Course Syllabus
for the academic year 2014/15

Course title: History of European Integration
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Course Objectives

The main objective of this course is providing students to acquire a deep knowledge of the European integration process from the outbreak of the Cold War up to nowadays, in order to be able to insert the main passages of European Integration within the broader field of History of International Relations.

Those who attend the course will be able to understand how the issues emerged within the European context from the Fifties onwards, came from an interaction between the role played by interests of the Nation-states and the international scenario ruled by the bipolar relationships until 1989, and later on were reshaped in the light of the collapse of the old order.

The “constant exercise” to combine internal and external dimension will enable the students to enter the European dynamics and to analyse the changing assets of the global affairs even in the light of European Affairs.

Course Outline

During the first part the course will follow the key passages of the process of European integration, inserting them in the field of the euroatlantic relationships starting from the outbreak of the Cold War until the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Our main goal is to create a link between actions and reactions showed by the Six founding member states of the ECSC first- and EEC after- and the changing role of the international scenario from the first step of the process.

After covering this overall landscape we will focus our attention on two case studies: Italy and Spain and we will analyze their detailed passages towards their European integration process. We will analyse the choices made by their respective ruling classes, the way in which the political parties coped with the issue of European integration in Parliament and during their internal debate.
both during their process of transition towards democracy held respectively in Fifties and the mid Seventies.

As for Italy we will explain the impact European Integration process had on the country from the Italian transition to democracy up to the collapse of the so called first Republic. (Three subperiods: from the Republic to the years of centrist; from centrist- to centre left; from the decline of the Seventy to the collapse of the Italian political system) as for Spain we will explain the impact European Integration process had during the transition from Francoism towards democracy (two subperiods: from the late Francoism to the end of the regime 1957-1975) and from the end of the regime to the victory of the Spanish Socialist Workers’ Party to the General Election (1975-1982)

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Students choosing to attend the course should have a basic knowledge of Contemporary History. Attendance of all lectures and seminars and active participation in class is required.

**COURSE ASSESSMENT**

As for the assessment I will request a paper presentation (oral and written) on a subject which will be selected at the beginning of the course according to some specific area of interest of the student. It will analyse more deeply or the European integration of a selected single country or a key year of the process, or a key passage of the process seen from a different perspective, such as the one developed from the foreign policy of a single of a nation state, or an candidate member state.

Each oral presentation will be around 20 minutes long. The same topic has to be later elaborated after discussion of the presentation in class, in an academic essay of around 4.000 words to be submitted and evaluated by the instructor.

**TERM ESSAY FOR M.E.G.A. STUDENTS**

The 10.000 words term essay should be written in form of a review article for a scientific review. Interested Students are invited to discuss the project with the instructor during the semester.

**COURSE STRUCTURE**

- **Lecture 1**
  - The European unification from the outbreak of the Cold War to the European Defence Community project
  - From the failure of the EDC project to the signature of the Treaties of Rome

- **Lecture 2**
  - European Integration process during the Sixties: the Franco-German axis

- **Lecture 4**
  - The enlargement to Northen Europe: general features and case study: Great Britain

- **Lecture 5**
  - The enlargement to the Southern Europe: general features

- **Lecture 6**
  - The enlargement toward Central and Eastern Europe: general features

- **Lecture 7**
  - Monographic part on Italy: The Italian european choice 1947-1957
Lecture 8
• Italian Europeanism from the centre-left government up to the crumbling of the political system at the end of the Seventies (1958-1979)
• Italy from EMS to Maastricht and the collapse of the Italian political system (1979-1992)

Lecture 9
• Monographic part on Spain: The heritage of the Francoist regime and the Spanish European process (1957-1975)

Lecture 10
• The EEC and the Spanish political System (1975-1986)

**Reading List**


8. Varsori A.(a cura di), Inside the Eu Community. Actors and Policies in the European Integration from Rome Treaties to the creation of the snake, Baden Baden Nomos, Germany, 2006

9. Varsori, La cenerentola d’Europa? L’Italia e l’integrazione europea dal 1947 a oggi,
Rubbettino, Soveria Mannelli, 2010


*Further Readings* articles, essays and book chapters will be indicated during the course

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**MASTER DISSERTATION FOR M.E.S. STUDENTS**

The Dissertation will be an essay in form of an article for a scientific review. Interested Students are invited to discuss the project with the instructor during the semester.