New York University in Florence

Fall Term 2011

THE EUROPEAN UNION: POLICIES AND POLITICS
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1. Presentation of the course. What is the European Union (EU)
   No readings assigned

2. The construction of the EU : an historical perspective I
   Cini, M. and Borragàn N. (eds.), European Union Politics, Ch. 2,5 and 6
   Dinan, D. (2010), Ever Closer Union, Chs. 1-3, reserve

3. The construction of the EU : an historical perspective II
   Cini, M. and Borragàn N. (eds.), European Union Politics, Ch. 3 and 4
   Dinan, D. Ever Closer Union, Chs. 4-6, reserve

4. The Institutions : The European Commission
   Cini, M. and Borragàn N. (eds.), European Union Politics, Ch. 8

5. The Institutions : The Council of the EU
   Cini, M. and Borragàn N. (eds.), European Union Politics, Ch. 9

6. The Institutions : The European Parliament
   Cini, M. and Borragàn N. (eds.), European Union Politics, Ch. 10

7. The Institutions : The Courts of the EU
   Cini, M. and Borragàn N. (eds.), European Union Politics, Ch. 11

8. Policy making in the EU
   Cini, M. and Borragàn N. (eds.), European Union Politics, Ch. 13

   Dinan, D. Ever Closer Union, pp. 315-321, reserve

10. The single market
    Cini, M. and Borragàn N. (eds.), European Union Politics, Ch. 16

11. The common agricultural policy
    Cini, M. and Borragàn N. (eds.), European Union Politics, Ch. 21

12. Economic and monetary union
    Cini, M. and Borragàn N. (eds.), European Union Politics, Ch. 20

13. Justice and home affairs
    Cini, M. and Borragàn N. (eds.), European Union Politics, Ch. 19
14. **Environmental policy**  
Cini, M. and Borragàn N. (eds.), *European Union Politics*, Ch. 22

15. **Regional Europe**  
Cini, M. and Borragàn N. (eds.), *European Union Politics*, Ch. 18

16. **Foreign, security and defence policies**  
Cini, M. and Borragàn N. (eds.), *European Union Politics*, Ch. 15

17. **External relations**  
Cini, M. and Borragàn N. (eds.), *European Union Politics*, Ch. 14
Dinan, D. *Ever Closer Union*, Ch 18, reserve

18. **Public opinion and the EU**  
Cini, M. and Borragàn N. (eds.), *European Union Politics*, Ch. 24

19. **Enlargement**  
Cini, M. and Borragàn N. (eds.), *European Union Politics*, Ch. 26

20. **Europe’s contested democracy**  
Cini, M. and Borragàn N. (eds.), *European Union Politics*, Ch. 23

21. **Lisbon, the PIGS and the future of the EU: more or less integration?**  
Class discussion

**REFERENCE SOURCES**

**Websites**

[www.europa.eu.int](http://www.europa.eu.int)  This is the official site of the European Union and the best source for information on EU activities and documents. Two other useful sites are that of the Parliament [www.europarl.eu.int](http://www.europarl.eu.int) and that of the Central Bank [www.ecb.int](http://www.ecb.int) A lot of information can also be found in the site of the European University [www.iue.it](http://www.iue.it)

**Papers and magazines**

Financial Times  
Herald Tribune  
The Economist

**COURSE GRADE**

30% mid-term. In class with a format based on essays and short answers.

30 % final. In class with a format based on essays (comprehensive) and short answers (not comprehensive).
TEXT MATERIAL