

## **The Political System of the EU (2010-2011)**

Tutorial to the lecture given by Prof. Renaud Dehousse

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### **Tutorial aim**

The primary purpose of the tutorial is to help students comprehend the main themes presented in the lectures and readings given by the principal lecturer and thus to contribute to their critical understanding and comprehensive knowledge of EU politics. A secondary aim of the tutorial is to give students both the methodological and conceptual tools necessary to succeed the final exam as well as the assignments/exams in other master's courses. Finally, the tutorial should provide a place for discussion and brainstorming.

### **Preparation**

For each tutorial, students are expected to have completed the assigned readings from the reader (cf. the list below) and to master the content of the previous lectures and tutorials. Naturally, they should keep informed of the latest developments in EU politics through the media (*The Economist* etc.).

### **Evaluation**

The tutorial counts as 40 % of the overall grade (a final exam at the end of the semester represents the remaining 60 %). The grade from the tutorial consists of three forms of evaluation: an oral presentation (50 %), a mock exam (50 %) and a grade based on participation in the class (adds/subtracts up to 1 point from the tutorial overall grade).

The mock exam takes the same form as the final exam and is scheduled for the mid-semester (the exact date will be communicated later on). As part of their preparation, students may find helpful to visit the final exam archives (<http://www.supports-coursenligne.sciences-po.fr/annales2.htm>).

The oral presentation is a collective exercise based on a topic the students are attributed during the first tutorial and should not exceed 10 minutes. Students in pairs must present and critically assess the most important arguments related to the topic of the presentation. All presentations must be emailed in advance in a written form to the tutor (on Thursday night preceding the tutorial at the latest). All late emails<sup>1</sup>, unless excused by *extremely exceptional* circumstances, will be penalized at a rate of 1 point per day. The written presentation should not exceed 4 pages (single-spaced, font: Times New Roman, size: 12, no funny stuff with the margins) and *should not be read* during the oral presentation. After the oral presentation and correction by the tutor, the written presentations will be posted on the ENTG group of the tutorial so that all the students from the tutorial can benefit from them.

### **Attendance**

Attendance is compulsory. In accordance with the Sciences Po guidelines, if a student misses more than one tutorial, he or she fails the course.

### **Late arrivals**

Students must be on time. Repeated late arrivals will be considered as absences.

### **Plagiarism**

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<sup>1</sup> In case of problems with the ENTG environment, you can leave a printed version of your presentation in the tutor's box ("espace pour les enseignants", at 26 rue des Saint-Pères). Of course, the deadline remains the same.

Plagiarism (direct copying without citation of others' thoughts, written or not) is not tolerated and Science Po has an extremely severe policy in this respect. Any uncovered plagiarist automatically fails the course. Note that specialized software can be used in order to detect cases of plagiarism.

### **The Tutorial Schedule**

#### **Tutorial 1** (20<sup>th</sup> September)

No presentation, no text to read.

#### **Tutorial 2** (27<sup>th</sup> September), lecture 1

##### Presentations:

*The merits and shortcomings of the Community method*

##### Texts to read:

- Giandomenico Majone, Dilemmas of European Integration: The Ambiguities and pitfalls of Integration by Stealth, OUP 2005, chap 3
- Renaud Dehousse, La fin de l'Europe, Flammarion, 2005, chapter 1
- Morten Egeberg, "Executive politics as usual: role behaviour and conflict dimensions in the College of European Commissioners", JEPP, volume 13, Number 1 / January 2006

#### **Tutorial 3** (11<sup>th</sup> October), lectures 2, 3, and 4

##### Presentations:

*The evolution of the voting rules and voting practice in the Council*  
*The leadership of the European Council*

##### Texts to read:

- Fiona Hayes-Renshaw and Helen Wallace, The Council of Ministers, Londres, Macmillan, 1997, chapters 2 and 10
- Renaud Dehousse and Florence Deloche-Gaudez, « Voting in the Council of Ministers : The Impact of Enlargement », in Andrea Ott and Ellen Vos (eds.), Fifty Years of European Integration: Foundations and Perspectives, The Hague, TMC Asser Press, 2009, 21-30
- Stéphanie Novak, « Decision rules, social norms and the expression of disagreement: the case of qualified majority voting in the Council of the European Union », Social Science Information/ Information sur les Sciences Sociales, March 2010, 49/1, 83-98
- Philippe de Schoutheete, « The European Council » in John Peterson and Michael Shackleton (eds.), The Institutions of the European Union, Oxford University Press, 2002, 37-59
- Ana Mar Fernández, "What Powers does the Presidency have? " in Renaud Dehousse, Florence Deloche-Gaudez, Sophie Jacquot (eds.), What is Europe up to?, Paris: Presses de Sciences Po, 2009,
- Jack Hayward, "Strategic Innovation by Insider Influence: Monnet to Delors" in Jack Hayward (ed.), Leaderless Europe, Oxford University Press, 2008, 15
- Jeffrey Lewis , « National Interest : Coreper » in John Peterson and Michael Shackleton (eds.), The Institutions of the European Union, Oxford University Press, 2002, 272-292
- Morten Egeberg, Guenther F. Schaefer and Jarle Trondal, "EU Committee Governance beyond Intergovernmental and Union Administration", in Morten Egeberg (ed.), Multilevel Union Administration. The Transformation of Executive Politics in Europe, Palgrave Macmillan, 2006, 66-85

- Renaud Dehousse, "Regulation by Networks: The Role of European Agencies", *European Journal of Public Policy* (1997) 240-61

**Tutorial 4** (25<sup>th</sup> October), lectures 5 and 6

Presentations:

*The accountability of the Commission*  
*Is the European Parliament useless?*

Texts to read:

- Goetze, Stefan, and Berthold Rittberger: A matter of habit? The sociological foundations of empowering the European Parliament, *Comparative European Politics*, 2010: 8, Issue 1, p. 37-54

- Simon Hix, *The Political System of the European Union*, Londres, Macmillan, 2000, 74-98.

- *Olivier Costa*, "How to Evaluate the European Parliament and its Members?" in

Renaud Dehousse, Florence Deloche-Gaudez, Sophie Jacquot (eds.), *What is Europe up to?*, Paris: Presses de Sciences Po, 2009, 103

- Simon Hix, "Executive Selection in the European Union: Does the Commission President Investiture Reduce the Democracy Deficit?", *European Integration Online Papers*, 1, 21, 1997, <http://eiop.or.at/eiop/texte/1997-021a.htm>

- Paul Magnette "Appointing and Censuring the European Commission: the Adaptation of Parliamentary Institutions to the Community Context", *European Law Journal*, Vol. 7, No. 3, 2001, pp. 292- 310

**Tutorial 5** (8<sup>th</sup> November), lectures 7 and 8

Presentations:

*The European Court of Justice and European Integration*  
*Compliance with EU law*

Texts to read:

Renaud Dehousse, *The European Court of Justice. The Politics of Judicial Integration*, Macmillan, 1998, chapters 3 and 4

- Simon Hix, *The Political System of the European Union*, Londres, Macmillan, 2000, chapter 4.

-Gerda Flakner et al, "Worlds of compliance: Why leading approaches to the implementation of EU legislation are only "sometimes-true theories". *European Journal of Political Research* Vol. 64 (2007), No. 3, pp. 395-416,

<http://www.ihs.ac.at/publications/pol/2005WorldsOfCompliance.pdf>

- Giandomenico Majone, « European Agencies », in John Peterson and Michael Shackleton (eds.), *The Institutions of the European Union*, Oxford University Press, 2002, 190-209

**Tutorial 6** (22<sup>nd</sup> November), lectures 9 and 10

Presentations:

*The subsidiarity principle in practice*

Texts to read:

Mark A. Pollack, 'The End of Creeping Competence? EU Policy-Making since Maastricht', 38 *JCMS* 2000, 519-38.

- Emiliano Grossman and Sylvain Brouard, “ What are the European Union’s priorities?” in ? Renaud Dehousse, Florence Deloche-Gaudez, Sophie Jacquot (eds.), *What is Europe up to?*, Paris: Presses de Sciences Po, 2009, 1 5
- Pisani-Ferry, Jean, The Debate over the Economic Governance of the Euro Area, *Journal of Common Market Studies* , vol. 44, no.4, 2006, pp. 823-845.
- Pisani-Ferry, Jean “Euro Area Governance. What went wrong? How to repair it?”, Bruegel Policy Contribution 2010-05, 8 June 2010,  
[http://www.bruegel.org/fileadmin/files/admin/publications/policy\\_contributions/2010/1005\\_P C JPF Euro\\_area\\_governance.pdf](http://www.bruegel.org/fileadmin/files/admin/publications/policy_contributions/2010/1005_P C JPF Euro_area_governance.pdf)
- Michael Smith, “The EU as an International Actor”, in J. Richardson (ed.), *European Union. Power and Policy-Making*, London: Routledge, 2001, 283-301

**Tutorial 7** (29<sup>th</sup> November), , lectures 11 and 12

Presentations:

- Is there a democratic deficit in the EU?*
- Public Opinion and European integration*
- What are the obstacles to further integration?*

Texts to read:

- Andrew Moravcsik, "In Defence of the 'Democratic Deficit': Reassessing Legitimacy In the European Union", *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Vol. 40, No. 4, 2002, pp. 603-24
- Stefano Bartolini and Simon Hix, “Politics: the Right or the Wrong Sort of Medicine for the EU?” Notre Europe Policy paper N. 19, 2006, [http://www.notre-europe.eu/uploads/tx\\_publication/Policypaper19-en.pdf](http://www.notre-europe.eu/uploads/tx_publication/Policypaper19-en.pdf)
- Francisco Roa Bastos, « Des "partis politiques au niveau européen" ? Etat des lieux à la veille des élections européennes de juin 2009 », Notre Europe, Mai 2009, <http://www.notre-europe.eu/fr/axes/democratie-en-action/travaux/publication/des-partis-politiques-au-niveau-europeen-etat-des-lieux-a-la-veille-des-elections-europeennes-de/>
- Weiler, J. H. H. (2001), ‘Federalism without Constitutionalism: Europe’s Sonderweg’, in K. Nicolaïdis and R. Howse (eds), *The Federal Vision, Legitimacy and Levels of Governance in the United States and the European Union*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Renaud Dehousse, « Can EU Institutions still be Reformed ? » in J. Roy and Roberto Dominguez (eds.), *Lisbon Fado. The European Union under Reform*, Miami European Union Center; 2009, 91-102
- Paul Magnette and Kalypso Nicolaidis, “The European Convention: Bargaining in the Shadow of Rethorics”, *West European Politics*, 2004, Vol. 27, N.3, 381-404