

## Introduction to European Economic Integration

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### Foundation, Cornerstone or Misery of an “Ever Closer Union”?

European economic integration touches our everyday-life in many ways. The single market enables us to buy and sell products and services all across the European Union (EU), the Euro obviated the need to exchange national currencies in the 19 states of the Eurozone, and the instruments of European Economic Governance make regular headlines not only in times of crisis.

Understanding drivers of economic integration, the relevant actors in the multi-level system of the EU, and finding theoretical frames for analysis, however, can be difficult. Therefore, this course covers the theory, system, institutions, and effects of European Economic Integration on an introductory level.

The students are introduced to the Economic and Monetary Union, mechanisms and institutions of economic governance, and the Single Market. On the foundation of European integration theory and with the toolset of political economy, different aspects will be discussed.

Additionally, small case-studies and a hands-on approach to assessing contemporary challenges of European economic integration will enable the students to a deepened understanding and critical thinking.

Fundamentals	Yellow
In-depth Analysis	Blue
Case-Studies	Green

01.04.2019	Introduction: <b>European Economic Integration</b>	Yellow
08.04.2019	<b>The Economic and Monetary Union of the European Union</b>	Yellow
15.04.2019	<b>Economic Governance in the European Union</b>	Yellow
22.04.2019	Easter Monday	Black
29.04.2019	<b>The Single Market</b>	Yellow
06.05.2019	<b>Theories of Economic Policies</b>	Blue
13.05.2019	<b>Vestager, Competition, and Regulation</b>	Blue
20.05.2019	<b>Case Studies – Policy Recommendation(s)</b>	Green
27.05.2019	<b>Eurozone – an Optimum Currency Area?</b>	Blue
03.06.2019	<b>Financial Crisis: Theoretical Frameworks</b>	Blue
10.06.2019	Pentecost	Black
17.06.2019	<b>SGP/TSCG/Fiscal Compact – Differentiated Integration at work?</b>	Green
24.06.2019	<b>Legitimacy, Efficiency, Necessity – ECB’s Actions during the Crisis</b>	Green
01.07.2019	<b>EFTA, EEC, Customs Union – of to new shores after Brexit?</b>	Blue
08.07.2019	<b>Case Study Wrap up / Perspectives</b>	Blue