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Economic History of the EU

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5.00 credits	30.0 h	Q1



This learning unit is not open to incoming exchange students!

Teacher(s)	Fontan Clément ;
Language :	English
Place of the course	Bruxelles Saint-Louis
Main themes	This course focuses on the economic history of the EU. It spans from the development of capitalist systems to the early years of the euro area. The course tackles the differentiated development of capitalist systems and welfare states in Europe, attempts and failures of monetary integration and economic cooperation in the interwar period, the post-war growth model, its limits and the crisis years in the 1970s. Moreover, the course analyses the early stages of economic integration in the EEC by focusing on, among others, the CAP and the 1980's market revolution, the deregulation of financial systems and, against this background, the creation of the single market, the single currency and the early years of macroeconomic coordination within the euro area.
Learning outcomes	
Evaluation methods	Open book individual written exam + group exercise (podcast). The use of AI in this class is restricted to language editing. Any generative use of AI for text writing or bibliography construction is strictly prohibited. In case of suspicion of such generative use, teachers may ask questions to students to ensure that they are the primary author of their documents.
	In the event of unjustified absence from the intermediate (podcast) or final assignment (exam), or unjustified absence from the oral presentation, the student will be awarded a final grade of 0A/20 for the course in the first session.
	All work is a personal production. Students are expected to adhere strictly to the rules and good practice of citation, referencing and avoidance of (self-)plagiarism.
	Students are expected to know and understand these rules and practices. Failure to comply with these rules may result in academic and/or disciplinary sanction for plagiarism and/or irregularity, in accordance with the General Study and Examination Regulations.
	The reuse of personal or group work produced as part of another teaching unit requires great caution. Exceptionally, such an approach may be considered, provided that the student requests explicit authorization from the professor or assistant, justifies this "reuse" in the work which, as a whole, must clearly constitute an original contribution to the first work, and scrupulously applies the rules of citation and referencing to any use of this work. Failure to comply with these rules may be considered as self-plagiarism, and as such constitutes an irregularity
Teaching methods	Lectures and participatory exercises (preparation and presentation of a podcast)
Content	This course analyses the historical co-construction of the political and economic spheres in the European Union from the buildup of capitalist and imperialist regimes in the XIXth century to the euro area crisis (2010-2015). The lectures focus upon the foundations of European capitalism and imperialism, the interconnectedness between interwar austerity and fascism, the post war growth model and the 70's crisis, the construction of the Single Market, the adoption of the euro, the first ten years of governance of the Economic and Monetary Union, the 2010-2015 crisis of the eurozone and the reforms linked to it. The ecological catastrophe and the economic aspects related to the rise of far-right wing are two key transversal themes of the class and are tackled under different aspects in the lectures.
Bibliography	All documentary ressources are available on the Moodle of the class
Faculty or entity in charge	IEEB

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes		
Master [120] in EU Studies	EUAB2M	5		٩		
Attestation de réussite : accession au niveau A pour les fonctionnaires fédéraux	ACNA7FC	5		٩		