

## Cologne Global Study Program – Contemporary European Studies 2019/2020

### Course Outline

Title: **The institutions of the European Union**

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Time and place: Wed 4 – 5.30 p.m., in room S24 (Seminargebäude)

Winter semester 2019/2020

| No. | Date        | Topic   | Reading  |
|-----|-------------|---|--|
| 1   | 9 Oct 2019  | Introduction  |  |
| 2   | 16 Oct 2019 | Principles of Representation                                  | Birch, Anthony Herald (1971): Key Concepts of Political Science, Palgrave Macmillan, p. 13-19 (Chapter 1). |
| 3   | 23 Oct 2019 | Introduction to the EU  | Cini / Pérez-Solórzano Barragán (2019): Chapter 2  |
| 4   | 30 Oct 2019 | EU institutions: The European Commission                      | Cini / Pérez-Solórzano Barragán (2019): Chapter 10   |
| 5   | 6 Nov 2019  | EU institutions: The Council of Minister                      | Dermot / Peterson (2017): Chapter 4  |
| 6   | 13 Nov 2019 | EU institutions: The European Council                         | Dermot / Peterson (2017): Chapter 3  |
| 7   | 20 Nov 2019 | EU institutions: The European Parliament                      | Cini / Pérez-Solórzano Barragán (2019): Chapter 12   |
|     | 27 Nov 2019 | NO CLASS  |  |
| 8   | 4 Dec 2019  | Citizens and Public Opinion in the EU                         | Cini / Pérez-Solórzano Barragán (2019): Chapter 15   |
| 9   | 11 Dec 2019 | The democratic deficit of the EU                              | Cini / Pérez-Solórzano Barragán (2019): Chapter 9  |
| 10  | 18 Dec 2019 | Academic writing: The essay ( <i>participation optional</i> ) |  |
|     |             | <i>Christmas break</i>  |  |
| 11  | 8 Jan 2020  | Case study: EU research policy                                | To be announced  |
| 12  | 15 Jan 2020 | Case study: EU research policy                                | To be announced  |
|     | 22 Jan 2020 | <i>No class!</i>  |  |

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| 13 | 24 Jan 2020<br>(Friday) | <i>Excursion to Bonn!</i> |  |
| 14 | 28 Jan 2020             | Final session             |  |
|    | 31 Jan 2020             | <i>CGSP exam</i>          |  |

**Deadline for the essay:** 18 January 2019

**Core literature:**

Cini, Michelle und Pérez-Solórzano-Borragán, Nieves (eds.) (2019) *European Union Politics*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Peterson, John and Hodson, Dermot (eds.) (2017) *The Institutions of the European Union*, 4th ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press.