



Code: GSPS-04/B

Credits: 8 (L-36)-9 (LM-52)

Subject: History of European Integration

Main language of instruction: Italian

Other language of instruction: English

Teaching Staff

Head instructor

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Prerequisites

Basic knowledge of Contemporary History and History of International Relations.

Objectives

The course in History of European Integration aims at providing students with a basic knowledge of the main stages that have marked the evolution of the institutional, political, economic and cultural process of building community dynamics.

Competencies:

The course will be divided into lectures dedicated to the examination of some of the most significant aspects related to this process, such as: the contemporary origins of the idea of a united Europe; the pioneering phase of the European integration process; the ECSC and the EEC; the process of European integration in the 1960s and 1970s; the Single European Act; the Maastricht Treaty and the birth of the European Union; the Lisbon Treaty and the new European scenarios.

Syllabus

Programme:

Modules 1–4

- Course Introduction: structure, content, and methodological notes.
- Contemporary Origins of the Idea of a United Europe:
 - The origins of Italian Europeanism.
 - Italian Europeanism in the early 20th century.
 - Continental projects between the 19th and early 20th centuries.
- The Pioneering Phase of European Integration:
 - The United States, the Cold War, and European integration.



- The birth of the OEEC and the Council of Europe.
- Italy and the construction of Europe.
- European Integration in the 1950s:
 - From the Schuman Declaration to the ECSC.
 - The failure of the EDC and the creation of the WEU.
 - The Treaties of Rome.
- European Integration in the 1960s:
 - Implementation of the Common Market.
 - De Gaulle's France and the construction of Europe.
 - Italy's role in Community policies.
- European Integration in the 1970s:
 - The Hague Summit and its consequences.
 - The enlargement of the EEC.
 - The EMS (European Monetary System) and the direct election of the European Parliament.
- The United States and the Construction of Europe:
 - From Truman to Eisenhower.
 - From Kennedy to Nixon.
 - A change of course: the Carter presidency.

Modules 5-9

- Review of Key Historical Milestones.
- Towards the European Union:
 - Further enlargement.
 - The Draft Treaty establishing the European Union.
 - The Single European Act.
- The 1980s and the Achievement of the Internal Market:
 - Towards a Single Market.
 - The Italian contribution to the integration process.
 - The Fall of the Berlin Wall and European integration.
- From the EEC to the EU:
 - The single currency.
 - The Maastricht Treaty.
 - The role of Eastern European countries.
- The Construction of Europe at the Threshold of the New Millennium:
 - From the Treaty of Amsterdam to the Treaty of Nice.
 - The failure of the European Constitution.
 - The Treaty of Lisbon.
- Towards New European Scenarios:
 - Between new enlargements and unresolved issues.
 - The role of European Union institutions.

- Brexit.

Evaluation system and criteria

Lectures of History of European Integration are held in Italian (English only under request). Erasmus+ students may however take the oral examination in English. The examination programme, which involves the use of texts available in the university library, must be agreed directly with the Professor through a student reception (online or in person). Erasmus+ students are advised to make contact with the Professor by email before embarking on the study of the subject.

Bibliography and resources

1. Materials to consult:

For students intending to take the exam in Italian, the reference materials are available in the respective course folders uploaded to the platform. All teaching materials have been prepared by Prof. Berardi.

2. Recommended bibliography:

Berardi S., *The European policy of the Italian Republican Party. From the origins of the Cold War to the ratification of the North Atlantic Treaty* (La Sapienza 2018).

Bideleux R., Jeffries I., *A history of Eastern Europe. Crisis and change* (Routledge 1998).

Briggs A., Clavin P., *Modern Europe, 1789-present* (Longman 2003).

Kaiser W., Varsori A. (eds.), *European Union history. Themes and debates* (Palgrave Macmillan 2010).

Van Meurs W. et al. (eds.), *The Unfinished history of European integration* (AUP 2018).

Welsh J.M., *The return of history. Conflict, migration, and geopolitics in the Twenty-First century* (Anansi 2016).

Westad, O.A., *The cold war. A world history* (Allen Lane 2017).

Williams A.J., Hadfield A., Rofe J.S., *International history and international relations* (Routledge 2012).