



Vorlesung (MA): Internationale und europäische Politik

Policy-making in the European Union

There is no single mode of European policy-making. To grasp the nature of European integration, its drivers and problems, one has to understand how European policies are made and how they develop. Without its policies, the Union would have hardly any impact on its member states and citizens. Each of these policies is shaped by its own constellation of problems and actors. The policy-making perspective draws attention to the fact that EU policies emerge from a combined effort of decision-making at different levels of the EU political system: Policy-making is influenced by intergovernmental politics at the treaty level, by legislative politics on a day-to-day basis, as well as by committee governance and judicial politics. This lecture examines the political system of the European Union by exploring all major EU policies, including the single market, environmental and social policies, agricultural and regional policies; competition and monetary policies, external relations as well as internal security policies (migration and counter-terrorism). Participants should be able to explain how where problems emerge, why some policies are more conflictual than others and how solutions are found in an increasingly complex institutional setting.

Date: Wednesdays, 12:00–14:00

Room: F21/03.01

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Eligibility Requirements:

- The working language of this course is English.
- Participants should have solid knowledge of the political system of the European Union, in particular its institutions; the successive “grand bargains” of European integration (treaty reforms); and the major theories of regional integration and new institutionalism.
- Regular attendance and knowledge of the required readings will be expected.
- Part of the lecture is a reader composed of one text per session. These texts are available from the Virtual Campus (VC) or in the library and provide an important foundation for the final exam, as well as for comprehensive examinations (Diplom- und Abschlussprüfungen) in the field of International and European Politics. For each lecture, further reading material is suggested, but not compulsory.
- To obtain a certificate, participants will have to pass a final exam (90 min.) to be written in English.