

THE INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STUDIES

CAMBRIDGE

THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Week 1	Lecture Seminar	The origins of the Union after the Second World War What part did Marshall Aid play in promoting European integration?
Week 2	Lecture Seminar	The expansion of the original community The clash of national interests between Britain and France over the EU
Week 3	Lecture Seminar	The institutions of the Union Where does real power lie in the Union and why?
Week 4	Lecture Seminar	The first phase of economic & political integration 1958 – 1985 What is economic integration and how far has it gone?
Week 5	Lecture Seminar	The second phase of economic integration: the Single European Act What does SEA seek to achieve?
Week 6	Lecture Seminar	The Maastricht Treaty How was monetary and economic union achieved and by whom?
Week 7	Lecture Seminar	The EU, NATO, and the Transatlantic Relationship The Common Foreign, Security, and Defence policy of the EU.
Week 8	Lecture Seminar	The EU: enlargement. The consequences of enlargement for the EU and for the new members
Week 9	Lecture Seminar	The EU since the end of the cold war The growing strategic split between members states over relations with America
Week 10	Lecture Seminar	The Amsterdam and Nice treaties: towards a European federation? The EU: the growing ideological split over future policies
Week 11	Lecture Seminar	The breaking of the deadlock over the European constitution The European Union: the next 10 years
Week 12	Final paper	

READING LIST

- Cram, L., Dina, D. & Nugent, N.** **Developments in the European Union**
- George, Stephen & Bache, Ian** **Politics in the European Union**
- Hix, Simon **What's wrong with the EU and how to fix it**
- Milward, A.** **The European Rescue of the Nation State**
- Nelson, Brett L. et al** **The European Union**
- Pinder, John** **The European Union: A Very Short Introduction**
- Richards, I., Mathias, G.**
Williams, G.L. & Williams, A.L. **Europe or the Open Sea**
- Stirk, P.M.R. & Weigall, D.** **The Origins & Development of European Integration**
- Swann, D.** **The Economics of the Common Market**

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METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

Seminar discussion
Two essays of at least 2500 words
 The first to be submitted at the end of week 5
 The second at the end of week 12