

The Puzzle of European Politics: Democracy, Markets, and International Relations

Tuesdays 7.00 – 8.50 pm (Room 128, School of Education)
10 sessions: January 6 – March 9, 2004
2 units

SCHEDULE OF MAIN TOPICS AND RECOMMENDED READINGS

January 6

1. Change and continuity in European politics: An overview of major developments and current issues

Reading:

(To be assigned by email)

January 13

2. Politics and culture in Europe: Works of art and fiction as mirrors of social change

Reading:

J.M. Coetzee, Victims (Review of Günter Grass, Crabwalk). The New York Review of Books, June 12, 2003, pp. 24-26

January 20

3. Bridge over troubled waters: The precarious state of transatlantic relations

Reading:

Tony Judt, *Anti-Americans Abroad*, *The New York Review of Books*, May 1, 2003, pp. 24-27

Timothy Garton Ash, *Anti-Europeanism in America*, *The New York Review of Books*, February 13, 2003, pp. 32-34

Thomas L. Friedman, *Longitudes and Attitudes: Exploring the World After September 11*, pp. 178-180 (NYT column of 2/13/2002)

January 27

4. "The presence of the past": History, remembrance, and the political culture of contemporary Europe

Reading:

Jan-Werner Müller, *Memory and Power in Post-War Europe: Studies in the Presence of the Past*, Chapter 7: The past is another country: myth and memory in post-war Europe, pp. 157-183

February 3

5. Representative democracy in Europe: Parties, elections, and parliaments

Reading:

Michael Gallagher et al., *Representative Government in Modern Europe* (Third Edition), Chapter 11: Elections, Electoral Systems, and Referendums, pp. 300-338

February 10

6. Stretching the safety net: Politics, markets and the crisis of the European welfare state

Reading:

Lewis J. Edinger and Brigitte L. Nacos, *From Bonn to Berlin*, Chapter 6: Social Welfare State Under Pressure, pp. 196-235

February 17

7. Contradictions of a *grande nation*: Searching for the old and the new France

Reading:

James F. Hollifield and George Ross, *Searching for the New France*, Introduction: Janus and Marianne, pp. 1-16; and Conclusion: Still Searching for the New France, pp. 275-297

February 24

8. European old and new: Poland and the politics of Central Europe

Reading:

Adam Michnik, *Letters from Freedom: Post-Cold War Realities and Perspectives*, Chapter 25: The Velvet Restoration, pp. 306-315

March 2

9. *E pluribus Europa?* The tension between integrating and expanding the European Union

Reading:

Josep M. Colomer, *Political Institutions in Europe*, Second Edition, Chapter 9: The European Union: Federalism in the Making, pp. 279-307

Joschka Fischer, *From Confederacy to Federation: Thoughts on the Finality of European Integration* (May 12, 2000, speech)

March 9

10. Policies and politics, friends and enemies: Challenges and opportunities in Europe and beyond

Reading:

Susan J. Pharr and Robert D. Putnam, *Disaffected Democracies: What's Troubling the Trilateral Countries?*, Chapter 1: Introduction, pp. 3-27

Charles A. Kupchan, *The End of the American Era*, Chapter 4: The Rise of Europe, pp. 119-159