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European political economy

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information below is subject to change, in particular that concerning the teaching mode (presential, distance or in a comodal or hybrid format).

5 credits 30.0 h Q1

Teacher(s)	Fontan Clément ;				
Language :	English				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Main themes	This course in political economy analyses the co-construction of the political and economic spheres in the European Union from the 1950s to the present day. The class is planned to be face to face but it might move online depending on the evolution of sanitary conditions and the number of enrolled students. In this case, the form of exams might also evolve. The first part of the course is made of lectures given by Professor Clément Fontan. The lectures go back over the foundations of European economic integration, the history of economic ideas, the construction of the Single Market, the adoption of the euro, the first ten years of governance of the Economic and Monetary Union, the 2010-2015 crisis of the eurozone and the reforms linked to it. These lectures are preceded by short student presentations on topical issues related to the class. The second part of the course, of the "reverse class" type, aims to put the knowledge acquired into practice and debate. The topics covered touch on present and future issues of the European economy. The students will analyze and present the current debates on the links between finance and democracy, digital economy and welfare states, trade policy and free trade treaties and the change of economic paradigm in a time of climate catastrophe. Depending on their availability, practitioners will intervene to complete the debates and the teacher will recall the fundamental notions related to the topics at the end of each course.				
Aims	 To characterize the main European economic systems. To identify the different logics of European economic integration. To handle the theoretical tools and political economy concepts in order to analyse economic developments in Europe. To structure an oral and written presentation by problematizing and debating issues of political economy To form a critical opinion on the selection of media sources and the public presentation of economic issues. 				
	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	Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change. The evaluation will be performed through collective oral exercises described in the section content and a final individual written exam. In case of a switch to online teaching, the oral presentations of the students will take place on Teams and the final invidivual exam will be online on Moodle.				
Teaching methods	Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change. Learning outcomes: At the end of the class, the students will be able: - To characterize the main European economic systems. - To identify the different logics of European economic integration. - To handle the theoretical tools and political economy concepts in order to analyse economic developments in Europe. - To structure an oral and written presentation by problematizing and debating issues of political economy - To form a critical opinion on the selection of media sources and the public presentation of economic issues.				
Content	This course in political economy analyses the co-construction of the political and economic spheres in the European Union from the 1950s to the present day. The class is planned to be face to face but it might move online depending on the evolution of sanitary conditions and the number of enrolled students. In this case, the form of exams might also evolve. The first part of the course is made of lectures given by Professor Clément Fontan. The lectures go back over the foundations of European economic integration, the history of economic ideas, the construction of the Single Market, the adoption of the euro, the first ten years of governance of the Economic and Monetary Union, the 2010-2015				

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Bibliography

No book purchase is needed. Aucun besoin d'acheter un ouvrage en lien avec ce cours. Compulsory reading will be online. Les lectures obligatoires seront accessibles en ligne.

Short bibliography (in French & in English)

Handbooks:

Defraigne, J. C., & Nouveau, P. (2017). *Introduction à l'économie européenne*. De Boeck Superieur. (le plus proche du cours).

Michel Dévoluy (2004), Les Politiques économiques européennes : Enjeux et défis, éditions du Seuil, (pour approfondir certains points du cours)

Colin Hay, Andy Smith (2018) Dictionnaire d'économie politique, Presses de sciences-po (pour développer certains concepts)

Hans-Jurgen Bieling (2015), The Political Economy of the European Union (Exploring Europe's Future), Open Society eds, (presentation de l'économie politique)

Baldwin, R. E., Wyplosz, C (2006). The economics of European integration (Vol. 2). Berkshire: McGraw-Hill Education.. (micro-économie)

Talani, L. S. (2004). European Political Economy: Political Science Perspectives. Ashgate.

OFCE (2018), L'économie européenne. La Découverte, « Repères », (bon panorama empirique/actualisation

Ouvrages :

Dyson, Kenneth HF, and Kevin Featherstone. The road to Maastricht: Negotiating economic and monetary union. Oxford University Press, 1999.

Jabko, Nicolas. Playing the market: A political strategy for uniting Europe, 1985–2005. Cornell University Press, 2006. Roos Jéromé, Why not default?, Princeton University Press, 2019

Schäfer, Armin, and Wolfgang Streeck. Politics in the Age of Austerity. Polity Press, 2013.

Tooze, Adam, Crashed, Penguin, 2018

Rodrik, D. (2017). Peut-on faire confiance aux économistes?: réussites et échecs de la science économique. De Boeck supérieur. In English (2015)= economics rules: the rights and wrongs of the dismal science

Shaxton Nicolas, The finance curse, Verso, 2018

Ressources bibliographiques à consulter régulièrement :

I ntroduction à l'économie

Schemes, Graphs, data :

https://www.ecoenschemas.com; http://dessinemoileco.com/; https://ourworldindata.org/

Free online handbook https://core-econ.org/the-economy/book/fr/text/0-3-contents.html

Newspapers: Financial Times, Mediapart, The Guardian, The Economist, Alternatives Economiques

Academic journals: Politique Européenne, Gouvernement et Action Publique, La revue de la régulation, La revue française de socio-économie, Competition & Change, New Political Economy, Review of International Political Economy, Cambridge Journal of Economics, LSE policy briefs, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, International Organization

Website; http://www.cepii.fr; http://speri.dept.shef.ac.uk/comment/; https://www.ineteconomics.org/; https://woxeu.org/; laviedesidees.fr

Outils de recherche : cairn.info, google scholar.

Movies & docs: "Inside Job"; "Margin call"; "The big short"; "Enron: the smartest guys in the room"; "Capitalisme: la série" "Puissante et incontrôlée la Troika", "The price we pay", Wall Street vs Cleveland

Podcasts: http://www.newpoliticaleconomyeurope.eu/podcast/

https://www.franceculture.fr/emissions/la-bulle-economique; https://www.franceculture.fr/emissions/entendez-vous-leco

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Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)							
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims			
Master [120] in Sociology	SOC2M	5		٩			
Master [120] in Political Sciences: International Relations	SPRI2M	5		٩			
Master [120] in Translation	TRAD2M	5		٩			
Master [120] in Public Administration	ADPU2M	5		٩			
Master [120] in European Studies	EURO2M	5		٩			