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## The economic basis of European Integration

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5.00 credits	30.0 h	Q2



## This learning unit is not open to incoming exchange students!

Teacher(s)	Fontan Clément ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Bruxelles Saint-Louis
Learning outcomes	
Evaluation methods	Exams: 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	Organization and sequence of sessions The course comprises two main sequences. The first takes place in person, at the Saint-Louis Brussels site, during the back-to-school seminar. It consists of two lecture sessions and an introduction to group work (podcast). The second sequence takes place remotely over a four-week period. It combines synchronous and asynchronous activities, as well as individual (article reading) and collaborative (podcast preparation) activities. All the necessary resources (commented powerpoint presentations, exercise descriptions and methodological advice, reading portfolio, links to multimedia resources, etc.) are available on the course's Moodle page.
Content	This political economy course focuses on the co-construction of the political and economic spheres in the European Union, from the development of capitalist systems in the 19th century to today's new European programs (Next Gen, Geeen Deal), with particular attention to environmental issues and extreme right-wing movements. The first classes focus on the foundations of European capitalism and imperialism, the interconnection between interwar austerity and fascism, the postwar growth model and the crisis of the 1970s, the construction of the single market, the adoption of the euro, the first ten years of Economic and Monetary Union governance, the eurozone crisis of 2010-2015 and related reforms.  The second part of the course looks at more topical issues, such as the tensions between democratic and financial logics, the digital economy, pandemics, energy markets and global geopolitical tensions.  Recent developments in EU macroeconomic governance will be analyzed through these thematic prisms.  The ecological catastrophe and the rise of the extreme right with which we are confronted are two structuring issues that cut across the entire course, from its historical roots to current challenges.
Bibliography	Aucune
Other infos	None

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Faculty or entity in	IEEB
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Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)							
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes			
Advanced Master in EU Interdisciplinary Studies (shift schedule)	EUHB2MC	5		<b>Q</b>			