

EURO 7050 Methodology for Political Research (0,2,0)

The course aims at teaching students to formalize their independent study project. It introduces to the different techniques available for field-work in political science, to the different approaches in comparative politics and international relations, and to think critically about the relation between fact-finding and theory building, between data collection and interpretation. Students are expected to present a written proposal for their Dissertation or Project at the end of the class.

EURO 7060 Politics and Public Policy in China/Hong Kong (3,3,0)

Throughout the course we will be focusing on questions such as: In what ways have post-Mao reforms reshaped political rhetoric and rules of game in China? What can we learn about policy making and policy implementation by studying China as a case? In what ways globalization may affect governance in China? What are the consequences of Hong Kong's unique political situation? To what extent is policy in the SAR determined by (1) the weight of the past and (2) factors at the national level? Where does the real power in Hong Kong lie?

EURO 7070 Politics of Industrial Relations and Welfare Systems in Europe and China (3,3,0)

Industrial relations are a central part of political economy in both Europe and China. Europe is the birthplace of the industrial revolution, modern labour movements, and the welfare state, while China is undergoing a fundamental socioeconomic transformation that restructures its industrial relations and welfare regime. This course examines how politics, ideology, and institutions shape industrial relations and welfare systems in both Europe and China and explores theoretical and conceptual issues such as state-labour relations, class formation, citizenship, social rights, interest representation and intermediation, etc., in two different social and political contexts.

EURO 7080 East-Central Europe and EU Enlargement (3,3,0)

With the accession of ten new member states in mid-2004, the European Union embraces 25 countries, and its area of competence has widened to include monetary policy, security, as well as justice and home affairs. For the EU and the member states, enlargement provides significant opportunities and challenges. The course examines the historical and theoretical aspects of the enlargement debate. It considers the costs and benefits of enlargement and then looks analytically at the EU's capacity for institutional change and policy reform. It intends to explain how enlargement affects the future of the regional order in Europe.

EURO 7090 European and Chinese Identities: Comparative Perspectives (3,3,0)

The course will investigate the genesis of contemporary "European identity" as opposed to earlier concepts of "nationality" and "nation-building", and the tensions which exist between the political unification project of European transnational elites and lasting notions of narrowly defined national identities. Comparative references to the ongoing debate about Chinese perceptions of national identity will be drawn throughout. The course will also deal with methodological approaches to and outcomes of the systematic measuring of current European public opinion and their possible impact both on Europeans and Non-Europeans, who deal professionally with European partners.

EURO 7100 Case Studies in Language and Cultural Policy (3,3,0)

The importance of language and culture is no more to be demonstrated as regards the development and unity of a nation. Each country has to ensure the role and status of its national language(s). However, as far as the training of qualified professionals is concerned, foreign language-culture education is gaining more and more importance with the increasing need of communication and interaction at different levels.

At the same time, most of the nations in Europe as well as in Asia, have to face multilingual and multicultural diversity, due to the presence of permanent and/or immigrant minorities.

Country case studies—among which the PRC and Hong Kong will always be included—will be used in order to illustrate the choices by decision-makers in view of implementation in the educational network at the national as well as international level through their representative institutions abroad.

The course will highlight the various concerns—educational, economic, social and political—to be found in the field of language and cultural policy.

EURO 7110 Case Studies in EU-China Economic and Trade Relations (3,3,0)

With 380 million consumers and 20 per cent of global GDP, the European Union is one of the major markets for Chinese companies and also the source of substantial inward foreign direct investment. Local Chinese and local foreign or multinational businesses in Hong Kong handle a considerable share of imports/exports between China and the EU.

This course will analyse the development of European-Chinese economic and trade relations since 1978, with particular emphasis on Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta. It will address EU and national regulations governing investment in and export to the European Union as well as the prevailing business climate in Europe, as far as local enterprises are affected. It will also investigate the parameters for European business practice in Southern China and Hong Kong.

The main focus will be on case studies of selected enterprises and the support activities of European Chambers of Commerce and/or Trade Commissions in Hong Kong and Guangdong. To this end, seminar sessions will alternate with presentations by guest speakers from such institutions or companies. On site visits in the Pearl River Delta region will also be organized.

EURO 7120 Dissertation/Project (6,*,*)

The Dissertation is an essential component of the programme, as reflected in the assessment. It is intended to enhance the students' capacity to construct a topic for research, to make use of the literature and methodologies of Social Sciences, to collect data and to develop analytical reasoning. For this reason, the taught courses devote a large part to theory building and methodologies for empirical investigation. Dissertations should be 15,000 to 20,000 words long, and may be written in English, French or German. They are prepared under the supervision of a member of academic staff. Students must prepare a written proposal and obtain approval for their course by the end of Semester 2. The Dissertation is then written in Semesters 3 and 4. Students defend their dissertation in front of a jury at the end of Year II.

Alternatively, students may write a Project which will be more professionally oriented. It will be less-demanding regarding theory, and aimed at developing the students' ability to diagnosis and problem-solving in practical situations. The Project will usually rely on the professional experience of students, and take the form of a case study. It will develop alternative propositions for action regarding the problem considered. Its length will be 10,000 to 15,000 words and may be written in English, French or German. They are prepared under the supervision of a member of academic staff. Students must prepare a written proposal and obtain approval for their course by the end of Semester 2. The Project is then written in Semesters 3 and 4. Students defend their project in front of a jury at the end of Year II.

EURO 7130 Study Abroad Course I (3,*,*)

For students opting and eligible for study abroad, this course is selected in the host institution according to their concentration and research orientation.

EURO 7140 Study Abroad Course II (3,*,*)

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