

History of European integration

Theme/Topic:	History of European Integration
Expert:	Prof. Hartmut Marhold , General Director of CIFE
Character:	Compulsory
ECTS-Credits:	3 ECTS credits
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

Skills and key competences:	Historical comparisons, evaluating historical facts within changing international relations, working with historical sources, learn how to correctly assess current disputes in EU negotiations (e.g. French interest in Agricultural Funds, British interest in their "rebate"), learn how to retrace a legislative process, establish the legal basis, the timeline, the institutions involved, and the reasons why.
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Objective and course content:

Participants should get 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. They should be able to distinguish between different eras of the integration process and know the main characteristics and dynamics of these eras. 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 will lead to skills and competences in the field of judgement 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:

- Journal of European Integration History (via Centre Robert Schuman, Luxembourg): <http://www.restena.lu/lcd/cere/f/revue/revinfof.html>
- Michael Gehler: Zeitgeschichte zwischen Europäisierung und Globalisierung. In: Internet-publication of the German journal "Das Parlament - Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte", Deutscher Bundestag und Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung, 01.08.2003: <http://www.bundestag.de/cgi-bin/druck.pl?N=parlament>
- Contemporary European History (Journal published by the New York University School of Law, Jean Monnet Centre): <http://www.jeanmonnetprogram.org/TOC/search.php?pagemode=journal&journalid=79>
- Universiteit Leiden, History of European Integration: www.history.leidenuniv.nl/