



## **POLITICAL CULTURE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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### **Course description**

The course seeks to give a comprehensive picture about the different political cultures among the member-states and tries to analyse the possible development of a European one.

### **Schedule**

<b>1st week</b>	Introduction; requirements, program of the semester
<b>2nd week</b>	Basic concepts; concept of the political culture; typologies of the political culture; role of the political culture in the political system
<b>3rd week</b>	Consensus-oriented political culture
<b>4th week</b>	Conflictual political culture
<b>5th week</b>	Political decision-making in the EU
<b>6th week</b>	Political culture of the EU – neofunctionalism, technocratic leadership, compromise of Luxemburg
<b>7th week</b>	Political culture of the member-states# 1 – consensual old member-states
<b>8th week</b>	Political culture of the member-states#2 – conflictual old member-states
<b>9th week</b>	Political culture of the member-states#3 – Eurosceptic member-states
<b>10th week</b>	Political culture of the member-states#4 – post-socialist member-states
<b>11th week</b>	Political culture of the member-states#5 – southern member-states
<b>12th week</b>	Consultation
<b>13th week</b>	Evaluation of the essays



## **Curriculum**

The curriculum composes all of the reading materials and the information presented during the classes.

### **Reading materials**

- Simon Hix (Author), Dr Bjørn Høyland (Author) – The Political System of the European Union (The European Union Series) 1 Mar 2011
- Gabriel Abraham Almond és Sidney Verba – The Civic Culture: Political Attitudes and Democracy in Five Nations
- Roger Eatwell – European Political Cultures

### **Assessment**

Essay