

**THE INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STUDIES**  
**CAMBRIDGE**

**THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Week 1	
Lecture	The origins of the Union in the wake of the Second World War
Seminar	What part did Marshall Aid play in promoting European integration?
Week 2	
Lecture	The expansion of the original community
Seminar	The clash of national interests between Britain and France over the EU
Week 3	
Lecture	The Institutions of the Union
Seminar	Where does real power lie in the Union and why?
Week 4	
Lecture	The first phase of economic & political integration 1958 – 1985
Seminar	What is economic integration and how far has it gone?
Week 5	
Lecture	The second phase of economic integration: the Single European Act
Seminar	What does SEA seek to achieve?
Week 6	
Lecture	The Maastricht Treaty
Seminar	How was monetary and economic union achieved and by whom?
Week 7	
Lecture	The EU, NATO and the Transatlantic Relationship
Seminar	The Common Foreign, Security and Defence policy of the EU: the challenge of trans-national terrorism and the appearance of rogue states
Week 8	
Lecture	The impact of geo/economic change since the end of the cold war.
Seminar	The growing strategic split with America
Week 9	
Lecture	The EU: enlargement.
Seminar	The consequences of enlargement for the EU.
Week 10	
Lecture	The Amsterdam and Nice treaties: towards a European federation?
Seminar	Will America loose or benefit from an integrated Europe?
Week 11	
Lecture	The deadlock over the European constitution
Seminar	The European Union by 2020.
Week 12	
	Final Papers

**READING LIST**

- Cram, L., Dina, D.& Nugent, N.(ed) Developments in the European Union
- George, Stephen & Bache, Ian            Politics in the European Union
- Milward, A.                                    The European Rescue of the Nation State
- Nelson, Brett L. et al                      The European Union
- 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

The Economist

Quality newspapers

Extracts and worksheets distributed in classes

### **METHOD OF ASSESSMENT**

Attend all 2 hour classes for the course for the duration of the semester

Attend the weekly tutorials of an hour

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

Note: If enrolment for this particular course is too low for it to be held as a two hour seminar with two required essays per semester it may be possible to run it as a one hour supervision with three essays per semester.