges in the functioning of the European Union under the aspects of democracy

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Course description

The class will address the issue of the democratic deficit of the European Union. It includes the phenomenon's theoretical overview in the literature, the analysis of its presence on the field and its changing characters as well.

The lecture is trying to give an overall picture about the democratic shortcomings of the integration, making a detailed analysis with the participation of the students. The subject of the course will be viewed from the aspects of different disciplines as political sciences, international relations, economy and law.

During the seminar the students will have to make presentations about the assigned readings, elaborate analysis and participate in the discussions.

At the end of the semester students can choose between the oral exam and the writing of a research paper as well.

Class schedule

1. Introduction. Basic concepts. Authority, legitimacy, democracy, democratic deficit.
2. Different forms of legitimacy. Input, throughput and output.
3. Analysis of the legitimacy of the European Union
4. The concept of the democratic deficit. The Moravcsik, Majone - Hix, Follesdal debate.
5. The concept of governance. Actors and methods. Relation with democracy.
6. The economic governance of the European Union.
7. The economic crises in the US and in Europe.
8. The European economic crisis management.



9. Analysis of the different steps of the crisis management from the aspects of political sciences, international relations, economy and law.
10. Overall examination of the crisis management.
11. Oral exam and evaluation of the research papers.

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Didactic method

lecture, seminar, discussions

Examination

oral exam or research paper



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