

Institutional architecture of the EU

Theme/Topic:	The institutional architecture of the EU – evolution and reforms
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Character:	obligatory
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 according to the status quo comparing it to the (future) provisions of the Reform Treaty. In a first part, we will take a look at the leitmotives of EU system development and at the methods of treaty revisions before concentrating on the 2000 IGC and the Nice Treaty compared to the Convention, the Constitutional Treaty and the Reform Treaty.

In a second part, we will then analyse the evolution of the institutional architecture focusing on the status quo, but also pointing out the differences, which the Reform Treaty will produce, once entered into force. The last chapter is dedicated to the different scenarios of deepening and widening with and without the Constitutional / Reform Treaty.