

# HISTORY OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

## Course syllabus

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### I. INTRODUCTION: THE EUROPEAN IDEA AND EUROPEAN IDENTITY

1. The origin of the European idea at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century
2. European identity: cultural basis, values, diversity
3. The First World War and its repercussions on the conception of European civilization

### II. THE RISE AND FALL OF EUROPEAN UNIFICATION CONCEPTS FROM 1919 TO 1945

1. The situation of Europe after WWI
2. Visions of European integration in the 1920s
3. Initiatives of European cooperation within and without the League of Nations (1920s and 1930s)
4. The decline of European civilization? Nazi Germany, WWII and European resistance (1940-1945)

### III. THE REALIZATION OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION (1945-1958)

1. The idea of a united Europe against the threat of communism (Winston Churchill)
2. The process towards the creation of a Council of Europe (1948-1949)
3. The functionalist approach of the Six within the ECSC and the EDC (1950-1952)
4. The setting-up of the European Communities (EC) (1955-1957)

### IV. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EC OF THE SIX (1958-1973)

1. The realization of the Common Market and the Common Agricultural Policy (1958-1962)
2. Europe in crisis: Political Union projects and the Empty Chair Policy
3. The establishment of a Franco-German couple
4. The United Kingdom and its attitude to Europe until EC-membership

### V. DEEPENING AND ENLARGMENT OF THE EC (1973-1989)

1. Economic crises and responses: towards a European Monetary System
2. The regional policy of the EEC/EU from 1975
3. The Mediterranean Enlargement (1981, 1987)
4. The path towards a European Single Market (1985-1987)

### VI. FROM THE EC TOWARDS THE EU (1989-1995)

1. The consequences of the fall of the Berlin wall for European Integration in the EC and the Council of Europe (1989-1991)
2. The Maastricht Treaty: towards monetary and political union (1992)
3. The EU and the Balkan war (1991-1995)
4. The Northern Enlargement (1995)

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## VII. TOWARDS A (PAN)EUROPEAN EU (1995-2009)

- 1 From the Schengen agreement to the Amsterdam Treaty (1995-1997)
- 2 The path towards Eastern Enlargement
- 3 The path towards the Monetary Union (1992-2002)
- 4 The failure European Constitution and the adoption of the Lisbon Treaty (2001-2009)

## VIII. EUROPEAN CRISES AND EUROSCEPTICISM

- 1 The origins of Euroscepticism in the 1980s and decreasing support of public opinion for Europe since the Treaty of Maastricht (1992)
- 2 The European Economic Crisis and its remedies (2008-2014)
- 3 The EU and international conflicts: A Common Defense and Security Policy?
4. The EU and the immigration crisis

## IX. CHALLENGES FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND EUROPEAN IDENTITY IN THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY

- 1 The threat of globalization
- 2 The threat of capitalism : economic crisis and decline
- 3 The deficits of the institutional framework of European organizations
- 4 The decline of the European Idea?

## CONCLUSIONS : WHICH FUTURE FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND IDENTITY?

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