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Political philosophy and the European Union

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).

Teacher(s)	van Middelaar Luuk ;Van Parijs Philippe ;			
Language :	English			
Place of the course	Bruxelles			
Main themes	The central themes of political philosophy 'justice and democracy' have traditionally been treated at the level of the nation state and, more recently, at the level of the world as a whole. The course will focus on the specific issues they raise at the level of this intermediate entity of an unprecedented nature that is now called the European Union, including the interpretation and role to be given in this context to nationalism and patriotism, competitiveness and security, freedom and solidarity.			
Aims	The course aims to stimulate and feed rigorous and relevant normative thinking about the future of the European Union, its purpose, scope and institutions, by relating philosophical theories of justice and democracy to the down-to-earth challenges Europe faces in today's world. 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. Active participation in class. Written essay followed by oral discussion of the essay.			
Teaching methods	Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change. Reading of texts, including by the invited guests, and collective preparation of the dialogues. Individual preparation of an essay on the basis of the dialogues.			
Content	The course consists of (1) an introductory and a concluding session that will link explicitly philosophical theories and current challenges; (2) a sequence of four dialogues with prominent European personalities (open, next to the students, to a limited number of outsiders individually invited); (3) a set of meetings that will prepare these dialogues.			
Bibliography	Sera communiquée au premier cours.			
Faculty or entity in charge	EURO			

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims	
Certificat d'université en éthique économique et sociale	ETES9CE	5		•	
Master [120] in Ethics	ETHI2M	5		Q	
Master [60] in Philosophy	FILO2M1	5		Q.	
Master [120] in European Studies	EURO2M	5		•	
Master [120] in Philosophy	FILO2M	5		Q	