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Course syllabus

HISTORY OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

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I. INTRODUCTION: THE EUROPEAN IDEA AND EUROPEAN IDENTITY

1. The origin of the European idea at the end of the 19th 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)

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 21ST 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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The Challenge of Climate Change:

Strategies of the European union, the united States and China

(Le Défi du Changement Climatique : Stratégies de l'Union européenne, les États-Unis, la Chine)

Melanie MEUNIER

Course type: online course – 18 hours – 5 ECTS

Language of instruction: English

Course description and objectives

This course will examine the state of the world in terms of climate change and focus on the response of three world leaders: the European Union, the United States and China. First, we will survey the current context and trends: temperature rise, sea level rise, glacier melt, biodiversity, human population and consumption of natural resources. Then, we will explore and compare the records (greenhouse gas emissions, resource consumption, etc.), goals (reduce ecological footprint), and progress of the three leaders, as well as the effectiveness of a selection of international agreements (UNFCCC, Kyoto Protocol, Paris Agreement).

Fundamental questions will be debated in class, such as: Is it still possible to reverse climate change or has the point of no return been passed, requiring forced adaptation to new circumstances? is the goal of keeping global temperature increase to 2°C possible without a paradigm shift? what level of action - individual (lifestyle), nation-state, international – offers the greatest chance of mitigating the effects of climate change? Given the shortcomings of the most powerful governments (and societies) in addressing the crisis, what solutions should be pursued? will the recent experience of massive confinement be the catalyst for real progress after decades of disappointing results in emissions reduction strategies?

Students will be asked to do some research and explore solutions to specific cases, and encouraged to share their ideas and debate the merits of different approaches.

Teacher(s)

PhD, certified English teacher, American, degrees from Dartmouth College, Sciences Po Paris, Universities of Paris 16 Strasbourg.

Courses on environmental issues taught in Strasbourg at Sciences Po, Dept. of Applied Foreign Languages, Master 2 Clusters (Institute of Translation, Interpretation-International relations).

research areas: environmental issues, American politics and society. Research articles presented regularly at international interdisciplinary and American studies conferences.

online teaching method

Zoom, Moodle: Reading material, videos will be referenced or available on Moodle. Zoom will be used for videoconferences.

Assessment

Continuous assessment on the basis of:

- either a presentation (talk show format possible) or a short research paper (in groups depending on number of students)
- participation in class exercises and discussion
- final written: personal-thought essay (answer one of 2 questions, maximum 700 words)

Course outline

The following outline gives a rough idea of progression through the material. Interactive activities (debates, presentations, talk shows, mock national or international conferences) will take place during most sessions and will generally last 60 to 90 minutes.

class	content
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2	Introduction, presentation of class The present state of the planet
3	International cooperation S effectiveness? Interactive activity, discussion
4	USA — record, goals, progress?
5	Interactive activity, discussion EU — record, goals, progress?
6	Interactive activity, discussion China — record, goals, progress?
7	Interactive activity, discussion US-China
8	Interactive activity, discussion
9	EU-China

Select Bibliography

Most references will be available on the Internet or uploaded to Moodle. Additional resources will be indicated.

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**POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION:
POLITICAL ELITES AND THE EU**

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Objectives

Through this course students should gain an understanding of the important interplay between national politics and EU integration. We will begin by studying the consequences of EU membership for states' domestic institutions and policies, accounting for differences in states' experiences of membership, and the institutional means available to states to advance their preferences. We will then turn to focus on the impacts that EU membership has had on domestic politics, again accounting for inter-state differences. We will identify the factors key to determining a party's position on EU integration before considering the rise of Eurosceptic and anti-EU parties, and increasing popular Euroscepticism. The course will end with focused studies on the debate around the EU issue in both France and the UK. In doing so, we will seek to determine whether, and if so, why, it can be said that there is mainstream consensus on EU membership in France, while in the UK there is not.

Course Overview

1. The EU and the state

The Europeanization of member state institutions and policies
Accounting for variations in the impact of EU membership
The representation of member state preferences within the EU's institutions

2. The EU and national politics

The Europeanization of national politics
Accounting for variations in the importance of the EU issue on the domestic political agenda
Accounting for party positions on EU integration
The rise of Eurosceptic and anti-EU parties
Explaining popular Euroscepticism

3. The cases of France and the UK

Mainstream consensus in France
Mainstream discord in the UK

Assessment

50% of the final grade will be based on a research presentation given in class.
50% of the final grade will be based on a short written exam to take place at the end of the semester.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

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GENERAL PRESENTATION

PART I – CONTEXT, BACKGROUND AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE CoE

1. The structure and aims of the Council of Europe

1.1. The origins

1.2. The general aims of the Council of Europe

1.2.1. Liberal Democracy

1.2.2. Rule of Law

1.2.3. Protection of Human Rights

1.3. The Membership to the Council of Europe

1.4. Synthesis

2. Main institutions of the Council of Europe

2.1. The Committee of Ministers

2.2. The Parliamentary Assembly

2.3. The Commissioner for human rights

2.4. The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

2.5. The European Commission for democracy through Law (Venice Commission)

3. The Evolution of the European Court of Human Rights

3.1. Introduction

3.2. From the 'old system' to the new system of protection

3.2.1. The adoption of the Protocol N° 11

3.2.2. The Court's reforms: additional Protocol N° 14

3.2.3. Additional reform: the Protocol N° 14bis

3.3. Composition of the Court

3.3.1. Procedure for the election of judges

3.3.2. Why professional diversity should be respected ?

3.3.3. Internal organization of the ECtHR

4. Proceeding before the European Court of Human Rights

4.1. Procedure prior to the decision on admissibility

4.2. Examination of admissibility: procedural issues

4.2.1. Conditions of admissibility

4.2.2. Particular procedural aspects

4.3. Enforcement of judgments

4.3.1. General principles

4.3.2. Remedies under Article 41

4.3.3. Supervising the enforcement of judgments?

4.3.4. Pilot judgments

4.4. Concluding remarks

5. Special issues

5.1. Interim measures

5.2. Infringement procedure

5.3. Advisory opinions

PART II – SELECTIVE ANALYSIS OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION’S RIGHTS

1. Interpreting the European Convention of Human Rights

1.1. Is there a hierarchy of rights?

1.1.1. Distinction between absolute and relative rights

1.1.2. Limitations common to Articles 8-11

1.1.3. Proportionality test

1.2. The influence of the Vienna Convention

1.3. Evolutive interpretation and the principle of effectiveness

1.3.1. Actualization vs originalism

1.3.2. Limits of evolutive interpretation

1.4. Margin of appreciation

1.4.1. Approaches and ideologies

1.4.2. The Protocol n° 15 and the era of subsidiarity

1.4.3. Applying the Convention: a shared responsibility?

2. Reservations and derogations

2.2. Derogations in emergency situations

2.2. Prohibition of abuse of rights

2.3. Limitation on use of restriction on rights

3. The right to life: protecting the cornerstone of political liberalism

3.1. Introduction

3.2. The death penalty and the extraterritorial application of the right to life

3.3. Forced disappearance

3.3.1. Positive obligation to protect life

3.3.2. The duty to investigate suspicious deaths

3.4. Euthanasia and the quality of life

4. Protection from slavery and forced labour: Can the Court do more?

4.1. Definitions

4.2. Positive and negative obligations

4.3. Military service

4.3.1. The evolution of the case-law of the ECtHR

4.3.2. The evolution of States' practices

4.4. New problems of slavery: prostitution and human trafficking

5. The right to a fair trial in civil and criminal cases: an autonomous interpretation

5.1. The scope of Article 6(1)

5.2. Right to access to court

5.2.1. Objective and subjective independence

5.2.2. Objective and subjective impartiality

5.3. The overall requirements of a fair hearing

6. Protecting private and family life: keeping up with the evolution of society?

6.1. Definitions

6.2. The right to adopt

6.3. Protecting the family life

6.3.1. The family life of non-nationals

6.3.2. The family life of prisoners

6.4. The right to marry and found a family

6.4.1. Inherent limits to Article 12

6.4.2. Equality between spouses

6.4.3. Evolution due to the principle of non-discrimination

7. Freedom of thought, conscience and religion

7.1. The scope of Article 9

7.2. The manifestation of religion or belief

7.3. What recognition for religious organizations?

8. Protection of property

8.1. Introduction

8.1.1. Defining possessions

8.1.2. Deprivation of property

8.1.3. Controlling the use of property

8.2. Intellectual property

8.3. Other interferences with peaceful enjoyment of possessions

9. The right to education

9.1. Regulating education

9.2. Safeguarding pluralism in education

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

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A GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

PART I

SOURCES OF PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

CHAPTER 1: INTERNATIONAL TREATIES

Section 1: The Concept of International Treaties

§1: Definition of international treaties

§2: International Instruments without legal effects

Section 2: Conclusion of international treaties

§1: Entities concluding international treaties

A. States

a) Treaty making power of States

b) Constitutional organs in charge of treaty making policy of States

B. International organisations

C. Other entities?

a) The case of "pre-State" entities

b) The case of private persons

§2: The process of international treaties making

A. Negotiating international treaties

a) Methods of international negotiation

b) Ending negotiations on treaties

c) Formal aspects of treaties

B. Entry into force of international treaties

a) General aspects concerning entry into force

b) The consent to be internationally bound

c) The *pactum de contrahendo*

C. Reservations to treaties

Section 2: Legal effects of international treaties

§1: Legal effects of treaties on States parties to a treaty

A. Implementing international treaties

a) *Pacta sunt servanda*

b) Contradictory engagements

c) Guarantees concerning implementation of international treaties

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d) Legal effects of treaties in national law

B. Interpreting international treaties

§2: Legal effects on non-parties to treaties

A. Rights of third parties

a) A general rule in favour of third parties

b) The particular case of the most favoured nation clause

B. Obligations of third parties

a) The restrictive scope of obligations on third parties

b) The particular case of objective regimes

Section 3: End of validity of international treaties

§1: Termination of international treaties

- A. Ordinary causes of termination of treaties
 - a) End of effects of treaties provided by treaties
 - b) Denunciation of treaties
- B) Extraordinary causes of termination of treaties
 - a) General aspects
 - b) The *rebus sic stantibus* clause
 - c) The emergence of a new peremptory norm of international law

§2: Cases of invalidity of international treaties

- a) Problems with the consent to be bound
- b) Treaties contrary to existing peremptory norms

CHAPTER 2: THE OTHER SOURCES OF PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

Section 1: International customary law

§1/ The constituent elements of international customs

- A. International practice
 - B. *Opinio iuris sive necessitatis*
- §2: International customs in their relations to international treaties

Section 2: Marginal sources of international law

- §1: General principles of law recognized by civilised nations
- §2: Judicial decisions and teaching of international publicists

Section 3: Controversial sources of international law

- §1: Decisions of international organisations
- §2: Unilateral acts of States

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PART II:

DISPUTE SETTLEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

CHAPTER 1: DIPLOMATIC MEANS FOR SETTLING INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES

Section 1: Political negotiations between parties to the dispute

Section 2: Third parties interventions

§1: Informal procedures

A. Good offices

B) Mediation

§2: Formalised procedures

A) International enquiry commissions

B) International conciliation commissions

CHAPTER 2: SETTLING INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES BY "COMPULSORY" MEANS

Section 1: International arbitration

§1: International arbitration in its historical evolution

§2: General characteristics of the international arbitration

A) The arbitration agreement (*compromis*)

B) "Compulsory" recourse to arbitration

§3: Arbitral tribunals

A) Composition of arbitral tribunals

B) Applicable law and legal effects of arbitral awards

Section 2: The international Court of Justice

§1: The Court's internal organization

§2: The Court's competence

A) The Court's contentious competence

B) The Courts' advisory competence

Section 3: Multiplication of international judicial and quasi-judicial bodies

§1: Reasons of the multiplication of these bodies

A) The challenge of the specialisation

B) The challenge of the regionalisation

§2: An assessment of the multiplication

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CHAPTER 3: A NON-PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
DISPUTES?

Section 1: Resort to non-peaceful means before the UN Charter

Section 2: The prohibition of war according to the Charter

Section 3: Derogations to the principle of prohibition of resorting to force

The Evolution of the Media in the 21st Century

Mélanie MEUNIER

The media industry today, like most sectors, is forced to adapt to changing circumstances brought about, and accelerated, by the fourth industrial revolution. Not so long ago, the vast majority of people received the news by watching television or reading the written press. In the space of a few decades, the ways of accessing the news have exploded from broadcast news (CBS, NBC and ABC) to cable news (CNN, Fox News) to online media (including Youtube) and social networks. New technologies have revolutionized what is considered news, who reports the news, how newscasts are produced, and how ordinary people get the news. News outlets have had to adapt their offer to a faster-paced world of shorter attention spans (Twitter is the ultimate example), and they have had to compete with ordinary citizens who post videos and publish pieces on personal blogs. It is estimated that more than 60% of Americans obtain the news through Facebook, which is a platform for friends and family to communicate. Posting links to articles and "liking" them allows people to read only the news that reinforces their pre-existing personal opinions.

In addition, the free access to much of this information on the Internet has reduced subscriptions to traditional media, like newspapers, which in turn, have had to change their business plans and find ways to remain profitable. One response has been to offer much of their material on the Internet at reduced cost. Another has been to increase the entertainment component to the detriment of more in-depth analysis of major issues. "Infotainment" has blurred the distinction between what is worthy of being considered news. For example, Donald Trump's constant insults of his competitors and less than factual statements during the 2016 election campaign caused major networks to accord him a great deal of air time rather than to cover serious issues, such as health policy, infrastructure and foreign policy. All of this has had a major impact on both society and people's trust in government.

The freedom of the press was enshrined in the First Amendment of the US Constitution and Thomas Jefferson, amongst others, repeatedly defended it as the foundational freedom upon which all other freedoms depend. In a letter to the Marquis de Lafayette in 1823, he wrote: "the only security of all is in a free press. The force of public opinion cannot be resisted, when permitted freely to be expressed." In the aftermath of the 2016 presidential election, Margaret Sullivan, journalist at the Washington Post, wrote: "... journalists must write and report aggressively and fearlessly and be willing to fight for access, getting involved with civil and media rights and backing officials that champion free expression."

This course will take the United States as an example, but comparisons with other countries will be encouraged. Numerous issues pertaining to the media will be explored, such as:

- Freedom of the press vs security issues
- Media failures (example of the 2016 US presidential campaign or other)
- The new age of reporting (how journalists' jobs are evolving)
- Impact of new technology on the media
- Democratization vs professional production of the news
- Citizen reporters and the authenticity of information
- Role and responsibility of social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter)

- Ethics: Whistleblowing vs leaking (Wikileaks, Snowden, Chelsea Manning, Panama Papers)

- Net neutrality: pros and cons

Spinning the news (stretching the facts, cherrypicking the facts, fake news, lying)

The line between news and entertainment

Limits to the freedom of expression? (hate speech publications)

Media as elite organization: Disconnection with large swaths of the population; journalists: highly educated, based mostly in big cities on the coasts

Post-text future? (Rise of audio and video -casts)

Competition, innovation and environment

(24 hours - 2nd year option)

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The course covers three topics of microeconomics: competition, innovation and environment. It offers the students basic tools to analyse practical issues in these subjects. Central to these themes is the problem of market failure requiring the implementation of public regulation policies.

We begin with competition policy. We first analyse the public authorities' objectives and instruments before considering their main intervention fields, that is situations of mergers, abuse of a dominant position and cartels. A question will eventually be raised: how to ensure the firms' competitive behaviour without discouraging their productive investments in particular, in research and development activities?

To address this question, we consider in the second part of the course the firms' innovation incentives. It is important to identify them in order to implement efficient policy tools promoting innovation and growth in the economy. Of course, we keep in mind that research and development is also carried out in the public sector.

Yet, innovation as well as the resulting economic activity of production and consumption inevitably generate damaging effects on the environment. The last part of the course deals with this issue by considering the economists' position about pollution and the solutions they propose to limit it. A particular attention is given to the international dimension of environmental problems as well as to their inter-temporal dimension through the concept of sustainable development.

International Economy

B. Zimmer

Résumé :

The course provides an overview of the global economic context, characterized by globalization and regional integration processes. It consists of three parts. In the first part, students are introduced to classical and modern theories of international trade. A substantial chapter is dedicated to examination of efficient trade policies.

The second part deals with open macroeconomics, ranging from theories of international finance flows and determination of interest and exchange rates in interconnected economies to macroeconomic policies available to governments.

The final part focuses on European integration and in particular on European monetary integration. The aim is to provide answers to questions such as: Why did Europe set up its single currency? And how? Has the Euro been good for the economies of the members?

Plan :

PART 1: Globalization and international trade – theory and policy

Chapter 1 : World trade – some facts

Chapter 2 : Comparative advantage : the Ricardian model

Chapter 3 : Resources and trade : the Heckscher-Ohlin model

Chapter 4 : Trade policy

PART 2: Open-Economy macroeconomics and exchange rates

Chapter 5 : National incomes accounting and the balance of payments

Chapter 6 : The Foreign Exchange Market and exchange rates

PART 3: Global and regional interdependences - the European Union context

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Chapter 7: The history of the European monetary integration

Chapter 8: The specificities of the European Monetary Union (EMU)

Chapter 9: Is the EMU an Optimal Currency Area (OCA) ?

Bibliographie sélective :

- P. Krugman, M. Obstfeld and M. Melitz, *International economics – Theory and policy*, 11th ed., 2018.
- R. Baldwin and C. Wyplosz, *The Economics of European Integration*, McGraw Hill, 6th ed., 2019.
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African American History: From Reconstruction to the Present

Michèle BALOUKA

Course type: online course – 18 hours – 5 ECTS

Language of instruction: English Course

description and objectives:

In the wake of the recent deaths of seorge Floyd and other African American citizens, the Black Lives Matter movement, initiated in 2013, has gained international coverage. This course will help you understand how the movement came about by looking back at the Black American struggle for equal rights. Topics covered will include slavery, the Reconstruction era after the Civil war, Black Codes, Jim Crow laws, lynching and the Ku Klux Klan, the NAACP, the Civil flights Movement (1354 to 10-G8) and ensuing legislation, the history of incarceration and other aspects of systemic racism in the USA.

Teacher:

This course will be taught by a native English speaker, specialized in the Civil Rights Movement. Michèle Balouka has studied and taught in both American and French universities.

online teaching method:

This online course is designed to be interactive. The learning management system Moodle will be used. Mandatory weekly readings will be published on Moodle. All students are expected to read the reading material before attending the online class. Each week different students will be asked to present the weekly reading to the class. These students will send in preparatory written work to the teacher prior to their presentation, including personal research on the subject, questions that the text raises and discussion topics they find pertinent to introduce in class. Online classes will begin with the students presenting the weekly reading. Class discussion and input from the professor will follow.

Assessment:

Attendance and participation during the online classes will be assessed, in addition to each student's presentation and the written work sent in prior to their presentation.

Approaches of Cultural Pluralism: Artistic

transfer and transnational heritage. Year's subject "Dissonant Heritage and European citizenship"

Teacher: **Alexandre Kostka** and invited docents

24 hours – 3 ECTS

Place and time: MISHA Building, room "Table ronde", weekly, Tuesday, 14-16h, from February 13 to April 23, plus interactive day excursions to sites of "Dissonant Heritage" in the Upper Rhine region (dates to be discussed with participants).

Since its introduction in 1996, the term "Dissonant heritage" has had a growing fortune in the field of heritage protection and interpretation, and has become acknowledged by the Council of Europe's Faro Convention (2005), and by the European Union which in 2016 launched the "Urban agenda" integrating an "Action Group" specifically dedicated to this topic(<https://www.bbsr.bund.de/BBSR/EN/research/programs/ExWoSt/FieldsOfResearch/dissonant-heritage/01-start.html>)

During a time-span which encompasses a whole generation, more than 25 years, the use of the term and its significance has necessarily evolved. For its "inventors", the cultural geographers Tunbridge and Ashworth, working on the mental topography of the erased Jewish ghetto in Groningen (a little town in Northern Holland many Euroculture students are familiar with...), it meant foremost a "difficult" heritage, which many prefer to forget, but which through the work of memory specialists can be given a new life – and also exploited for tourism.

In the light of "Critical heritage studies" (Laurajane Smith, 2006), the focus shifted from the object (a place of painful memory) to the discourse that unveils "dissonance" in the public space. Seemingly "evident" places of heritage are in fact the result of power-struggles that refuse to admit their true nature, and sanctify places of the rich and powerful, while minorities are excluded. Recent theoreticians, such as V. Kisić (2016), go as far as to propose a supplementary shift, and speak of "Heritage dissonance", in order to underline that almost every place of heritage can appear as dissonant, a perspective which allows to question "sedimented narratives" and positions heritage in a larger societal, political and cultural context. Tuuli Lähdesmäki and her colleagues have shown how the various forms of discourse of the European institutions assimilate already existing narratives and transform them for their own purposes, frequently using them, according to Bo Strath, as a kind of societal glue to maintain coherence for the unification process after the failure of the European constitution in 2005. The main characteristic of the different forms of narratives surrounding this process is to generate a feeling of "belonging", particularly evident in the flagship project "European heritage label" (initiated 2007).

In the perspective of the Euroculture master, whose main characteristic is to bring together various disciplines in order to reflect on issues of the European society in its largest definition, it appears interesting to use this approach to question old and, particularly, **new** "heritage objects", such as environmental issues, gender biases, generational dissonances, suppressed or emerging memories of minorities, etc...

An extensive reader, which will be used as a reservoir for texts to be presented and discussed in class, is available here: <https://www.euroculturemaster.eu/ip-reader-2024> (password euroculturestudent23)

Basic bibliography:

Lähdesmäki, Tuuli, Luisa Passerini, Sigrid Kaasik-Krogerus, and Iris van Huis. *Dissonant Heritages and Memories in Contemporary Europe*. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan, 2019. (Available on internet)

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The Commonwealth of Nations :

From Empire Management to International and Transnational Cooperation **Virginie Roiron**, maître de conférences en civilisation britannique et du Commonwealth

Course type : 18 hours - 3 ECTS

Summary :

This course enquires into the evolution of the Commonwealth of Nations from an association within the British Empire and imperial management tool into an independent international organisation. The Commonwealth of Nations, first called the British Commonwealth, was a key instrument in the British decolonisation process. After the decolonisation of Africa at the beginning of the 1960s, the Commonwealth had to work out objectives for itself and find a new role on the international scene. From 1990 on, in addition to its economic commitments, the Commonwealth has focused on the promotion of common political values (democracy, human rights, good governance).

The Commonwealth of Nations is an international association of 53 states but it would be better defined as a network, as it has always put non-state actors and informal proceedings at the heart of its particular identity. With both an international and a transnational dimension, the Commonwealth offers an opportunity to reflect on the legacy of former imperial links in today's international relations, on multilateralism and the circulation of ideas, values, standards in a globalised world, and on the evolution of international relations in the 21st century, and particularly the intervention of new agencies and different forms of diplomacy.

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Assignment :

- Final test during the last class
- A short factsheet (c. 600-800 words) on a Commonwealth-related subject or on a particular Commonwealth state (assessing the legacy of imperial history and/or its relations with the Commonwealth today)

Optional, on a voluntary basis:

- Oral presentation before the class (solo or groups of 2 to 4 students) Regular participation will also be taken into account in the final grade.