

A History of European Integration in the Twentieth Century

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Course content

This course investigates the process of European cooperation and integration in the 20th century, asking why, how, and to what extent European governments decided to cooperate and eventually (partially) share sovereignty. The first section provides an overview of European integration from the late nineteenth century until the Treaties of Rome; the second section studies European integration from the Treaties of Rome until the Maastricht Treaty; finally the third section outlines thematic overviews.

Teaching

There will be 13 sessions of one-and-a half hour. Each session will be divided into a one-hour lecture, and a half-hour discussion and group work.

Outline of Seminar Topics

1. Introduction: sources, methodology and historiographical debates

I - European integration from the late nineteenth century until the Treaties of Rome

2. Early attempts at European cooperation in the first half of the twentieth century

3. From the Marshall Plan to the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC)

4. The failure of the European Defence Community (EDC), the Treaties of Rome negotiations and the creation of the European Economic Community (EEC)

II - From the Treaties of Rome to the Treaty of Maastricht

5. The 1960s and the Gaullist challenge

6. The 1970s: crises and institutional reform

7. The 1980s and the Single European Act

8. The 1990s and the Maastricht Treaty

III - Thematic overviews

9. From monetary cooperation to monetary integration: the European Payments Union (EPU), the European Monetary System (EMS) and the euro
10. Transnational non-governmental actors and European integration
11. Supranational actors and European integration
12. The external dimension of European integration: foreign policy and defence cooperation
13. Recapitulation, general conclusions and discussion of recent developments

Pre-requisites and indicative reading

A prior knowledge of 20th century European history will be useful. Students unfamiliar with the subject should do some preliminary reading and consult:

- D. Dinan, *Europe Recast: A History of European Union* (London, Palgrave Macmillan, 2004)
- W. Kaiser, B. Leucht and M. Rasmussen, *The History of the European Union: Origins of a Trans- and Supranational Polity 1950-72* (London: Routledge, 2009), especially introduction
- N. P. Ludlow, *The European Community and the Crises of the 1960s* (London: Routledge, 2006), especially introduction and conclusion
- A. Moravcsik, *The Choice for Europe: Social Purpose and State Power from Messina to Maastricht* (Cornell: Cornell University Press, 1998)