EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND ECONOMIC AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

FIRST BLOCK. EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

The first bloc of the course introduces the main historical, economic, institutional and social aspects leading to the current developments of the European Union and its policies. The course is designed for students with a good background in economic history in general and some knowledge of international trade theory and policy analysis. It is based on lectures and some limited compulsory readings. Other readings are suggested for further analysis. Whenever is scheduled, the student is expected to work compulsory readings previous to lectures. The latter are conceived as the time to discuss the evidence shown in the readings and derive conclusions.

Session 1

Introduction to the course and to the topic

Session 2

The Reconstruction of Western Europe

Recommended readings:


Session 3

The European Coal and Steel Community: the origins of European integration

Recommended readings:


Session 4

A regional trading system: the OEEC

Recommended reading:


Session 5

A regional payments system: the EPU

Recommended reading:


Session 6

A regional trading system leading towards the EEC

Recommended reading:

**Session 7**

The Community institutional system

Recommended reading:


Recommended websites:

[www.europa.eu/index_en.htm](http://www.europa.eu/index_en.htm) for the list of all EU institutions.

[www.europarl.eu](http://www.europarl.eu)


**Session 8**

Mid-term exam

**Session 9**

Class correction of the mid-term exam

**Session 10**

The first EEC policies: the Customs Union

Recommended reading:


**Session 11**

The first EEC policies: the Common Agricultural Policy

Recommended readings:


Recommended website: [http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/index_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/index_en.htm)

**Session 12**

The European response to the collapse of the fixed-exchange monetary system: the snake and the EMS

Recommended readings:


**Session 13**

The European Monetary Policy: the ECB and Euro

Recommended readings:


**Session 14**

The European Union in the American mirror: productivity divergence in the last twenty years

Recommended readings:


Session 15 and last
Conclusions, comments and questions

Websites:

- Descriptions of EU institutions (and much more) can be found on the European Parliament’s website:
  http://www.europarl.eu.int/factsheets/default_en.htm
- The Commission’s website is less well organized (it is organized by bureaucratic departments, but since the task-allocation is partly political, the organization can seem ad hoc), but has a lot of very up-to-date information on various programmes. The best way to find things is to use www.google.com typing in the subject (e.g. competition policy) and “European Commission” in quotes.
- The History Department of Leiden University maintains a good site on EU history in its broadest sense. The index also contains many links to European institutions, etc. Many original documents can be downloaded (e.g. the Treaty of Rome) by following the links:
  http://www.let.leidenuniv.nl/history/rtg/res1/index.htm
- Key dates of post-war economic integration in Western Europe can be downloaded from:
  http://www.europa.eu.int/abc/history/index_en.htm
- The European Union’s official history of European Integration can be found at: http://www.europa.eu.int/abc/history/index_en.htm
- See www.wto.org for a history of GATT.
SECOND BLOCK. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW: GATT-WTO

The second block of the course introduces the main historical, institutional and practical aspects leading to the development of the International trade institutions GATT and WTO. The course is designed for students with some knowledge of history in general and some knowledge of international trade theory and policy analysis. It is based on lectures and some limited research. Readings are also suggested for further analysis. Whenever they are scheduled, these readings will serve to discuss certain topics and help to derive conclusions.

Session 1

Introduction to the course and to the topic

Session 2

The institutionalization of the Post war economic model; Bretton Woods and the International Trade Organisation

Recommended readings:

- Maria Ávila, A. [et. al.] “La OIC” en Regulación del comercio internacional tras la Ronda Uruguay, Tecnos, 1994, pp. 34 ss.


Session 3

The General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs: origins and characteristics

Recommended readings:


Session 4

The material content of GATT: principles, mechanisms and safeguards

Recommended reading:


- Maria Ávila, A. [et. al.] “Análisis del GATT” en *Regulación del comercio internacional tras la Ronda Uruguay*, Tecnos, 1994, pp. 43 ss

Session 5

From GATT to WTO: the Uruguay Round

Recommended reading:


Session 6

The WTO: a new institutional framework for international trade

Recommended websites & reading:

- [www.wto.org](http://www.wto.org)


Session 7

The material content of the WTO

Recommended websites and readings:

- [www.wto.org](http://www.wto.org)

**Session 8**

Mid-term exam

**Session 9**

Class correction of the mid-term exam

**Session 10**

The dispute settlement mechanism in WTO

Recommended websites and readings:
- www.wto.org

**Session 11**

The content of the GATT 94’ agreement and its supervision by the DSB through case studies

Recommended reading:
- The GATT 94’ and GATT 1947 Agreement
  - extracts of the tuna case
  - extracts of the Preference Generalised System of the EC

**Session 12**

The content of the GATS agreement and its supervision by the DSB through a case study

Recommended readings:
- The GATS agreement
  - Extracts of the gambling case

**Session 13**

The content of the TRIPS agreement and its supervision by the DSB
Recommended readings:

- The TRIPS agreement
- Extracts of the Banana case: countervailing measures

**Session 14**

Facing present and future challenges. The Doha Agenda negotiations

Recommended readings:

- The Doha Agenda (www.wto.org)


**Session 15 and last**

Conclusions, comments and questions
Evaluation criteria

Regular-term and September evaluation

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Important Notes

1. In the September evaluation, the grades earned during the term (participation and mid-term exam) are kept to compute the average grade of the course and, therefore, the September examination accounts for 50% of the final grade.
2. Mid-term exam is compulsory. In case of not attendance for justified and documented reasons, its grade is accumulated to the final exam. In case of not attendance without justified or documented reasons, the grade is 0 points.
3. In case of not attendance to the final exam, both in the regular or the September evaluation, the overall grade of the course is “Not Attended”.
4. The final exam, both in the regular and the September evaluation, is a comprehensive exam of both parts of the course: 1) European Integration, and 2) Economic and International Economic Law.