



European Integration and the Regional Dimension

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Teaching language: English
ECTS / weighting: 10 ECTS / 0.167 full-time equivalent

Prerequisites

Basic knowledge of the concepts in research on regions and regionalism, which would be equivalent to participation in the course on regions, regionalism and regionalization.

Goals description

The students shall gain comprehensive knowledge of the history of European integration and learn to place the regional dimension within this history. They shall be able to analyze and evaluate European regional policies using the core concepts of current theories on integration, regions and regionalism. They shall be able to explain and analyze and evaluate the role of regions in the EU system of multilevel governance as well as in Europe's political economy.

Key areas

- The history of European integration
- The regional dimension in the history of European integration within the Council of Europe, the EC and the EU
- Theories of regional development, integration and cohesion
- Regions in European governance (Committee of Regions, regional offices, etc.)
- The development of European regional policies
- Evaluation of European regional policies
- Concepts of Europe of Regions, New Regionalism, Regional Cohesion
- Regional Innovation Systems within the context of European integration

Detailed schedule

February 4	Introduction – Europe and the regions, <i>MK, OW</i>
February 11	European integration – a short history I, <i>MK</i> <i>Readings: Applegate 1999, Dedman 2009: 5-108</i>
February 18	European integration – a short history II, <i>MK</i> <i>Readings: Biscoe 2001, Elias 2008</i>
February 25	European integration theories <i>OW</i> <i>Readings: Mattli 1999: 19-63</i>
March 4	New Regionalism <i>OW</i> <i>Readings: Keating 1998: chap. 4, McLeod 2001</i>
March 11	Spatial integration theories <i>OW</i> <i>Readings: Decoville et al. 2013</i>
March 18	Multi-level governance <i>MK</i> <i>Readings: Börzel/Heard-Lauréote 2009, Hooghe/Marks 2003, Marks et al. 1996; Telo 2007 (30-36)</i>
April 8 – double session	European Regionalisation I – country studies (student presentations, <i>MK, OW</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selection of countries
April 15	European Regionalisation II – institutions <i>MK</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee of the Regions
April 22	Regions within the CoE, EC, EU, regions as lobbyists in Brussels <i>MK</i> <i>Readings: Moore 2008, Tatham 2008</i>
April 29	European planning policies <i>OW</i> <i>Readings: ESPON 2010: 7-74, ESPON 2014</i>
May 6	City regions, Rural vs. Urban regions <i>OW</i> <i>Readings: Sohn et al. 2009</i>
May 13	Regional Innovation Systems <i>OW</i> <i>Readings: Asheim and Gertler 2005, Lundquist and Trippel 2013</i>
May 20	Field trip <i>MK, OW</i>

Form of instruction

3 hours per week. The course includes lectures, class-room discussions, student presentations, group projects, and case studies.

Examination

Ordinary exam in June, re-exam in August. Only students having participated in the ordinary examination and failed to pass are admitted to the re-examination in the same examination period, e.g. cancelling registration or not showing up to the ordinary examination do not provide students access to the re-examination. Please note that the type and form of the re-examination is announced when registration is closed and may differ from that of the ordinary examination.

The form of examination is an individual or group term paper written in English (id: 9854302) **due June 15th**. The paper will present a case study on a European region, where the students shall demonstrate their ability to analyze and evaluate European regional policies using the core concepts of current theories on integration, regions and regionalism on a concrete case. Max. 15 standard pages (2,400 units incl. spaces). Electronic hand-in via SDU-Assignment in Blackboard. Exchange students, if any, are assessed as ordinary students.

Literature

Mandatory readings will be assigned to each class. There is no textbook for the course but students should be familiar with the following books:

- Martin J. Dedman (2009) *The Origins and the development of the European Union 1945-2008*. London, Routledge.
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