

FOUNDATIONS OF DIPLOMACY

The Political Economy of European Integration II

Course Content

This course aims to explain the recent developments across a range of issues which affect European countries. Over the last decade it deals with the rise and fall of 'New Left' governments and then the return to power of parties of the right, examining the extent of consensus politics in the 'post-ideological' era.

Particular attention is paid to the role and economic power of Germany, the UK's political divergence from the European mainstream, the challenge facing the Macron presidency in France, and political change in Scandinavia, Italy, Greece and Iberia.

As well as country-specific studies, the course also evaluates common themes in European politics such as secularisation, post-Christianity, the domestic challenge of Islam, and the impact of Russia and Eastern Europe on West European policy.

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| Week 1 | The Maastricht Treaty and the single currency |
| Week 2 | UK, Sweden and Denmark: explaining their Eurozone absence |
| Week 3 | EU Political Enlargement 1990 – 2013 |
| Week 4 | The Eurozone deficit and debt crisis: origins 2002 – 2024 |
| Week 5 | EU foreign policy case study I: Russia and origins of the Ukraine war |
| Week 6 | The road to Brexit: David Cameron's EU Strategy |





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- Week 7** Enacting Brexit: From Theresa May to Boris Johnson 2016 - 2020
 - Week 8** EU foreign policy case study II: Russia, NATO and the Ukraine war
 - Week 9** The EU after Brexit: The perspectives from Brussels, Berlin and Paris
 - Week 10** Euroscepticism in the 21st century: Trivial protest or serious challenge?

Intended Learning Outcomes

This course aims to provide students with a better knowledge and understanding of contemporary European politics and government, together with a critical awareness of some of the key developments and issues in European politics over the last 38 years.