Overview: This graduate seminar is open only to Ph.D. graduate students. In bridging the two fields of comparative and international politics, the seminar is designed to develop our understanding of the politics of European integration and to provide an opportunity for original research. Introductory sessions will examine the origins and development of the EC/EU and will review theories of integration. We will then investigate the functioning of both institutions and actors in the building of “an ever closer” European Union. The challenges inherent in the process of creating a supranational political regime will be examined through analysis of conflict and consensus among the member states, as well as the impact of national politics on the functioning of supranational institutions.

Seminar Requirements
All participants will be active participants in seminar discussions via oral presentations and commentary on current works. Each student will present orally a project plan (Weeks 2-3) and a final oral report (Weeks 8-10). Written work will involve the submission of a 20 page research paper on 7 December 2011.

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Suggested READINGS:
William Chandler, ed., The Politics of European Integration, Fall 2011. (Coursepack)

WEEK 1: Origins, Development and Theories
Preliminary Question: What kind of political system is the EU? Competing theories of integration, federalism, decision-making, institutions?

Readings:
Hix and Høyland, 1 Introduction.


**WEEKS 2-3**

**Institutions and Actors,**

EU Governance and the Politics of Institutional Reform / Political Forces in the EU: Parties, Euroscepticism and Europeanization / National Interests vs. Supranationality

Readings:

- Hix and Hoyland, Chapters 2-4
- *Economist*, “The Future’s Lisbon”, CP
- William Chandler, “Evolving Franco-German Relations”, in CP

Optional:

- Dinan, *Ever Closer Union*, Chapters 1-4, Chapters 7-11
- Ginsberg, *Demystifying the European Union*, pp. 101-123, Chapters 4-5

**Dynamics of Enlargement and Enlargement Impacts?**

Hix and Hoyland, Chapters 5-7.

David Gardner, “Eyes on a higher prize: Turkey…” FT 10 June 2011.

Optional:


**WEEK 3-4: Seminar Research proposals: Presentation and Discussion**

**WEEKS 5-7**
Integration Challenges: Conflict and Consensus in EU Politics
A) Research on Economic Challenges (including consideration of Single Market, European Monetary Union, Agriculture, Competition …)

Economic Union: Common Market to Single Currency

Hix and Høyland, Chapters 8-10.
Economist, “The monetary-policy maze”, April 2009 in CP.

The Eurozone in Crisis?

Hix and Høyland, Chapter 10.
NYT, November 29, 2010, Splits in Euro Zone Emerge Amid Debt Crisis, By STEPHEN CASTLE
NYT, November 30, 2010, Europe Examines Ways to Quell Its Debt Crisis, By LANDON THOMAS Jr.

Agriculture: CAP
Hix and Høyland, Chapter 9

Optional:
Ginsberg, Demystifying the European Union, pp. 221-33.
Chang, Monetary Integration (Palgrave, 2009)
Dinan, Chapters 12, 15, and pp. 387-433

Justice and Home Affairs Challenges: Migration, Borders, and
Integration

Hix and Høyland, Chapter 11.
Barber, “Tensions Unveiled, Immigration...”, Financial Times, 16 Nov. 2010, CP.

External Relations: Nation-State Power and Autonomy vs. a Common Foreign and Security Policy: the EU’s Scope and Capacity?

The Big Three: France, Germany, Britain: Why not a Directoire?
The Changing Nature of the Special Franco-German Relationship
Small States: Role and Influence?

Hix and Høyland, Chapter 12

William Chandler, “Evolving Franco-German Relations”, in CP (review),

James Blitz and Anna Fifield, “NATO’s internal strains worsen over Libya”, FT, 16 June 2011.
Ginsberg, Demystifying the European Union, Chapters.7, 9.

WEEKS 8-10: Research reports. Analysis of Theories and Findings

Review of themes and readings,
Reserve Readings 120H and 244A:

William Chandler, ed., *The Politics of European Integration, Fall 2011*. This Coursepack is available only through University Readers (www.universityreaders.com).

Ginsberg, Roy, *Demystifying the European Union 2nd ed.* (Roman and Littlefield, 2010)
Chang, Michelle, *Monetary Integration* (Macmillan/Palgrave, 2009)
Bulmer, Jeffery and Paterson, *Germany’s European Diplomacy* (Manchester UP, 2000)
Hooghe, Liesbet and Gary Marks, *Multi-Level Governance and European Integration* (Roman and Littlefield, 2001)
Zeffer, Eleanor and E. Pirro, eds., *The European Union and Member States* (NY: L. Rienner)

Nugent, Neill *European Union Enlargement 7th* (Palgrave, 2010)
Rosamond, Ben, *Theories of European Integration* (St Martins press/ Palgrave, 2000)