

# Interest Representation in the EU

## Titulaire

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## Mnémonique du cours

POLI-D456

## Crédits ECTS

5 crédits

## Langue(s) d'enseignement

Anglais

## Période du cours

Premier quadrimestre

## Campus

Solbosch

## Contenu du cours

This course focuses on interest representation in the EU in a broad sense, i.e. representation of the private and public interest trying to attempt to influence the actions and policies of the EU. It also questions the theoretical and methodological challenges in studying interest representation and it discusses its relation to democracy.

## Objectifs (et/ou acquis d'apprentissages spécifiques)

This class aims to discuss the theoretical, methodological and normative aspects of interest representation in the EU.

At the end of the course, students should:

- > Have a good understanding of interest representation in the EU
- > Have developed critical thinking, discussion and writing skills
- > Be able to analyze key topics related to interest representation politics in the EU

## Pré-requis et co-requis

### Connaissances et compétences pré-requises

A good knowledge of how the EU institutions operate.

## Méthodes d'enseignement et activités d'apprentissages

The course relies on the autonomy of the students and their participation in the class. The workload during the semester will be quite high but there is no exam in January.

The course will rely on these types of material:

- > Lectures and PowerPoints
- > guest speakers (lobbyists)
- > Compulsory readings / active readings
- > Collective presentations and discussions in class

Course material: Students will be granted access to the course material (whether videos or commented powerpoint) and the material will be available on the UV. This material is covered by intellectual property rights regulations and it is not authorized to share it outside the UV. By registering for the course, you consent to these conditions related to the course material.

## Contribution au profil d'enseignement

This course complements the other courses of the programme in European studies. More particularly, it aims at giving an in-depth analysis of one particular type of actors: those who represent specific interests in the EU and their strategies. It is particularly complementary to the course Decision-making in the EU.

## Support(s) de cours

Podcast et Université virtuelle

## Autres renseignements

### Lieu(x) d'enseignement

Solbosch

### Contact(s)

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## Méthode(s) d'évaluation

Autre, Présentation orale, Travail personnel et Rapport écrit

### Construction de la note (en ce compris, la pondération des notes partielles)

The grade will be the sum of your results on 2 components:

- <sup>1</sup> **Individual memos, discussion and collective presentation:** 40%

Students who failed this part in the first semester (or were absent) will have to submit in August a paper summarizing and critically discussing at least 15 scientific articles (list determined by the teacher) for this component of the grade

- <sup>1</sup> **Paper (individual):** 60%

Write a (research or policy) paper on a topic related to interest representation in the EU.

6000 words (+/- 10%), bibliography excluded.

Langue(s) d'évaluation principale(s)

Anglais

## Programmes

Programmes proposant ce cours à la faculté de Philosophie et Sciences sociales

MA-ETEU | **Master en études européennes** | finalité Politique européenne/bloc 1, finalité Politique européenne/bloc 2 et finalité EU and Asia/bloc 1 et MA60-POLI | **Master en sciences politiques (60 crédits)** | option JOUR/bloc U

