

Political Science 59
Contemporary European Politics

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This course explores the contours of today's European political landscape in many facets of complexity. However, the focus on the present requires that students familiarize themselves with the past. The course is divided into six sections: The Fall of Communism, Conceiving a Trans-European State, Building Institutional Structures, The Identity Politics of the Welfare State, Migration and Citizenship, and Identity Politics, Conflicts and Democracy.

Throughout the semester students will be expected to keep up with the assigned readings (noted for each week on the syllabus) and be prepared for discussion in class. This is very important, as this will be a discussion-intensive course. Students will also be required to write two "thought" papers during the course of the semester. These pieces, three to five pages in length, will be based on the previous weeks' readings, and will form the basis of debate and discussion in class. In addition, there will be two longer papers, each 10-15 pages in length. These papers which will examine a topic of the students' choosing will further explore the themes of the course. This will afford students the opportunity for greater depth of study on certain topics. The papers can examine the same topic of different topics.

Required Texts:

The Question of Europe, eds. Gowan, Peter and Anderson, Perry. (Verso 1997)

Social Currents in Eastern Europe: The Sources and Meanings of the Great Transformation, Ramet, Sabrina, (Duke University Press, 2nd Edition 1994).

Subversive Institutions: The Design and Destruction of Socialism and the State, Valerie Bunce, (Cambridge, 1999)

Modernity and the State: East, West, Offe, Claus. (MIT Press 1996).

Building Europe: The Cultural Politics of European Integration, Shore, Chris. (Routledge, 2000).

An Anthropology of the European Union: Building, Imagining and Experiencing the New Europe, eds. Bellier, Irene and Wilson, Thomas M. (Berg Press, 2000).

The New Politics of the Welfare State, ed. Pierson, Paul. (Oxford Press 2001).

Guests and Aliens, Sassen, Saskia. (The New Press, 1999).

Limits of Citizenship: Migrants and Postnational Membership in Europe, Soysal, Yasemin. (University of Chicago Press 1994).

Seducing the French: The Dilemma of Americanization, Kuisel, Richard. (California, 1993).

Integral Europe: Fast-Capitalism, Multi-Culturalism, Neofascism, Holmes, Douglas. (Princeton, 2000).

Bosnia: Faking Democracy After Dayton, Chandler, David. (Pluto Press, 2000).

INTRODUCTION

Week One: *What is this Europe?*

September 2

Readings: The Question of Europe, eds. Gowan, Peter and Anderson, Perry. (Verso 1997)
Chapters 19-21 (pp. 297-356)

Reserves: The Rebirth of Europe, Pond, Elizabeth, Chapters 1&2 (pp. 7-38)

Film: *Zentropa*

PART ONE: A New Europe?

Week Two: *The Fall of the Berlin Wall and Its Repercussions*

September 9

Readings: Social Currents in Eastern Europe: The Sources and Meanings of the Great Transformation, Ramet, Sabrina, (Duke University Press, 2nd Edition 1994).
Chapters 1-5 (pp. 1-154)

Week Three: *Collapse of the Old Order*

September 16

Readings: Subversive Institutions: The Design and Destruction of Socialism and the State,
Valerie Bunce, (Cambridge, 1999) entire

PART TWO: A European State?

Week Four: *Envisioning New State Forms*

September 23

Projects Due: 1st "Thought" Piece on the state / Conference with Writing Associates

Readings: Modernity and the State: East, West, Offe, Claus. Chapters 1-5 (pp. 3-104)

The Question of Europe, eds. Gowan, Peter and Anderson, Perry. (Verso 1997)
Chapters 1-3 (pp. 5-76)

Week Five: *Constructing the New State*

September 30

Readings: An Anthropology of the European Union: Building, Imagining and Experiencing the New Europe, eds. Bellier, Irene and Wilson, Thomas M. Chapters 1-5 (pp. 1-118)

The Question of Europe, eds. Gowan, Peter and Anderson, Perry. (Verso 1997)
Chapters 4-6, 8, & 9 (pp. 77-103 & 117-148)

Week Six: Building Institutions

October 7

Readings: Building Europe: The Cultural Politics of European Integration, Shore, Chris.
Part II Chapters 5-8 (pp. 123-234)

Week Seven: AUTUMN BREAK

October 14

PART THREE: Politics and Political Economy

Week Eight: *Welfare Policy as Citizenship Policy*

October 21

Project Due: First Paper

Readings: Building Europe: The Cultural Politics of European Integration, Shore, Chris.
Part I Chapters 1-4 (pp. 1-122)

The New Politics of the Welfare State, ed. Pierson, Paul. (Oxford Press 2001).
Chapters 1, 4-6 (pp. 1-44, 107-196)

Week Nine: *Building the Institutions of the Welfare State*

October 28

Readings: The New Politics of the Welfare State, ed. Pierson, Paul. (Oxford Press 2001).
Chapters 7-10, 12 & 13 (pp.197-333, 368-456)

Week Ten: *Who is In, Who is Out? Immigration as Welfare*

November 4

Readings: Limits of Citizenship: Migrants and Postnational Membership in Europe, Soysal,
Yasemin. (University of Chicago Press 1994). Entire (pp. 1-167)

An Anthropology of the European Union: Building, Imagining and Experiencing the New
Europe, eds. Bellier, Irene and Wilson, Thomas M. Chapters 6-8 (pp. 119-178)

Week Eleven: *Being an Outsider Inside: Aliens and Guests*

November 11

Project Due: 2nd Thought Piece

Readings: Guests and Aliens, Sassen, Saskia. (The New Press, 1999). Entire (pp. 1-158)

Week Twelve: *Reactions to Europeanization as Globalization*

November 18

Readings: Integral Europe: Fast-Capitalism, Multi-Culturalism, Neofascism, Holmes, Douglas.
(Princeton, 2000). Entire (pp. 1-202)

Week Thirteen: *Globalization as Americanization*

November 25 (no Thursday class)

Readings: Seducing the French: The Dilemma of Americanization, Kuisel, Richard. (California,
1993). Chapters 1-3, 4-7, 9 & 10

Week Fourteen: *Violent Europe-The Former Yugoslavia*

December 2

Readings: Bosnia: Faking Democracy After Dayton, Chandler, David. (Pluto Press, 2000).

Week Fifteen: *Former Yugoslavia as Inside or Outside Europe: Conclusions*

December 9

Projects Due: Final Papers