



STUDY GUIDE

TOPICS ON EUROPEAN STUDIES

Organised by

University of the Peloponnese





1. IDENTIFYING DATA.

• Course Name.	<i>Topics on European Studies</i>
• Coordinating University.	<i>University of the Peloponnese</i>
• Partner Universities Involved.	-
• Course Field(s).	<i>European Studies</i>
• Related Study Programme.	<i>Undergraduate</i>
• ISCED Code.	<i>316 International Relations, European Studies, Area Studies ERA-14.6</i>
• SDG.	<i>SDG 8: Decent work and Economic growth SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions SDG 10: Reducing inequalities</i>
• Study Level.	<i>Bachelor (BA)</i>

• Number of ECTS credits allocated.	<i>5 ECTS</i>
• Mode of Delivery.	<i>Online live</i>
• Language of Instruction.	<i>English</i>
• Course Dates.	<i>Winter semester 2024-2025 14/10/2024-16/12/2024</i>
• Schedule of the course.	<i>Three hours lectures on a weekly basis.</i>
• Key Words.	<i>European Idea, European Unity, European Union, European policies, European Politics</i>
• Catchy Phrase.	<i>« Little Europe is nevertheless too big » (“La petite Europe est quand même trop grande”) - George Duhamel, Géographie cordiale de l'Europe, 1931</i>

• Prerequisites and co-requisites.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The study level is available for Bachelor students (B)</i> - <i>The students are required to have a good oral comprehension of English as well as a good writing capacity in English</i>
• Number of EUNICE students that can attend the Course.	<i>20 students in total, 2 per partner University</i>
• Course inscription procedure(s).	<i>The standard EUNICE registration process will be applied for the course</i>

2. CONTACT DETAILS.



• Department.	<i>Department of Political Science and International Relations</i>
• Name of Lecturer.	<i>Assist. Prof. Dimitrios Rozakis</i>
• E-mail.	<i>drozakis@uop.gr</i>
• Other Lecturers.	<i>Assist. Prof. Evaggelia Pyschogiopoulou, Assist. Prof. Sotiris Vandoros, Dr Giorgos Archontas, Assoc. Prof. Stathis Fakiolas, Assoc. Prof. Panagiota Manoli, Assist. Prof. Antonis Klapsis, Dr. Maria Rondou</i>

3. COURSE CONTENT.

The content of the course is articulated in four main themes which view the European reality from the view points of European studies, political science, international relations, culture, history and philosophy. Within these themes special lectures will tackle issues of political leadership, ideology and practice, policies, security issues, relations with the EU's vicinity as well as with more distant actors. Questions of values, of identity and civilization, of the origin of European Integration, will be addressed in the second half of the course. A special session will target the english-writing skills of participating students.

4. LEARNING OUTCOMES.

- *Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and information, with the use of the necessary technology*
- *Adapting to new situations*
- *Decision-making*
- *Working independently*
- *Teamwork*
- *Working in an international environment*
- *Working in an interdisciplinary environment*
- *Production of new research ideas*
- *Respect for difference and multiculturalism*
- *Showing social, professional and ethical responsibility and sensitivity to gender issues*
- *Criticism and self-criticism*
- *Production of free, creative and inductive thinking*

5. OBJECTIVES.

The main objective of the course is to combine contributions from various disciplines to a critical approach of the European idea and reality. Drawing from the fields of European studies, political science, international relations, history, cultural studies, law, philosophy, its aim is to provide a deeper comprehension of the European heritage and the perspectives of European integration.



By the end of the course, students are expected to have deepened their understanding of the European Idea, the dynamics of European integration, the institutions and policies of the European Union and its relations with the rest of the world as well as the complexity of the European identity.

6. COURSE ORGANISATION.

UNITS

Theme: Europe. Institutions and basic values.

1. Introduction to the course. European Studies as a field of Study.
Unravelling the Union's toolbox for defending common values (Assist. Prof. Evaggelia Psychogiopoulou).

Theme: Europe. The political science perspective.

2. Toleration: Adventures of a European idea (Assist. Prof. Sotiris Vandoros).
3. Populism in contemporary European politics (Dr Giorgos Archontas).

Theme: Europe. The international relations perspective.

4. Reflecting on the Fundamentals of EU Foreign and Security Policy (Assoc. Prof. Stathis Fakiolas)
5. European Neighbourhood Policy (Assoc. Prof. Panagiota Manoli)

Theme: Europe. History, culture and philosophy.

6. The origins of European integration (Assist. Prof. Antonis Klapsis).
7. The origins of the European Idea (Assist. Prof. Dimitris Rozakis).

Theme: Perfecting our English

8. English-writing skills improvement (Dr Maria Rontou)

LEARNING RESOURCES AND TOOLS.

The main learning resources of the course will draw on the live lectures given for each subject matter and also on a special lecture destined to the improvement of the students' writing capacity in English. This lecture will comment on submitted essays and will identify and correct common writing errors.

PLANNED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND TEACHING METHODS.

The learning activities of the course will be based on the weekly lectures and the writing of a full length essay with presentation as well as the final examination at the end of the semester.

7. ASSESSMENT METHODS, CRITERIA AND PERIOD.

The course will be assessed by means of a written essay and a written examination.



Final grades of students are based on the evaluation of the submitted and presented essay (70%) and the results in the final exams (30%).

OBSERVATIONS.

8. BIBLIOGRAPHY AND TEACHING MATERIALS.

GENERAL READING :

- Jan Hansen, Jochen Hung, Jaroslav Ira, Judit Klement, Sylvain Lesage, Juan Luis Simal and Andrew Tompkins, *The European Experience. A Multi-Perspective History of Modern Europe*, Open Books Publishers, 2023
- George Delanty, *The European Heritage*, Routledge, 2018

SUGGESTED READING BY THEMES:

EUROPE. INSTITUTIONS AND BASIC VALUES

1. Introduction to the course. European Studies as a field of Study – Unravelling the Union’s toolbox for defending common values

- Didier Bigo, Thomas Diez, Evangelos Fanoulis, Ben Rosamond, Yannis A. Stivachtis (eds), *The Routledge Handbook of Critical European Studies*, London: Routledge, 2021
- M. Bonelli, M. Claes, B. de Witte and K. Podstawa (eds), *Usual and Unusual Suspects: New Actors, Roles and Mechanisms to Protect EU Values*, 2022 7(2) *European Papers* 641-737 (special section), https://www.europeanpapers.eu/en/e-journal/EP_eJ_2022_2.

EUROPE. THE POLITICAL SCIENCE PERSPECTIVE

2. Toleration: Adventures of a european idea

- Lacorne, Denis, *The Limits of Tolerance. Enlightenment Values & Religious Fanaticism*, New York: Columbia University Press, 2019
- Sardoč, Mitja (ed.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Toleration*, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021

3. Populism in contemporary European politics

- Margret Canovan. “Trust the people! Populism and the Two Faces of Democracy”. *Political Studies*, 47. 1999, pp. 2-16
- Roger Eatwell & Matthew Goodwin. *National populism: The revolt against Liberal Democracy*. London: Pelican Books 2018
- Ernesto Laclau. *Politics and Ideology in Marxist Theory: Capitalism, Fascism, Populism*. London: NLB/Atlantic Highlands Humanities Press. 1977



- Cas Mudde. “The Populist Radical Right: A Pathological Normalcy”. *West European Politics* 33-6. 2010, pp. 1167-1186
- Cas Mudde & Rovira Cristóbal Kaltwasser. *Populism: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press 2017
- Takis S. Pappas, *Populism and Crisis Politics in Greece*. London: Palgrave 2014

EUROPE. THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PERSPECTIVE

4. Reflecting on the Fundamentals of EU Foreign and Security Policy

- Marianne Riddervold, Jarle Trondal & Akasemi Newsome (eds), *The Palgrave Handbook of EU Crises*, Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021
- E. Conde, Zhaklin V. Yaneva, & Marzia Scopelliti (eds), *The Routledge Handbook of European Security Law and Policy*, London and New York: Routledge, 2020

5. European Neighbourhood Policy

- Manoli P. «A Structural Foreign Policy Perspective of the European Neighbourhood Policy» in *Theorizing the European Neighbourhood Policy*,. S. Gstohl και S. Schunz eds. London and New York: Routledge, 2017, p. 124 – 142

EUROPE. CULTURE, HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

6. The origins of Europe an integration

- Patel, Kiran Klaus & Wolfram Kaiser, “Continuity and Change in European Cooperation during the Twentieth Century”, *Contemporary European History*, 27.2, 2018, p. 165-182.
- Roobol, Wim, “Aristide Briand’s Plan: The Seed of European Unification”, in Menno Spiering and Michael Wintle (eds.), *Ideas of Europe since 1914: The Legacy of the First World War*, Palgrave Macmillan, Houndmills 2002, p. 32-46

7. The origins of the European Idea

- Catriona Seth and Rotraud von Kulesa (eds.), (2017), *The Idea of Europe: Enlightenment Perspectives*. Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, <https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0123>
- Shane Weller (2021) *The Idea of Europe A Critical History* Cambridge University Press)
- Zielonka Jan (2007): *Europe as Empire. The Nature of the Enlarged European Union [2006]*, Oxford UP

