

15POL 2077 POLITICS OF EUROPE¹

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Department of Political Science

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Class meets online;

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<https://ucincinnati.zoom.us/j/3433649636>

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The European continent is a dynamic, advanced and rapidly growing region in the world – it consists of allied nations and is the single largest trading partner of the United States. Furthermore, the continent has witnessed an unprecedented pattern of integration in the last 70+ years with the expansion of the European Union and NATO. Despite Europe's unprecedented peace, lately the continent became a hotspot of the largest post-World War II conflict between Russia and Ukraine. This course surveys the political developments and institutional structures in Europe. It examines historical developments, institutions, parties, social classes and groupings, cultures, societies and other complex and varied structures in the old continent and how these relate to one another. Special attention will be paid to advancement of the European integration and the key European Union institutions. Finally, the class will discuss the 2022 conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: LEARNING OUTCOMES AND TRANSFERRABLE SKILLS

The core objective of this class is to develop skills that equip students with the ability to understand and identify various patterns of European government, including parliamentary, presidential, mixed presidential-parliamentary, federal, unitary, supranational. Additionally, students are expected to demonstrate knowledge of European societies and cultures, including key leaders, various historical and contemporary events, types of political systems, parties, and electoral systems. Also, by the end of the course, students will be able to explain forms and functions of European social, economic and cultural systems in relation to political systems, including executive, legislative, and judicial institutions in different countries. Students will participate in discussions on important questions about European politics and evaluate different methods and perspectives to answer these questions. Finally, they are expected to evaluate the rise and success of European democracy, authoritarianism and nationalism and critically analyze the quality of democracies in Europe.

¹ This syllabus is subject to change. I reserve the right to add supplementary readings if necessary.

REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:

<i>Course Requirements:</i>	<u>% of final grade</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Weekly Quizzes	30% (2%x15 weeks)	every week
Bi-Weekly Discussions	14%	9/4; 9/18; 10/2; 10/16; 10/30; 11/13; 11/27
Midterm Exam	26%	10/09 @ 11:59 pm
Take-home final exam	30%	12/8 @ 11:59 pm

Grading Scale:

93-100%	A	73-76%	C
90-92%	A-	70-72%	C-
87-89%	B+	67-69%	D+
83-86%	B	63-66%	D
80-82%	B-	60-62%	D-
77-79%	C+	0-59%	F

Please note that grades represent **NON-NEGOTIABLE** assessments of a student's comprehension of course material.

POLICIES AND CAVEATS:

If you have a disability that affects your performance in class, please notify the instructor **at the beginning of the semester** in order to find an accommodation that meets best student's interests. Given that this course takes place in an online format, I can provide extended time (twice the standard time) for students with disabilities to complete it. If there is an issue with it, please contact the university's disability services office, located in 210 University Pavilion, Phone (513) 556-6823, Email: disabisv@ucmail.uc.edu.

Students are expected to engage asynchronously in online class activities every week following the schedule outlined below. If they cannot participate in these activities (i.e., watch lectures, do readings, power points slides and complete quizzes and exams) during a given a week, they need to notify the by email in advance. Students may be asked to present documentation for their absences. Absences due to illness or injury will not be excused retroactively unless documentation is provided to the instructor. A student who misses a total of **FIVE** or more weeks of classes and fails to complete five or more weekly quizzes will receive a zero grade for this component; they may also have their overall course grade reduced. A student who has missed a total of **SEVEN** or more weeks of classes (and seven or more weekly quizzes) will receive a course grade of F. The instructor may not always require a note from the doctor but would expect students to contact him in advance (preferably by email) to inform him when students not feeling well. This expectation applies especially if students are exposed to or test positive for COVID-19 so appropriate arrangements can be made for them to complete the course while also taking care of their health and well-being.

Midterm exam and weekly quizzes will be made available for students to complete at least

five business days before the due date/ time. If a student is unable to complete the exam or quiz during this time, they should contact the instructor **in advance** so I can make appropriate arrangements.

Please note that the discussions on European politics are an important component of this course and they bring a total of 14% of the overall grade. There are seven separate topics for discussion and each student is expect to have one post per discussion in order to earn academic credit. Multiple posts and discussion among students are welcome, but they should be follow netiquette and expectations for appropriate academic conduct.

The take home final exam is the final assignment for this class. The students will asked to answer specific questions and write a short essay on a topic that would be announced in advance. The final essay is due on **Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 11:59 pm EST**. You must submit the paper electronically via Canvas under the “Assignments/ Final Take Home Exam” section. Make sure to notify me if unable and submit by email or as a hard copy.

Lastly, I need to remind you that all of the work you submit in this course is expected to be your own. Students should review the UC student code of conduct and be aware of all activities defined as academic dishonesty. Although I do encourage students to exchange ideas and/or work together on certain assignments, each student is responsible for completing and submitting his or her own homework. Please be advised that according to the UC Student Code of Conduct plagiarism is defined as:

Submitting another person’s published or unpublished work in whole, in part or in paraphrase, as one’s own without fully and properly crediting the author with footnotes, quotation marks, citations, or bibliographical reference.

Submitting as one’s own original work, material obtained from an individual or agency without reference to the person or agency as the source of the material.

Submitting as one’s own original work material that has been produced through unacknowledged collaboration with others without release in writing from collaborators.

For further information on appropriate citation visit the University of Cincinnati’s library guide at: <http://guides.libraries.uc.edu/c.php?g=222556>. While political scientists prefer the MLA or the Chicago/ Turabian style, any widely format would be acceptable.

READINGS:

The following readings are required and are available for purchase at UC libraries (two books and other materials):

(1) Paul Kubicek, *European Politics*. Routledge 3rd Edition (2021); ISBN: 978-0-3674-6439-4(Print, Paperback); eBook (ISBN ISBN 978-1-0030-2875-8; available via VitalSource.com).

(3) Additional reading materials are available on Canvas under “Reading Materials.”

COURSE OUTLINE

Week #/ SCHEDULE:

WEEK 1 (August 22-28, 2022) INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS OF EUROPE

Why studying Europe? How do we classify and approach European politics? Key determinants of European politics.

Kubicek, Chapter 1, pp. 1-25

Lecture of the week: Timothy Garton Ash, *What story should Europe Tell?*,
<https://youtu.be/bFUzC26hC3Q>

WEEK 2 (Aug 29–Sept 4, 2022) PATTERNS OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN EUROPE

Key elements of the post-Westphalia order in Europe. Cold War divisions of the Old Continent; patterns of integration and disintegration in the post-Cold War world.

Kubicek, Chapter 2, pp. 25-67.

Daniel Ziblatt, Review Article: “How Did Europe Democratize?” *World Politics* 58 (2006), pp. 311–38.

Lecture of the week: Timothy Snyder, *The Road to Unfreedom*,
<https://youtu.be/p03X8Vk7zdl>

Discussion topic: Are European nations able to overcome successfully the divisions of their continent in the recent past and their non-democratic legacies?

WEEK 3 (Sept 6-11, 2022) PARLIAMENTS AND LEGISLATIVE POLITICS IN EUROPE

Classification and key features of European democracies. Organization and structure of legislatures; consociationalism.

Kubicek, Chapter 4, pp. 115-127

Arent Lijphart, “Constitutional Choices for New Democracies.” *Journal of Democracy* 2(1), Winter 1991, pp. 72-84.

Arent Lijphart, “Constitutional Design for Divided Societies.” *Journal of Democracy* 15(2), April 2004, pp. 96-109.

Lecture of the week: David Natzler, *UK Parliament Open Lecture: The Passage of Legislation*,
<https://youtu.be/neHOT1o0NRo>

WEEK 4 (Sept 12-18, 2022) ELECTIONS AND ELECTORAL SYSTEMS IN EUROPE

Electoral systems in Europe. Electoral innovation. Stability and volatility of political systems. Political Campaigns and referendums.

Kubicek, Chapter 4, pp. 127-145

Kubicek, Chapter 7, pp. 225-241

Edward Fieldstone, Mark Tranmer and Andrew Russell, “Something about Young People or Something about Elections? Electoral Participation of Young People in Europe: Evidence

from a Multilevel Analysis of the European Social Survey.” *European Journal of Political Research* 46 (2007), pp. 797–822, doi: 10.1111/j.1475-6765.2007.00713.x

Lecture of the week: Liesbet Hooghe & Gary Marks, *How Electoral Systems Make a Difference*, <https://youtu.be/drTbzlvDdXU>

Discussion topic: Discuss the virtues of plurality vs. PR electoral systems. Are PR systems better for European democracies?

WEEK 5 (Sept 19-25, 2022) **POLITICAL PARTIES IN EUROPE**

Characteristics of Political Parties in Europe; social cleavages. An overview of the mainstream party families in Europe

Kubicek, Chapter 7, pp. 203-224

Matt Golder, “Far Right Parties in Europe.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 19 (May 2016), pp. 477-497, <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-polisci-042814-012441>

Lecture of the week: Georg Menz, *The Decline of Europe’s Center-Left Parties*, <https://youtu.be/Lv2AnuEUFgQ>

WEEK 6 (Sept 26-Oct 2, 2022) **THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH IN EUROPE**

Types of executive branches: presidential, semi-presidential and parliamentary. The role of prime-ministers, composition of cabinets and the bureaucracy.

Kubicek, Chapter 5, pp. 145-176

Petr Kopecký, “Power to the Executive! The Changing Executive–Legislative Relations in Eastern Europe,” *The Journal of Legislative Studies* 10 (2004), pp. 142-153.

Lecture of the week: Hanco Jürgens, *Germany in the Post-Merkel Era*, <https://youtu.be/jcpqdzkAToM>

Discussion topic: Why emerging European Democracies have been more successful if they have selected parliamentary democracy (e.g., in CEE) rather than presidential one (e.g., Russia, Belarus).

WEEK 7 (Oct 3-9, 2022) **LEGAL SYSTEMS AND THE JUDICIARY BRANCH IN EUROPE**

The Essence of European Legal Systems. Constitutions and Constitutional Order in Europe. Variations of legal traditions in Europe. Variation of Court Systems and Judicial Review

Kubicek, Chapter 6, pp. 176-203

Marco Tabarelli, “The Influence of the EU and the ECHR on ‘Parliamentary Sovereignty Regimes’: Assessing the Impact of European Integration on the British and Swedish Judiciaries,” *European Law Journal* 19, no. 3 (2013), pp. 340–363.

Lecture of the week: Luca Cottini, *The Timeless Value of Italy’s Legal System & the Dynamic Life of Its Constitution*, https://youtu.be/lruoRtWhL_o

Midterm Exam

WEEK 8 (Oct 11-16, 2022) POLITICAL CULTURE AND CITIZEN POLITICS

Definition and aspects of political culture. Key elements of democratic political culture. Interest groups and social movements.

Kubicek, Chapter 8, pp. 245-284

Ina Kubbe "Europe's 'Democratic Culture' in the Fight Against Corruption," *Crime Law Soc Change* 70 (2018), pp. 217-240.

Lecture of the week: Ivan Krastev, *Politics of Culture, Culture of Politics: Europe in the 21st Century*, https://youtu.be/f_VKXxv7Pww

Discussion topic: Has the European integration been successful to promote Europeanness and what can be done to strengthen the sense of togetherness among Europeans?

WEEK 9 (Oct 17-23, 2022) ORIGINS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU) AND ITS INSTITUTIONS (P1)

Key Concepts about the EU. EU Institutions: The Commission, the Council, the European Council, the Parliament, the European Court of Justice.

Kubicek, Chapter 3, pp. 67-83

Stéphanie Novak, "The Silence of Ministers: Consensus and Blame Avoidance in the Council of the European Union," *Journal of Common Market Studies* 51, no. 6 (2013), pp. 1091–1107.

Lecture of the week: Jan Zielonka, *EU and Democratic Experimentation*, <https://youtu.be/U1begRgnX3E>

WEEK 10 (Oct 24-30, 2022) EU INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES (P2)

Other Institutions of the European Union. Main Policies of the EU: Budget, Common Market, International Trade, Monetary Union, Agriculture, Environmental Policy

Kubicek, Chapter 3, pp. 83-115

Thomas Christiansen and Christine Neuhold, "Informal Politics in the EU," *Journal of Common Market Studies* 52, no. 2 (2014), pp. 354–370.

Lecture of the week: "How Democratic Is the EU?" *Discussion at the Chatham House*, <https://youtu.be/YyQRzHMr6F4>

Discussion topic: Discuss how democratic in the European Union. What ideas are worthy of consideration to improve democracy in the EU?

WEEK 11 (Oct 31-Nov 6, 2022) ECONOMIC POLICIES AND ISSUES IN EUROPE

European Welfare State. Sustainable Development in the Europe. Economic Reforms and Policies to Combat Inequalities. The Financial Crisis (2009) and the COVID Crisis (2020-21)

Kubicek, Chapter 9, 284-335

Matthias Morys, "Gold Standard Lessons for the Eurozone," *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Vol. 52, no. 4 (2014), pp. 728-741.

Lecture of the week: Roundtable: The Future of European Welfare States,
<https://youtu.be/nHO9V2h46LM>

WEEK 12 (Nov 7-13, 2022) IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL EUROPE

Issues of Migration: Patterns, Social Acceptance and Integration and Integration. Xenophobia. Debates on Social and Economic Impacts on Migration. Case Study of the Refugee Crisis.

Kubicek, Chapter 10, 335-375

Keith Banting & Will Kymlicka, "Is There Really a Retreat from Multiculturalism Policies? New Evidence from the Multiculturalism Policy Index," *Comparative European Politics* 11, (2013), pp. 577–598.

Lecture of the week: Danny Dorling, *Multicultural Britain – A Better Politics for a Different Society*, <https://youtu.be/y8Prf2eruc0>

Discussion topic: Should the European Union change its migration and refugee policies?

WEEK 13 (Nov 14-20, 2022) EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENSE ARCHITECTURE

Key European Security Organizations: NATO, OSCE, the EU. Security issues in Europe: Russia, the Western Balkans, the Middle East and EU Neighborhood.

Kubicek, Chapter 11, pp. 375-420

Stephanie Hofmann, "Overlapping Institutions in the Realm of International Security: The Case of NATO and ESDP," *Perspectives on Politics* 7, no. 1 (2009), pp. 45-52.

Lecture of the week: The Russia-Ukraine War: A Crisis of European Security?,
<https://youtu.be/kEc9mOtTXIE>

WEEK 14 (Nov 21-23, 2022) RUSSIA, THE WAR IN UKRAINE AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN SECURITY ARCHITECTURE

Sources and Origins of the Conflict in Ukraine. Contending Explanations about the 2014 Crisis and the 2022 War. The Way Forward for Europe, Russia and Ukraine.

Andrei Tsygankov, "Vladimir Putin's Last Stand: The Sources of Russia's Ukraine Policy," *Post-Soviet Affairs* 31(4), 2015, pp. 279–303.

Ivan Dinev Ivanov, "European Security at Crossroad after Ukraine: Institutionalization of Partnerships and Compliance with NATO's Security Policies" in *NATO's Return to Europe: Engaging Ukraine, Russia and Beyond* (eds.) Rebecca Moore and Damon Coletta, Georgetown University Press (2017), pp. 167-192.

Marcel Van Herpen, *Putin's Wars: The Rise of Russia's New Imperialism*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (2015), pp. 265-279 (Chapter 17: "Russia's 'Hybrid War' in Ukraine").

John Mearsheimer, "The Causes and Consequences of the Ukraine Crisis," National Interest, June 23, 2022, <https://nationalinterest.org/>.

Lecture of the Week: Yuval Noah Harari, The War in Ukraine Could Change Everything, <https://youtu.be/yQqthbvYE8M>

Discussion topic: Are Europeans doing enough to support Ukraine and is it contributing toward the peace in Europe?

Thanksgiving break

WEEK 15 (Nov 28-Dec 2, 2022) **EUROPEAN POLITICS IN THE FUTURE: CONCLUSIONS**

Scenarios for the Future of Europe; Opportunities and Constraints Associated with Them.

Kubicek, Chapter 12, pp. 420-441.

Final Exam Due December 8, 2022

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