

**Seminar S 404**  
**Policy-making in the European Union**  
**and its effects on member states**  
(DHV/SPEA program)

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This seminar has two main perspectives; one is to look at the every-day life of supranational policy-making of and within the institutions of the European Union. The second aim is to ask what does actually happen when Europe "hits home"? What are the repercussions for the member states themselves regarding their autonomy in terms of legal output and domestic institutions? Put it differently, during the last decade or so, EU integration theory and the realm of European Union political science have shifted their focus from how to explain European integration from a national perspective rather towards the flipside of the process: to what extent EU politics and institutions really do shape domestic policy-making and trigger domestic change? Labelled as Europeanization, these effects entail many facets and may be addressed in several ways. Thus, the seminar is divided as follows:

First, session 1 will disentangle the political system of the EU in terms of clarifying its governance structure and using some recent examples of EU legal output. The second session will analyse the theoretical background of EU integration and specifically Europeanization research and unfold the respective assumptions made therein. Then, sessions 3, 4, and 5 deploy these assumptions to possibly affected political institutions, political processes as well as selected policy areas of and within the EU member states.

Each session is composed of two lectures of about 25 min each, giving a general introduction to the topic, followed by students' presentations of app. 20 min with discussions after each presentation of 20 min.

## Organization

- Students who are enrolled at the DHV are welcome to participate in one or more seminars of the DHV/SPEA-program as part of their regular curriculum. Students have to meet the normal seminar requirements of the DHV: Submission of a paper and an oral presentation (both in English).
- DHV and SPEA also offer a Certificate of Participation to SPEA students who have earned 4-6 credits and to those DHV (German and international) students who have participated in all five seminars. In the latter case, DHV students have to give a paper and oral

presentation in a seminar of their choice. Furthermore, oral presentations of assigned readings are required in two seminars of students' choice where papers are not written. In the other two seminars oral participation is sufficient.

- The papers can be submitted post-course but not later than July 15.
- On 9 May at 9:30 a.m. („Hörsaal 1“) there will be an introductory session for all participants in seminars of the "SPEA in Speyer" programme.
- Further information, please visit: <http://www.dhv-speyer.de/Kropp/Lehrangebot.htm> and <http://www.dhv-speyer.de/engl/spea/>

## Programme S 404

### May 9, Introductory plenary session 9.00–12.00am (Hörsaal 1 / Lecture Hall 1)

Objectives: Presentation of the DHV/SPEA-Program (Presentation of topics for S 404 10.50–11.10am), allocation of topics for seminar papers, reading assignments, passwords for pdf-download, etc.

### May 10, Session 1: Policy-making in the European Union

Objectives: An introduction to the political system of the EU in terms of power relations, veto mechanisms, voice opportunities, and the nitty-gritty of drafting legislation.

Subtopic 1: The EU's institutional set-up – a primer

*Required reading:* Hix/Høyland 2011 (ch. 1)

*Recommended reading:* Hix 2008, Wallace/Wallace 2007, Wallace et. al. 2010

Subtopic 2: Supranational policy-making – exemplifying the legislative process

*Required reading:* Hix/Høyland 2011 (ch. 3)

*Recommended reading:* König 2008

### May 17, Session 2: Theorizing regional integration – EU / US in comparison

Objectives: An introduction to EU integration theory and its links to regionalisation in general. To understand possibilities and pitfalls of different approaches to Europeanization as well as recent refinements in theory building.

Subtopic 3: Regional integration, federalism, and beyond

*Required reading:* Rosamond 2007

*Recommended reading:* t.b.a.

Subtopic 4: From bottom-up to top-down – rivalling approaches in integration theory and Europeanization

*Required reading:* Börzel/Risse 2007

*Recommended reading:* Caporaso 2008, Lehmkuhl 2008, Radaelli 2003

### **May 24, Session 3: Impact on Member states' political institutions**

Objectives: Regional integration/Europeanization shapes domestic political institutions in many ways and triggers reactions within the domestic arena. With deepening integration being predominantly executive-driven, it is especially national parliaments that seek to rebalance their perceived loss of influence within the EU multi-level system.

Subtopic 5: Adaptation of state structures

*Required reading:* Anderson 2002

*Recommended reading:* Bursens 2008

Subtopic 6: Focus: National parliaments in the EU – adapting and bypassing strategies

*Required reading:* Goetz/Meyer-Sahling 2008

*Recommended reading:* Auel 2005, Jans/Piedrafita 2009, Raunio 2009

### **May 31, Session 4: Impact on member states' politics**

Objectives: The focus of this session is to understand how EU politics impacts on partisan structures (adding to national party cleavages) and to clarify differences between old and new member states. Hence, the first part (I) reveals adaptation strategies of party families. Part two (II) then seeks to focus on bargaining processes before and after membership in the context of EU's eastward enlargement in 2004.

Subtopic 7: European integration and Domestic Party competition

*Required reading:* Ladrech 2009

*Recommended reading:* Hix/Høyland 2011 (ch. 6), Marks et. al. 2006, Vachudova/Hooghe 2009

Subtopic 8: Eastern Enlargement and "accession politics"

*Required reading:* Sedelmeier 2006

*Recommended reading:* Falkner/Hartlapp/Treib 2007, Schimmelfennig/Sedelmeier 2008

### **June 7, Session 5: Impact on member states' environmental and social policies**

Objectives: The focus of this session is to understand how the EU effects on domestic policy-making processes as well as legislative output: First, we analyse some partly far-reaching restrictions upon national environmental policy. Secondly, we focus on the realm of social policy, which is usually conceived as less prone regarding European integration.

Subtopic 9: Environmental Policy

*Required reading:* Lenschow 2007

*Recommended reading:* Jordan/Lenschow 2010, Knill/Liefferink 2007 (ch. 1, 2), Wurzel 2008

Subtopic 10: Social Policy

*Required reading:* Falkner 2008

*Recommended reading:* Scharpf 2010, Stuchlík/Kellermann 2009

**June 10, Final plenary session 9.30–12.00am**

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