

Interest Representation in the EU

Theme/Topic:	Interest Representation in the EU
Expert:	Prof. Justin Greenwood
Character:	optional
ECTS-Credits:	3 Credit-points
Teaching methods:	lecture, seminar and discussion at the presence workshop, online resources and e-discussions
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 course will

- identify, describe and assess the different types of interests and features of their collective action.
- examine the ways in which these interests contribute to the everyday policy making, implementation, and monitoring of EU public policy.
- examine the extent to which organised civil society interests of all types contribute to the development of European integration, defined as both the extension of EU competencies and the development of EU democratic legitimacy.
- examine the ways in which the special characteristics of the EU and its institutional configuration influences the contribution that producer and citizen interests make to EU policy making and integration, and influences characteristics of EU collective action between civil society interests.
- examine the degree of uniqueness in the EU system of organised civil society.

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