

European Union Study Tour for College Students: Proposed Structure and Intellectual/Educational Approach (Prepared Summer 2022) Anticipated dates: Summer 2023

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INTRODUCTION: EU, INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES

IEUSS anticipates establishing a three credit, week long study tour in Brussels and Bruges, Belgium as an elective addendum to our already successful Simulation of the European Union first established in 1986 as part of the State University of NY. The next simulation will be held in April 2023 at the SUNY Global Center in Manhattan with the study tour potentially in June 2023. ALL college students are invited to attend both.

Students who join the tour will be expected to participate in online discussions one week before departure, in person seminars during the tour, and be required to submit a formal proposal for consideration by the simulated EU as per the IEUSS Guide to the SUNYMEU and related website (16th edition, 2022): ieuss.buffalostate.edu. The goal is not to supply the answers but to use an inquiry model to guide the students to answering the questions for themselves.

Questions for discussion online and at the in person seminars are based on the following materials (Students will be expected to do additional research in answering and discussing the questions posed):

Buonanno, Laurie, et al., eds. THE IEUSS GIDE TO THE SUNY MODEL EUROPEAN UNION, 16th ed., 2022.

Costa, Olivier, ed. THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN TIMES OF CRISIS: DYNAMICS AND TRANSFORMATION, Palgrave, 2019.

Foret, Francois, et al., eds., EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND EUROPEAN GOVERNANCE: COMMANDING HEIGHTS OF THE EU, Routledge, 2014.

Hanappi, Hary, POLITICAL ECONOMY OF EUROPE: HISTORY, IDEOLOGY AND CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGE, Routledge, 2022.

Nugent, Neil, and Mark Rhinard, THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, 2nd, Palgrave, 2015.

Tyushka, Andriy, et al., eds., EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS EASTERN NEIGHBORHOOD: WHITHER "EASTERN PARTNERSHIP," Routledge, 2022.

A list of questions as follows on EU Institutions and Policies to be used for the online discussions and in present seminars (to be arranged according to proposed itinerary which follow) after opening remarks by discussion/seminar leader:

1. Explain/Summarize the emergence of the EU in the following four periods: 1900-45, 1945-90, 1991-08, 2008-20.
2. Explain changes in the EU as a result of the Treaties of Maastricht, Amsterdam, and Lisbon.
3. Compare/Contrast Economic and Political structures of the EU.
4. What is political economy?
5. Why should the US dollar and the Euro not be united into a common global currency?
6. How does the European Commission sit at the intersection of European administrative and political spaces?

7. To what extent does the European Commission exert significant influence in the EU?

8. Is the European Commission in decline?

9. Explain the European Parliament (supra-national federal model) as the basis of EU legitimacy and the European Council (inter-governmental sovereign state model) as the dominant-key locus of European power?

10. Is there a shift in the balance of power between the Commission and the Council post Lisbon?

11. How has the European Parliament changed the most as an EU institution since the 1950s?

12. How does the European Parliament use the budget power to expand power in policy areas?

13. What is Parliamentary Diplomacy?

14. European Presidency and European Council: Complementary or Competitive?

15. What's left of the rotating presidency? What is the future of national presidencies?

16. Is there a progressive decline of national presidencies as major member states take the lead in crises and the European Council President claims an increasing role in day to day affairs and management?

17. What are the power relationships between the Council Presidency, the High Representative, and the Rotating Presidencies?

18. The Eastern Partnership Framework (especially as it relates to Moldova and Ukraine) as part of the European Neighborhood Policy: arena of geopolitical competition? time for a new framework?

19. What is the relationship between two processes of European integration and state building? What is the impact of the EU beyond enlargement?

20. Is the EU policy helping to tackle problems or fostering turmoil?

Itinerary (TBD):

Day one: Arrival and Orientation

Day two: House of European History

Day three: European Commission and Council

Day four: European Parliament

Day five: Swedish Permanent Representative Office (Sweden holds presidency in first half of 2022) and External Action Service

Day six: Trip to Bruges and College of Europe

Day seven: Wrap up and depart

There will be free time and potential guided visits to additional places in Brussels

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