

Online Course Catalogue

Course Title

Study Field

University

Multiple Crisis in the European Union

Social Sciences, journalism and information

Eötvös Loránd University

CHARM priority field

Faculty

Number of credit points:

European values, culture and language;

Faculty of Law

2

Department

Course code

Institute of Political Science

Name of instructor(s):

PM3:xISZV:S13

Study Level:

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BA/BSc

Short description of the course

The history books about the European Union are full of crises – empty chairs crisis in the mid-1960s, economic crisis and its European effects in the 1970s, the British budgetary crisis in the 1980s, and we could continue the list. However, in the recent years the EU shows parallel crises – conflict in the Ukraine that ruined the idea of Eastern partnership and currently seems to have extended to a global security challenge, crisis in the institutional setup, problems with legitimacy and public trust and euroscepticism, problems with leadership and the obvious crises of the Euro, Brexit and membership crisis, migration, enlargement, etc. The course offers an overview of the current crisis areas on the basis of up-to-date social science literature and political analyses and aims to give an insight to both the reasons of the crises and potential ways out. Students are expected to have previous knowledge about the history and the institutional structure of the European Union. The course schedule includes three timeslots where the subject will be defined on the basis of the interest of students.

Full description of the course

1 Eurozone crisis – is it over? The crisis of the Eurozone that started in 2008 and caused economic and financial turmoil that pointed to structural flaws in the Eurozone and led to reforms. What were those flaws and reforms and where are we now? 2 Euroscepticism + legitimacy crisis The European Union, as any political system is only sustainable if people support its existence. As recent political developments show, euroscepticism is spreading all over Europe that might undermine the legitimacy of the EU. When assessing this topic, we analyse the outcomes of the 2024 elections to the European Parliament 3 Values in the EU – is democracy in crisis in the Member States? Much have been said about the crisis of democracy in Europe recently. We look at the general issue of democracy crisis in Europe in general and the European Union's role in addressing the issue in particular. 4. Leadership crisis in the EU – the role of Germany While the European Union has its decision-making mechanisms in which different players – EU representatives, citizens as well as member states - have their role and officially the Council president is running the show, when a crisis occurs (Eurozone or the Ukraine), we look at Germany to solve it. 5. Disintegration? Brexit and disintegration theories The UK leaving the EU was shocking for both political scientists and ordinary citizens, remainers as well as leavers. It raises a lot of questions about both the UK and the EU and we can also raise the question whether

the EU is inclined to disintegrate. 6. Migration crisis The migration crisis has been raising important questions within the EU from 2015 onwards – solidarity, identity, sovereignty are the key concepts and subjects to debate in politics and political science, in the EU and within member states. 7. Perceptions in Member States about Europe/the European Union What do citizens think about the European Union? As there are several EU members states represented in the class, it is worth having an insight to what those countries think about the EU in general, most relevant problems and major EU policies. Looking at the country reports of the most recent Eurobarometer surveys, small presentation from all members states whose representatives are present, we discuss and compare different perceptions and opinions about the EU. 8. War in the Ukraine – security crisis The European Union has been facing the challenge of war in its immediate neighbourhood since 2022. While the roots of the conflict date back in time and it became a challenge for the global order, the EU as and international actor needs to answer questions about the efficiency of the common foreign and security policy, defence and the pros and cons for a European army. 9. The EU in the new global order – enlargement challenge The attack of Russia on the Ukraine raised questions of the place and role of the European Union in the global order. While the relations between the USA, the EU and China are on the move in terms of economics and security, instant answers are needed to react the challenges of the EU's immediate neighbourhood and the expectations for a geopolitical (instead of value-based) enlargement. 10. Topic chosen by course participants (related to general course subject) 11. Topic chosen by course participants (related to general course subject) 12. Topic chosen by course participants (related to general course subject)

Learning outcomes

At the end of the course students will be able to understand the major current challenges of the EU? understand other students (other nationalities/member states) and their opinion about common challenges, have an insight in different European values and cultures.

Additional information

Course requirements
Previous knowledge about EU history and institutions and good knowledge of English

Time zone
CET (Spain, France, Germany, Netherlands, Hungary, Norway)

Mode of delivery:
fully online (all students participating online), at specific time (= synchronous)

Planned educational activities and teaching methods
seminar work based on students' presentations and debate

Language of instruction
English

Learning Management System
Moodle

Start date of course:
9/18/2024

Assessment methods
assignment

End date of course:
2024-11-12 00:00:00

Certification
Transcript of records

Course literature (compulsory or recommended):
Mark Copelovitch - Jeffrey Frieden - Stefanie Walter: The Political Economy of the Euro Crisis. Lead article for the special issue "The Political Economy of the Euro

Contact
hours per
week for the
student:
2

Specific
regular
weekly
teaching
day/time
Wednesday
16-17.30

Crisis,” *Comparative Political Studies*. 2016 Paul De Grauwe: Towards a New Euro Crisis? IN: *Intereconomics*. Volume 57, 2022 · Number 5 · pp. 273–277. <https://www.intereconomics.eu/contents/year/2022/number/5/article/towards-a-new-euro-crisis.html> Arató Krisztina, Koller Boglárka, Pelle Anita (2021): Seventeen years in the European Union. The questions of monetary integration in East Central Europe. IN: Arató Krisztina, Koller Boglárka, Pelle Anita (eds.) *The Political Economy of the Eurozone in Central and Eastern Europe: Why In, Why Out?*. London: Routledge 2021. 3-10. CECILE Leconte: Understanding Euroscepticism. Palgrave Macmillan, 2010, Chapter 2. Varieties of Euroscepticism pp. 43-67. Christian Schweiger: The Legitimacy Challenge. IN: *The European Union in Crisis*. Ed. by Desmond Dinan, Neill Nugent and William E. Paterson. Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke, 2017. pp.188-206. Göncz Borbála – Lengyel György: Europhile Public vs Eurosceptic Governing Elite in Hungary? IN: *Intereconomics* 2021. DOI: 10.1007/s10272-021-0959-8 Hanspeter Kriesi (2020): Is there a Crisis of Democracy in Europe? *Polit Vierteljahressch* (2020) 61:237–260 Richard Bellamy – Sandra Kröger (2021): Countering Democratic Backsliding by EU Member States: Constitutional Pluralism and ‘Value’ Differentiated Integration. *Swiss Political Science Review* 27(3): 619–636 Simon Bulmer: Germany and the Eurozone Crisis: Between Hegemony and Domestic Politics. *West European Politics Volume 37* 2014 - Issue 6 Schweiger, Christian (2018): Germany’s Role in the EU-27 – Leadership Constellation After Brexit. *German Politics and Society*, Issue 127 Vol. 36, No. 2 (Summer 2018): 100–117 Judy Dempsey: Europe Waits for German Leadership. *CarnegieEurope* 24 January 2023. <https://carnegieeurope.eu/strategieurope/88865> Lucas Schramm (2019) European disintegration: a new feature of EU politics. *College of Europe Policy Brief*. 3/2019 Lee McGowan and David Phinnemore: The UK: Membership in Crisis. IN: *The European Union in Crisis*. Ed. by Desmond Dinan, Neill Nugent and William E. Paterson. Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke, 2017. pp. 77-99. Ronal F. Inglehart – Pippa Norris: Trump, Brexit, and the Rise of Populism: Economic Have-Nots and Cultural Backlash HKS Working Paper No. RWP16-026 Laurie Buonanno: The European Migration Crisis. IN: *The European Union in Crisis*. Ed. by Desmond Dinan, Neill Nugent and William E. Paterson. Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke, 2017. pp. 100-130. Frank Schimmelfennig (2018): European integration (theory) in times of crisis. A comparison of the euro and Schengen crises. IN: *European Journal of Public Policy* Vol. 25. No. 7. Standard Eurobarometer 100 Anne Applebaum: The Reason Putin Would Risk War. *The Atlantic*, 2 Feb 2022. <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/02/putin-ukraine-democracy/621465/> Timothy Garton Ash, Ivan Krastev, Mark Leonard: United West, divide from the rest: Global public opinion one year into Russia’s war on the Ukraine. *ECFR*, February 2023. Youngs, Richard (2022). *The European Union and Global Politics. The evolution and institutions of EU external action*. pp. 9-25. New York: Bloomsbury Publishing Stefan Lehne, Francesco Siccardi: Where in the World Is the EU Now? *Carnegie Europe* 2020. https://carnegieeurope.eu/2020/04/29/where-in-world-is-eu-now-pub-81658?gclid=CjwKCAjwx46TBhBhEiwArA_DjKLAfROTKe1qSbRk3IAJ9Tkfo3_prvIW515-jLVFHcQ3IpgHpj3afRoCbIwQAvD_BwE

Number of places available for CHARM students
10

Other relevant information

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