



Code: GSPS-04/B

Credits: 9

Subject: History of European Political Cooperation

Main language of instruction: Italian

Other language of instruction: English

Teaching Staff

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Prerequisites

Basic knowledge of Contemporary History, History of International Relations, and History of European Integration.

Objectives

The course in History of European Political Cooperation aims to provide students with a basic knowledge of the main stages that marked the evolution of the institutional, political, economic and cultural process of European political cooperation in the 20th century.

Competencies:

The course will be divided into lectures dedicated to the examination of some of the most significant aspects related to this process, including the origins of European political cooperation in the twentieth century; Italian political parties and European political cooperation after World War II; Italy in European political cooperation; the role of women in European political cooperation; European political cooperation and the Catalan question; European Right and Euroscepticism; the United Kingdom and European political cooperation (monographic section).

Syllabus

Programme:

Modules 1-5

- Course Introduction: structure, content, and methodological notes.
- The Origins of 20th-Century European Political Cooperation:
 - Germany at the end of the Great War.
 - The weakness of the League of Nations.
 - Francesco Saverio Nitti's assessment of Europe.

- Italian Political Parties and European Political Cooperation after the Second World War:
 - *Azionisti*, Republicans, and Liberals.
 - Christian Democrats, "technocrats", and the MSI (*missini*).
 - The Europe of the Left.
- Italy in European Political Cooperation:
 - Cesare Merzagora: between Europeanism and Atlanticism.
 - De Gasperi's interpretation of Europe.
 - Italy and European political cooperation during the Cold War.
- The Role of Women in European Political Cooperation:
 - The example of Mary Tibaldi Chiesa.
 - Between Europe and the United Nations.
 - Advocating for European federation.
- European Political Cooperation and the Catalan Question:
 - Spadolini's historical analysis of Catalonia.
 - Spadolini and Catalan political autonomy.
- The European Right:
 - European Right-wing parties and Euroscepticism: a brief analysis from 1979 to 2014.

Modules 6-9

- Review of Key Historical Milestones.
- The United Kingdom and European Political Cooperation (Specialist Section):
 - A commercial power at the dawn of the 20th century.
 - The United Kingdom in the Great War.
 - The United Kingdom in the 1920s.
 - Baldwin, the 1929 Crash, and the recovery.
 - The policy of appeasement.
 - Churchill in power.
 - Attlee's Britain.
 - The return of Churchill, Suez, and attempts at European integration.
 - The United Kingdom and the EEC.
 - Thatcher's Europe.
 - Blair and New Labour.
 - Brexit.

Evaluation system and criteria

Lectures of History of European Political Cooperation 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).