

**EURO 4898-9 Honours Project (European Studies) (6,\*,\*) (tbc)**

Prerequisite: Year IV Standing in the European Studies major  
The Honours Project is an independent academic research project about a topic chosen and produced individually by the student under the supervision of a member of staff. The topic should fall within the general area of social sciences, with an emphasis on Europe and/or the geographic areas covered in the European Studies programme.

**EURO 7010 European Integration and European Governance (3,3,0)**

The course covers both European comparative politics and European integration. It presents the main features of political institutions and political sociology of European countries. It examines the causes and historical evolution of European unification and then looks analytically at the institutions and the policies of the Union, assessing their effectiveness and investigating their implications for the rest of the world. It also provides a critical review of the main theoretical contributions to the debate on European integration, and explores the prospects for eastwards enlargement in the post-Communist period and the future directions that the EU may take.

**EURO 7020 Topics in Political Economy: Europe and China (3,3,0)**

This course focuses on the core approaches to comparative political economy and looks comparatively at the changing relations between (1) capital and labour, (2) states and markets, and (3) governments and the economy in Europe and China respectively. It introduces students to the relationship between the political and economic underpinnings of functioning markets, and to provide students with a general understanding of the institutions, states, and personalities that historically and currently have shaped the trajectories of European and Chinese economic reforms. This course also focuses on developments at both the regional and the global levels which are re-shaping the EU and China, and the related diversity in economic and social performance respectively.

**EURO 7030 Europe and China in the International System: Political and Economic Relations (3,3,0)**

This course covers the historical perspectives as well as the current state of relationship between Europe and China, including political, economic and social-cultural dimensions. It enables students to understand the Chinese perceptions of Europe and the European perceptions of China. Since World War II and until the end of Cold War, Sino-European relations have undergone several major changes which are functions of the changes in the strategic triangle between China, the United States and the Soviet Union. After the opening up of China and the end of the Cold War, Sino-European relations have become a strong pillar in Chinese foreign policy in an attempt to counterbalance the dominance of the superpower, the United States. This course examines the role of Europe in Chinese foreign policy, the significance of the European economy for the Chinese modernization, and the uniqueness of China in the foreign policies of the EU and European countries.

**EURO 7040 European and Chinese Legal Issues (3,3,0)**

One often hear that one of the most important obstacle when making business with China's "socialist market economy" is a widespread misconception of law to the benefit of informal relations (so called *guanxi*) including illegal practices, a disorder legal system and a general lack of the rule of law. Without mentioning that most of Chinese trade-related laws are still incompatible with WTO rules. Conversely, Chinese partners with Europe usually consider that laws and regulations are there too numerous, extremely binding, complicated (the key principle is that a national court or tribunal must interpret domestic law in accordance with European law) and remain protectionists. Chinese and European legal institutions appear to be so disparate that comparing them may seem really innovative but actually, it is truly impossible to engage in Euro-China relations without having

a grasp of fundamental and up-to-date knowledge of legal issues of both sides.

**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).