



Blockseminar - Internationale und europäische Politik III (MA):

## **The European Parliament in the EU's Political System**

This seminar aims to provide a fresh approach to the study of the European Parliament, by situating it into the wider EU political system. The objective is to go beyond a mere description of the EP's internal structures and concentrate on its functions and practices. Treating the EP as part of a political system allows us to concentrate on how citizens' demands are translated into policy outputs. Focusing on the policy process helps us to examine the role of the EP in this process of translation and look at wider questions of democracy and legitimacy. The objective is thus to observe three stages of the policy process: where demands come from; who is in charge of aggregating citizens' demands inside the EP and how this is done; and how these demands are negotiated with other EU institutions and translated into outputs. Therefore, it looks at actors and internal structures as part of a wider process, rather than as isolated elements, stressing the dynamics between the EP and the other EU institutions. Each session will require students to examine and debate key questions of the European Parliament by putting them into a wider (theoretical) perspective. The last section of the seminar will be dedicated to a simulation game, where students will be able to put into practice the knowledge acquired during the course.

**Date:** Monday **16:00 - 18:00:** 16.10.2016  
Mondays, **14:00–18:00:** 6.11.2017; 13.11.2017, 18.12.2017; 8.01.2018; 22.01.2018;  
29.01.2018; 05.02.2017

**Room:** F21/03.79

**ECTS:** 8

**Lecturer:** Prof. Dr. Ariadna Ripoll Servent

**Office hours:** Wednesdays, 12:00–13:00

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- The working language of this course is English. All coursework must be completed in English.
- In order to have a sufficient basic knowledge about the European Union previous participation in the introductory lecture (Vorlesung (MA): Policy making in the European Union) or an equivalent is recommended.
- Regular attendance and knowledge of the required readings will be expected.
- To obtain a certificate, participants will have to prepare a portfolio for a simulation game composed of a position paper and an activity report.
- Please note: The number of participants is limited. Student registration via FlexNow! Is required.