# Studying the EU from a gender perspective

Course-No.: 366  
**Thursday 16 – 18 / Room 021 IfP**  
First class: October 18, 2007

## Syllabus

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Course Description

Over the course of the last 50 years, the EU has turned into a unique political system. Today, European integration deeply affects the everyday life of citizens in the member states, including gender relations. The ‘women’s question’ was interwoven in the process of European integration from the very beginning. Originally founded on Article 119 in the 1957 EEC Treaty the European Community has developed a rich body of gender equality law since the 1970s, which follows an equal opportunities approach. Today the potentially radical Gender Mainstreaming approach is a guiding principle in the EU. Gender equality is one of the fundamental norms of the Union and Gender Mainstreaming – as a policy tool – has to be applied to all policies. Consequently, some scholars consider the EU to be the most progressive gender regime in the world. This amazing development is so far not sufficiently reflected in the academic debate. While scholars working on European studies have widely neglected the issue of “integrating gender”, academics from the field of gender studies in political science, sociology, law and economics only began to study European integration in the early 1990s.

The course aims to enhance students’ understanding of European integration from a perspective of (interdisciplinary) women’s and gender studies. Major topics are the conceptualization of European integration, the characteristics of the EU policy and of the policy process, the development of EU gender policy and equal opportunity legislation. Selected EU policies such as the Common market, social and employment policy, research and technology, justice and home affairs, migration, foreign and security policy, and development policy will be analyzed applying a Gender Mainstreaming perspective.

Course Requirements

All students are expected to read faithfully and carefully the required reading assignments providing our framework(s) for analysis.

Class format will consist of a mixture of lectures, student presentations and group discussions.

Weekly class attendance is mandatory (up to two unexcused absence) and active participation in class is expected.

For a ‘Leistungsnachweis’, a student presentation in class (Referat plus Thesenpapier) and a 15 page (about 4,500 -5,000 words or 35,000-40,000 characters) research paper (Hausarbeit) are mandatory. For your oral presentation, you have to consult me during office hour at least two weeks before the scheduled date.

For information on “Wie schreibe ich eine Hausarbeit und andere Seminararbeiten?” please consult the following webpage: http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/pol/zit.htm All research papers must include a statement that the paper is a result of your own work and that not other sources have been used as the ones mentioned in your paper. Nevertheless, proof-reading by a third person is allowed and, in fact, recommended.

All those students who want to attend the class and do not require a ‘Leistungsnachweis’ have to serve as discussants, i.e. they have to comment on one of the oral presentation and introduce questions for the group discussion.

Programme

- Politikwissenschaft Lehramt, Abschluss 25, Prüfungsordnung 0 (25129)
- Politikwissenschaft Magister, Abschluss 02, Prüfungsordnung 96 (02129)
- Vergl. Politikforschung Master, Abschluss 88, Prüfungsordnung 0 (88123)
- Mag/LA/Dipl. 23/25/30; MA VPF 3-10; MEUS
Reading assignments

All reading material is available in the library of the Institute for Political Science.

📖 Required reading for all participants
👩‍🏫 Topic for oral presentation
🌍 Texts that can be downloaded from ‘ILIAS’

EU textbooks/introductions


Feminist EU studies/introductions


Useful background documents on the Internet:

European Commission, Annual reports of the European Commission on gender equality contain statistics: Internet:


European Women’s Lobby Gender Equality Road Map for the European Community 2006-2010, Internet: http://www.womenlobby.org/

Gendering theories of European integration


The EU polity and the representation of women

Website “Women in decision-making”, Internet: http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/women_men_stats/index_en.htm


**Gendering the EU policy process**


**From equal treatment to Gender Mainstreaming: Analyzing the gender acquis**


**Expanding the Union: enlargement**


femina politica: Zeitschrift für feministische Politik-Wissenschaft 15:1 (2006), Special issue “Geschlechterpolitik nach der EU-Osterweiterung”.


**The Common Market and economic policy**


**Social and employment policy**


Science, research and technology policy

Abels, Gabriele (draft) Science, research and technology policy: women as subjects and objects of research (unpublished manuscript).

Justice and Home affairs I: Migration and citizenship


Justice and Home affairs II: Violence against women and Sex trafficking

Elman, Amy (draft) More than “Home Affairs”: Domestic Violence, Sex Trafficking and Sexual Politics (unpublished manuscript).


Foreign and Security Policy: Peace-keeping and militarization


Gendering constitutional policy and the EU’s future


