

Justice and Home Affairs in the EU

Theme/Topic:	Justice and Home Affairs
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Character:	optional
ECTS-Credits:	3 Credit-points
Teaching method:	lecture, seminar and discussion at the presence workshop
Assessment method:	Final exam at the end of the term, assignments, active participation in workshop and forum discussion
Language:	English

Objective and course content:

Developing the European Union as a true area of Freedom, Security and Justice is at the heart of the political project for an enlarged Union. However, EU policies in this area are not “business as usual” – justice and home affairs are very close to national sovereignty, and European integration has taken place within a set of particular constraints. These constraints have shaped EU intervention in these fields and have given rise to a set of very specific features of these policies (complex and ambitious policy goals, varied institutional arrangements at a European and Member State level, and mixed models of decision making and compliance). The course aims at giving a short overview of the specific features of EU policies in the field of Freedom, Security and Justice, and explains their origins. It will also identify how these specific features influence decision-making processes, and how they are translated in the different policies. Finally, it will be argued that the current set-up will also influence future developments in this area.

Bibliographical advice and links

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- Steve Peers, EU Justice and Home Affairs Law, Oxford: Oxford University Press 2011
- European Commission DG on Home Affairs http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/index_en.htm
- European Commission DG Justice http://ec.europa.eu/justice/index_en.htm
- Independent Information Platform: <http://www.statewatch.org/>