The Puzzle of European Politics: Democracy, Markets, and International Relations

Tuesdays 7.00 – 8.50 pm (Room 128, School of Education)
10 sessions: January 6 – March 9, 2004
2 units

SCHEDULE OF MAIN TOPICS AND RECOMMENDED READINGS

January 6

1. Change and continuity in European politics: An overview of major developments and current issues

Reading:
(To be assigned by email)

January 13

2. Politics and culture in Europe: Works of art and fiction as mirrors of social change

Reading:

January 20

3. Bridge over troubled waters: The precarious state of transatlantic relations

Reading:


January 27

4. “The presence of the past”: History, remembrance, and the political culture of contemporary Europe

Reading:

Jan-Werner Müller, Memory and Power in Post-War Europe: Studies in the Presence of the Past, Chapter 7: The past is another country: myth and memory in post-war Europe, pp. 157-183

February 3

5. Representative democracy in Europe: Parties, elections, and parliaments

Reading:


February 10

6. Stretching the safety net: Politics, markets and the crisis of the European welfare state

Reading:

Lewis J. Edinger and Brigitte L. Nacos, From Bonn to Berlin, Chapter 6: Social Welfare State Under Pressure, pp. 196-235

February 17
7. Contradictions of a *grande nation*: Searching for the old and the new France

Reading:


February 24

8. European old and new: Poland and the politics of Central Europe

Reading:

Adam Michnik, Letters from Freedom: Post-Cold War Realities and Perspectives, Chapter 25: The Velvet Restoration, pp. 306-315

March 2

9. *E pluribus Europa*? The tension between integrating and expanding the European Union

Reading:


Joschka Fischer, From Confederacy to Federation: Thoughts on the Finality of European Integration (May 12, 2000, speech)

March 9

10. Policies and politics, friends and enemies: Challenges and opportunities in Europe and beyond

Reading:

Susan J. Pharr and Robert D. Putnam, Disaffected Democracies: What’s Troubling the Trilateral Countries?, Chapter 1: Introduction, pp. 3-27

Charles A. Kupchan, The End of the American Era, Chapter 4: The Rise of Europe, pp. 119-159