

First year of the Executive Master in EU Studies

History of European integration

Theme/Topic:	History of European Integration
Expert:	Prof. Hartmut Marhold , CIFE
Character:	Compulsory
ECTS Credits:	3 ECTS credits
Teaching methods:	lecture, seminar and discussion at the presence workshop, guided forum
Assessment methods:	final exam at the end of the term, assignments, active participation in workshop and forum discussion
Skills and competences:	Historical comparisons, working with historical sources, learn how to retrace a legislative process.

Objective and course content:

Participants receive a general vision of historical factors shaping European integration in the cold war period of international relations and after 1989 in the period of globalization. By the end of the course they are able to distinguish between different eras of the integration process and know their main characteristics and dynamics. The course is intended to frame a set of structural and historical patterns which can explain the integration dynamics and its stagnation, factors related to internal (functional) as well as external (competition with superpowers and nation states) constraints. This knowledge leads to skills and competences in the field of judgment and choice in current affairs, in institutional, legal, and policy terms (see examples in the list above), particularly relevant in the case of the EU, since its legal and institutional setting, as well as the imbalances in its policies, go back to particular historical circumstances, much more than in nation states. History matters therefore as well when it comes to the feasibility of policy choices and procedures.

Bibliographical advice and links:

- Universiteit Leiden, History of European Integration: www.history.leidenuniv.nl

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