L'Europe et la nation

Lecturer
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Course mnemonic
POLI-D403

ECTS credits
5 credits

Language(s) of instruction
French

Course period
Second term

Campus
Solbosch

Course content

Introduction: the issue of "European nationalism".

Part 1: Theoretical problems. Europe between Democracy, Nation and Empire.

1. Democracy, sovereignty, identity: the problem of the political form of Europe.

2. Resurgence of nationalism? The paradoxical persistence of the national question.

3. The nation-state as a condition for democracy? The national-sovereignist argument.

Part 2: The question of the nation.

Theoretical elements: the nation as a political form.

Elements of history: paths of the nation in Europe from the French Revolution to the 20th century.

Conclusion: Europe beyond the nation state? The question of a post-national political form.

Objectives (and/or specific learning outcomes)

This course aims to familiarise students with major theoretical approaches to the concept of nation. Specifically, students will be encouraged to acquire knowledge and understanding of the basic concepts which inform theoretical discussion of nationhood and to acquire knowledge and undestanding of the work of selected major thinkers who have adressed major theoretical issues concerning the nation.

Teaching method and learning activities

Lecture followed by a discussion on the texts distributed to the students.

Course notes

Université virtuelle

Other information

Place(s) of teaching

Solbosch

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Evaluation method(s)

Other

Main language(s) of evaluation

French

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, MA-POLI | Master in Political Sciences : General | finalité Democratic Challenges/unit 1 and finalité Democratic Challenges/unit 2 and MS-PHIP | Specialized master in Political Philosophy and Theory | unit U