UCL Université catholique de Louvain LEUSL2202 2010-2011 Political philosophy and the European Union

5.0 credits

30.0 h

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Teacher(s) :	De Schutter Helder ; Lacroix Justine ; Van Parijs Philippe ;
Language :	Anglais
Place of the course	Bruxelles
Main themes :	This course will initiate to the major current theoretical debates in Europe and on Europe. The themes included will cover both political thought as such (liberalism, communitarianism, republicanism, multiculturalism) and the normative issues raised by the European integration process (postnationalism, constitutional patriotism, cosmopolitanism, civic nationalism).
Aims :	This course aims to familiarize students with the normative aspects of European integration. What light can shed political philosophy on European constitutionalism? What is the relevance of the liberal paradigm to conceive the European process? What is the nature of the link established between nation and democracy? What are the linguistic conditions of a European democracy? The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Evaluation methods :	Evaluation: written or oral examination.
Content :	The course will be organized in three parts. First, it will introduce to the main paradigms in contemporary political thought. Second, it will propose a reflection on the nature of the links established between nation and democracy. Can one envision a democracy beyond the nation-state? What does mean the concept of 'constitutional patriotism'? What are the linguistic conditions of a European democracy? Third, it will draw the attention on Europe's political nature. Does the European process entail the end of politics or does it lead to a new type of politics? What is the singularity of European federalism? How can one conceive the structure of European democratic institutions?
Cycle and year of study :	 > Advanced Master in Interdisciplinary Analysis of European Construction (shift schedule) > Master [120] in European Studies
Faculty or entity in charge:	EURO