

Institutional architecture of the EU

Theme/Topic:	The institutional architecture of the EU – evolution and reforms
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Character:	Compulsory
ECTS-Credits:	3 Credit-points
Teaching methods:	lecture, seminar and discussion at the presence workshop
Assessment methods:	final exam at the end of the term, assignments, active participation in workshop and forum discussion
Language:	English

Objective and course content:

The present course focuses on the explanation of the institutional architecture of the EU after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty. In a first part, we will focus on the history of the integration process by looking at the enlargements rounds, methods of treaty revisions and the constitutional development of the European Union in the past six decades.

In the second and major part, we will analyse the evolution of the EU institutional architecture. All major European institutions and their role in the EU architecture will be analysed. The last chapter is dedicated to the different scenarios of deepening and widening.

Bibliographical advice and links:

- Joint CEPS, EGMONT and EPC Study (2010): The Lisbon Treaty. A Second Look at the Institutional Innovations, retrievable from: <http://www.ceps.eu/ceps/download/3736>.
- Piris, Jean-Claude (2010): The Treaty of Lisbon. A legal and political analysis. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Cini, Michelle (2007): European Union Politics, 2nd edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press.