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*University of California, San Diego
Political Science 138 D (Winter 2015)*

Research on the European Union

**Winter 2015
SSB 333
Wed. 2:00 to 4:30,**

**Prof. W.M. Chandler
Office: SSB 368
Off. Hrs: Fri. 1:30-3:00
and by appt.**

Overview:

This seminar is project-based. While designed to develop our understanding of the politics of European integration, it also provides students the opportunity for original research.

The 2015 Seminar members will select themselves into Research Teams (of 3 to 5 members). Each team will dedicate itself to working within one broad topic for their Research Project Reports. Individual members will write and submit their own reports.

- 1. Understanding the Complexity of Policy-Making in Brussels?** How do the Core Institutions of the EU work? How well or how badly?
- 2. Franco – German - British Relations: A Problematic “Big Three”:** Areas of Consensus vs. Points of Division?
- 3. How much Power in the EU do Small States have? How is it manifested? What are the Limits of Small State Influence?**
- 4. Understanding the Eurozone Crisis, 2009-2015.** What is it all about? How great is the Power of the “Troika” in managing the euro-zone? Should some states quit the euro-zone? If so, how? Why do others still want to join? Can the Single Currency system work or not? Is the Crisis now over or not?
- 5. A New Populism and euro-skepticism in Europe: On the Rise?** How great a Danger does this trend pose to the advance of European Integration? A) Where, why? B) Varieties of Populism? C) Conflicts over Immigration within member states and at the EU level?

6. **Consequences of Enlargement, Open Borders, Cross-border Criminality?**
Corruption, Tax evasion, How much power do EU Institutions in Brussels, plus Interpol and Frontex really have?
7. **Multi-level electoral Dynamics: National Elections and European Parliament elections?** Transformations within and among parties? (e.g., Compare three States).
8. **Transformations in the new (eastern) EU Member States.** How have they changed, politically, economically? What impacts have they had on shaping the character of the European Union?

CONCLUSION for all members of the 138D seminar: How should we assess the Accomplishments and Challenges of Economic and Political Integration: Successes and failures?

Seminar Requirements

Weekly meetings will involve discussion of research topics, including oral presentations from the various research groups. **Attendance is required. All participants will be active participants in seminar discussions via presentations and commentary** on current works. Each team will **present orally a project plan** (Weeks 2-3) and a **final individual oral reports** (Weeks 8-10).

Required work will also involve each student's the **submission of a 20 page research paper (electronic and hard copy) due in last week of Winter quarter 2015 on the official final exam day (17 March 2015).**

This upper level seminar is open to a maximum 15 students. Students should have completed either 120H or at least one other upper level comparative European course.

Required READINGS:

Hix, Simon and Bjørn Høyland, *The Political System of the European Union*, 3rd ed. ,
(Palgrave Macmillan, 2011)

Dinan, Desmond, *Ever Closer Union* (4th or most recent edition)

William Chandler, ed., *The Politics of European Integration, Winter 2015.* (Coursepack, tba)

Other items may be posted on our TED website.

Grading System:

Attendance	= 10 %
First oral presentation	= 20 %
Second oral presentation	= 20 %
Final written report	= 50%

WEEK 1: Scope of Course. Selection of individual research topics from list presented above.**Readings:**

Hix and Høyland, 1 Introduction.

WEEK 2: What kind of political system is the EU? Origins, Development and Core Institutions (re. Topic 1)

EU Governance and the Politics of Institutional Reform /

Readings:

Dinan, chaps 1-4.

Van Oudenaren, “European Integration, a History of Three Treaties”, in CP.

J-E. de Neve, “The European Onion”, *JEI*, (2007), in CP.

James Kanter, “Seeking to Streamline the Bureaucracy...” NYT, 11 Sept. 2014.

WEEKS 2-3: Two-Level Games: National Interests, Political Actors, and Theories of Integration (re. Research Topics 1, 5, 7, 8)

Political Forces in the EU: Parties, Euro-Scepticism and

Europeanization / National Interests vs. Supranationality

Competing theories of integration, federalism, decision-making, institutions?

Readings:

Hix and Høyland, Chapters 2-4

Dinan, *Ever Closer Union*, Chapters 7-11

William Chandler, “Evolving Franco-German Relations”, in CP or RR.

WEEK 3-4: Seminar Research Proposals: Students’ oral

Presentations and Discussion

WEEKS 5-7 will cover the following research topics...

Economic Union: from Common Market to Single Currency, (Research Topics 1-3, 7, 8)

Hix and Høyland, Chapters 8-10.

Economist, “The monetary-policy maze”, April 2009 in CP.

Cynthia O’Murchu and Peter Spiegel, “Grand Vision loses focus in opaque system”, , *Financial Times*, 30 November 2010, RR.

Optional:

Chang, *Monetary Integration* (Palgrave, 2009)

Dinan, Chapters 12, 15, and pp. 387-433

The Eurozone in Crisis? Can it survive? Greek (and other) Exits? (re. Research Topics 2, 4)

Hix and Høyland, Chapter 10.

NYT, November 29, 2010, **Splits in Euro Zone Emerge Amid Debt Crisis**, By [STEPHEN CASTLE](#)

NYT, November 30, 2010, **Europe Examines Ways to Quell Its Debt Crisis**, By [LONDON THOMAS Jr.](#)

Victor Mallet and Guy Dinmore, “Negative Effects,...a Hidden Economy...” FT, 9 June 2011

Anousha Sakowi and David Oakley, “Europe’s Woes put debt restructuring back on the agenda”, FT 11 Jan 2011.

P. Speigel, “Eurozone: an elusive Debt resolution”

ADD new items 2014...

Migration, Borders, Schengen Accords, and Integration including Cross-Border Crime, Immigration Issues... (re. Research Topics 5, 6)

Hix and Høyland, 5-7, Chapter 11.

W. Chandler, “Schengen Endangered? Porous Borders, Recent Migration Patterns”, July 2011.

The Economist, “The Eurosceptic Union”, 31 May 2014, p 315-6.
 Andrew Higgins, “Right Wing Surge in Europe has the Establishment Rattled”,
 NYT, 9 Nov. 2013.

Nation-State Power and Autonomy vs. a Common Foreign and Security Policy: the EU’s Scope and Capacity? (Re. Topics 1-3,7, 8)

**The Big Three: France, Germany, Britain: Why not a *Directoire*?
 The Changing Nature of the Special Franco-German Relationship
 Small States: Role and Influence?**

Hix and Høyland, Chapter 12

William Chandler, “Evolving Franco-German Relations”, in CP,

P. Spiegel, “European Integration is Unravelling”,

Philip Stephens, “Britain and France are in the same (sinking) boat,

P. Stephens, “The State of the World...” FT, 19 Dec 2014.

WEEKS 8-10: Completed Research reports. Analysis of Theories and Findings / Integration Challenges: Conflict and Consensus in EU Politics

WEEKS 10 -11 (Final Exam Week). Submission of your final papers. Deadline = Monday, 16 March 2015.

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Dinan, Desmond, *Ever Closer Union*, 4rd. edition (New York: Lynne Rienner 2010)

Chang, Michelle, *Monetary Integration* (Macmillan/Palgrave, 2009)

Bulmer, Jeffery and Paterson, *Germany’s European Diplomacy* (Manchester UP, 2000)

Hooghe, Liesbet and Gary Marks, *Multi-Level Governance ...*(Roman and Littlefield, 2001)

Rosamond, Ben, *Theories of European Integration* (St Martins press/ Palgrave, 2000)

Verdun, Amy, ed., *The Euro. European Integration Theory and Economic and Monetary Union* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2002)