

## **European Integration: Mechanisms, Implications, and Perspectives**

Paris, 5/6/8/9 July 2010

**16 contact hours / 2 ECTS credits**

The course introduces the political economy of European integration, decision-making, and the functioning of different European policies and addresses the political, social and economic consequences for the member states. An analysis of external economic policies and Europe's role in the global financial crises as well as other current issues e.g. energy, environmental policy and finally a discussion of future developments will complete the overview of European integration.

### **Course Schedule**

**Monday, 5 July (9:00 – 10:30, 11:00 – 12:30)**

Introduction: The state of European integration in a political and economic perspective

**Tuesday, 6 July (9:00 – 10:30, 11:00 – 12:30)**

The Single Market – Achievements, Problems and Future Developments

**Thursday, 8 July (9:00 – 10:30, 11:00 – 12:30)**

External Economic Policy and Europe's role in the global financial crisis

**Friday, 9 July (9:00 – 10:30, 11:00 – 12:30)**

Future Challenges and Prospects of European Integration

### **Learning Objectives**

Students will learn to understand the functioning of decision-making in the European Union, the political economy of European integration and the international role of the EU. By the end of the course they will be able to compare the strengths and weaknesses of this particular form of economic policy-making and to discuss possible future developments of the integration process.

### **Prerequisites**

Students are not expected to have a background in European studies. It is helpful to know macroeconomic basics. Students should be willing to discuss in class and during the meetings with experts in Brussels.

### **Course Design**

Lectures and presentations by students with discussion.

### **Course Assessment**

Final grades will be based on active participation in class and during the excursion (40%) and an oral presentation or a take home paper (60%). Class attendance is required.