

Social Europe

Lecturer

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Course mnemonic

POLI-0416

ECTS credits

5 credits

Language(s) of instruction

Unknown

Course period

First term

Campus

Solbosch

Course content

- 1 Introduction. What is "Social Europe"?
- 2 Social Europe. Actors & theories
- 3 Social regulation in the Single Market
- 4 The impact of liberalisation on social policy
- 5 The European Social Dialogue
- 6 The European social fund
- 7 The soft coordination & socio-economic governance
- 8 Social Europe : present and future challenges

Objectives (and/or specific learning outcomes)

The objective of this course is to equip students with knowledge upon the links between economic integration and social integration in the (EU) European Union. It complements their general knowledge of EU policy making with more specific knowledge of policies, theories and topical debates pertaining to social issues in the EU.

- > At the end of the term, the students should know the main policies and institutional aspects related to the articulation between national and EU social policy making.
- > They should be informed about the main ongoing debates in the political and academic realm.
- > They should be able to develop an analytical and critical approach to any EU social policy issues through specific concepts and theories.

Teaching method and learning activities

This course is based on 8 three-hours sessions. The first half of the sessions is dedicated to the lecture, interrupted by debates and Q&A moments.

The second half of the sessions is dedicated to a) discussion of the compulsory reading and presentation of their reading reports by 1 or 2 students b) presentations on the proposed case studies.

References, bibliography and recommended reading

Crespy, A. (2019) L'Europe sociale. Acteurs, politiques, débats, Bruxelles: PUB.

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Ferrera, M. (2005) The boundaries of welfare: European integration and the new spatial politics of social protection, Oxford University Press.

Kennet, P. & Lendvai-Bainton, N. (2019) Handbook of European Social Policy, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

Crespy, A. & Menz, G. (2015) Social Policy and the Eurocrisis. Quo vadis Social Europe. Palgrave.

De La Porte, C. Heins, E. (2016) The Sovereign Debt Crisis, the EU and Welfare State Reform, Palgrave.

Morel, N., Pallier, B. & Palme J. (2012) Towards a Social Investment Welfare State?: Ideas, Policies and Challenges, Policy Press.

Course notes

Université virtuelle

Other information

Place(s) of teaching

Solbosch

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Evaluation method(s)

Oral examination, Oral presentation and Written report

Evaluation method(s) (additional information)

Presentation on a proposed case study: alone or in tandem with another student

Reading report: written report on compulsory reading to be uploaded each week on the UV + report orally in class once during the term

Exam: 25-minute oral exam

Determination of the mark (including the weighting of partial marks)

Case study: 20%

Reading report: 20%

Exam: 60%

Main language(s) of evaluation

English

Programmes

Programmes proposing this course at the faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences

MA-ETEU | **Master in European Studies** | finalité European Politic/unit 1, finalité European Politic/unit 2 and finalité EU and Asia/unit 1 and MA60-POLI | **Master in Political Sciences : General (60 credits)** | option JOUR/unit U

