

# EUROPEAN IDENTITIES IN A GLOBALIZING WORLD

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## 1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

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The course will discuss concepts of identity, nationalism and sovereignty in Europe. We will analyze historical backgrounds and developments, as well as various theoretical approaches towards identity. Our conversations will be put within a global context. We will read a selection of authors such as Benedict Anderson, Erik Hobsbawm, Dipesh Chakrabarty, Kwame Anthony Appiah, Stephanie Bergbauer, Jeffrey T. Checkel and Peter J. Katzenstein and others.

## 2. COURSE SCHEDULE

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### 02/01/2023: Session I: Introduction

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- Welcome, Syllabus, Format, Assignments
- Overview of European History

Suggested Reading:

- David Edward, "The Moral Case for Europe"

### 02/08/2023: Session II: What is European Identity? Part I

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- What is a nation?
- What is national identity?

Readings:

- Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities* (excerpts)
- Eric Hobsbawm, *Nation and Nationalism*, Ch. 1

Suggested Reading:

- Patrick Geary, *The Myth of Nations: The Medieval Origins of Europe*, p. 1-62

## **02/15/2023: Session III: What is European Identity? Part II**

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- What is Western culture?
- How can we define Europe?

Readings:

- Samuel Huntington, “The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order”
- Kwame Anthony Appiah, “There is No Such Thing as Western Culture”
- John McCormick, *European Union Politics*, Chapter 3: Who are the Europeans?

## **02/22/2023: Session IV: Europe and the European Union**

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- What are core principles of the European Union?
- How do these principles align with European Identity?

Assignment Due:

- **Response Paper “What Is Europe”, Monday 02/27, by 8 PM Pacific Time**

Readings:

- Richard Count of Coudenhove-Kalergi, “The Pan-European Outlook”
- Immanuel Kant, “Toward Perpetual Peace”
- Simon Hix & Bjørn Høyland, *The Political System of the EU*, Ch. 1: Introduction: Explaining the EU Political System

## **03/01/2023: Session V: Nationalism vs Internationalism**

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- How are nationalist perspectives contained - or not - within a supranational and internationalist framework?
- How does EU membership shape national identities?

Readings:

- Stephen D. Krasner, “Sovereignty”
- Timothy Garton Ash, “Is Britain European?”
- Stephanie Bergbauer, *Explaining European Identity Formation*, Chapter 2: Conceptualising European Identification and Mechanisms of European Identity Formation

## **03/08/2023: Session VI: New vs Old Identities, Part I**

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- How does integration happen?
- What are further core principles of the European Union?

Readings:

- Cooper, *Integration and Disintegration*

- Stephanie Bergbauer, *Explaining European Identity Formation*, Chapter 4: The Development of Citizens' Identification with Europe from Maastricht to the Crisis
- Simon Hix & Bjørn Høyland, *The Political System of the EU*, Ch. 5: Public Opinion

### 03/15/2023: Session VII: New vs Old Identities, Part II

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- Is a European (or even global) "public" possible? What challenges exist?

Readings:

- John McCormick, *European Union Politics*, Chapter 18: Public Opinion
- Fareed Zakaria, "The Rise of Illiberal Democracy"

### 03/22/2023: Session VIII: Europe in the World

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- How is European identity situated within a global framework?
- What role does European history - especially colonialism - shape its role in the world?
- How is Europe seen around the world?

Readings:

- Carola Dietze, "Forum - Provincializing Europe"
- Francis Fukuyama, "The End of History"

### 03/29/2023: Session IX: Student Presentation, Session I

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- **Assignment 2: Research Presentation, Due March 29**

### 04/05/2023: Session X: Student Presentation, Session II + Conclusion

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- **Presentations ctd.**

## 3. ASSIGNMENTS

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- Assignment 1: Response Paper "What Is Europe", Due February 27. 2 page, 10 points
- Assignment 2: Research Presentation, Due March 29. 10 points

## 4. BIBLIOGRAPHY

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