

POLITICS, ECONOMICS, AND SOCIETY IN EUROPE (GOVT 334)

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GOVT 334 is departmental seminar on the comparative political economy of Europe. We begin the semester with a central theme in the subfield -- market mechanisms and the distribution of political power -- and then move on to examine other important literatures dealing with European integration, culture and society, policy responses to economic crisis, globalization, and the politics of immigration. The final quarter of the semester is reserved for the presentation and discussion of ongoing research projects undertaken by class participants.

Course Requirements:

Requirements consist of (1) two short (2 pp.) discussion papers, due during the first twelve weeks of the semester; (2) a formal project proposal (5-7 pp.), due in class on March 14th; (3) the presentation of a work-in-progress (10-15 pp.) based on the proposal, which will take place at the end of the semester; and (4) a research paper (approx. 20-25 pp.) that builds on the presentation exercise, due by semester's end (due May 12th). Final grades will be based exclusively on the research paper (80% of final grade) and class participation (20%). All other exercises are pass/fail. You must complete all the requirements to receive credit for the course.

Course Readings:

The following texts are available for purchase at the bookstore:

- George Cheney, *Values at Work* (Cornell University Press, 2002).
- Robert Dahl, *A Preface to Economic Democracy* (University of California Press, 1986).
- Joel Fetzer and J. C. Soper, *Muslims and the State in Britain, France, and Germany* (Cambridge University Press, 2004).
- Peter Gourevitch, *Politics in Hard Times* (Cornell University Press, 1986).
- T. R. Reid, *The United States of Europe* (Penguin, 2005).
- Timothy Smith, *France in Crisis* (Cambridge University Press, 2004).

Internet Resources:

Please familiarize yourself with the GOVT 334 web page, which, as a registered student in the class, you will be able to access at <<http://campus.georgetown.edu>>. There you will find links to assigned readings and other related materials, as well as important announcements.

Week 1 [January 17]

INTRODUCTORY SESSION

Week 2 [January 24]

MARKETS AND POWER

Charles Lindblom, "The Market as Prison," *The Journal of Politics* 44(May 1982): 324-336.

Richard Rose, "How Exceptional is the American Political Economy?" *Political Science Quarterly* 104(Spring 1989): 91-115.

Week 3 [January 31]

THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT

Wayne Sandholtz and John Zysman, "1992: Recasting the European Bargain," *World Politics* 42(October 1989): 95-128.

Andrew Moravcsik, "Negotiating the Single European Act: National Interests and Conventional Statecraft in the European Community," *International Organization* 45(January 1991): 19-56.

Wayne Sandholtz, "Choosing Union: Monetary Politics and Maastricht," *International Organization* 47(Winter 1993): 1-39.

Cindy Skach, "We, the Peoples? Constitutionalizing the European Union," *Journal of Common Market Studies* 43(March 2005), pp. 149-170.

Week 4 [February 7]

CULTURE AND POLITICS IN EUROPE

"Unity and Diversity: Europe's Approaches to Culture and Languages"; lecture by EU Commissioner Ján Figel; Copley Formal Lounge, 12:00-1:30.

Victor Ginsburgh and Shlomo Weber, "Language Disenfranchisement in the European Union," *Journal of Common Market Studies* 43(June 2005), pp. 273-286.

Week 5 [February 14]

ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY: THEORY AND PRACTICE

Robert Dahl, *A Preface to Economic Democracy*, all.

David Vogel, "The Corporation as Government: Challenges and Dilemmas," *Polity* 8(Autumn, 1975), pp. 5-37.

Week 6 [February 21]

EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION IN SPAIN: THE CASE OF MONDRAGON

George Cheney, *Values at Work*, all.

Week 7 [February 28]

ECONOMIC CRISIS AND POLICY RESPONSE

Peter Gourevitch, *Breaking with Orthodoxy*, all.

Week 8 [March 7] Spring Break: No Class

Week 9 [March 14] **** Project proposals due in class ****

GLOBALIZATION AND CRISIS: THE CASE OF FRANCE

Timothy Smith, *France in Crisis*, all.

Week 10 [March 21]

THE CLASH OF CULTURES: ISLAM AND EUROPE

Joel Fetzer and J. C. Soper, *Muslims and the State in Britain, France, and Germany*, all.

Week 11 [March 28]

THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT: POLITICS, ECONOMICS, AND SOCIETY

T. R. Reid, *The United States of Europe*, all.

Weeks 12-14 [April 4, 11, 18,]

PRESENTATIONS: RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Week 15 [April 25]

FINAL CLASS SESSION

readings TBA.