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Theory and Politics of European Integration

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1 Introduction

This course is about using economics to understand the history and developments of the EU since the post 1945 World Economy up to today. The course is in English and meetings are scheduled every fortnight.

1.1. Course objective

This course will focus on different stages of the European economic and political integration. The main focus of the course is the economic analysis, applying both micro- and macroeconomic tools, of policies to understand the European integration process. We cover a broad range of topics, including European history, the effects of trade liberalization on consumers and producers, competition policy, economic growth, monetary and fiscal policy in Europe and optimum currency areas. It will also touch some recent developments in the international policy agenda like sovereign debt crises, Brexit and the euro crisis.

1.2. Grading

To get the grade, you have to pass a final exam. Completing successfully the course, you get awarded 6 ECTS points.

1.3. Course text

The core text is R. Baldwin and C. Wyplosz, *The Economics of European Integration* (5th edition; McGraw Hill, 2015).

2 Course outline

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- 30.10.2023   Lecture 1 – History of European Integration

- 6.11.2023   Lecture 2 – European Institutions and Decision
                Making

- 13.11.2023   Lecture 3 – Microeconomics of Trade and Tariffs
                and Preferential Trade Liberalization

- 27.11.2023   Lecture 4 – Market Size and Scale Effects Trade
                and Competition Policies

- 11.12.2023   Lecture 5 – Economic Growth and Capital Market
                Integration

- 15.01.2024   Lecture 6 – Migration and Labor Markets

- 29.01.2024   Lecture 7 – Optimum Currency Area Theory and
                the European Monetary Union (EMU)

- 12.02.2024   Lecture 8 – The EURO crisis