

Old Europe, New Europe, Non Europe Re-shaping the European Union at the beginning of the 21st century

ECTS Credits: 7.5

Course duration: August 4 - August 21

Tuition fee: No tuition fee

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Course Description:

After the latest wave of its enlargement, in 2007, the EU was faced not only with internal problems in the old member states, as reflected in the negative vote of French and Dutch voters, but also with the challenge of integrating and adapting to the new member states. Such states, in particular the former members of the communist bloc, remain for most a relatively unknown quantity. One of the aims of this course is to familiarize the students with the history, politics, and culture of the new member states of the European Union.

At the same time, the planned expansion of the EU in the coming years also raises numerous questions, not in the least about the readiness of these potential future members to fit into the general framework and value system of the Union. The other aim of the course is to analyse the new neighbours of the European Union, seen in the context of regional politics (e.g. EU's enlargement) and to stimulate students to critically engage the prospects of the EU in the 21st century.

The course will thus explore in a comparative manner the history and politics of some of the new members of the European Union (Poland, Czech Republic, Romania) as well as some of the states bordering this new Europe (the successor states of Yugoslavia, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Turkey). Simultaneously the course will be raising the more general question: How can we draw the borders of Europe? What does this say about how the EU defines itself in the 21st century? Where does Old Europe stop and the New Europe begin? How can Non Europe be defined?

Course Literature:

Anamaria Dutceac Segesten and Andreas Önnarfors (2007). *Negotiating Europe: Foundations, Dynamics, Challenges*. Lund: Lund University. (available via the Center for European Studies, Lund University <http://www.cfe.lu.se/>; niklas.bernsand@slav.lu.se)

More titles to be announced

Grading: Grades will be given according to the ECTS-grading scale

Background Literature:

To be announced

Schedule:

To be announced