

Intensive Graduate course in European Studies

EURO8003: The European Union: Regional Integration in Comparative Perspective



Dates: April 16, 17 & 22, 23, 24

Location: The National Europe Centre, 1 Liversidge St, ANU

This Master's level course addresses issues relating to the challenges and implication of European integration. Since the end of the Second World War, the sub-continent of Europe has experienced sustained and expanding degrees of supranational integration in the fields of law, economics and politics. Some analysts see in this process a model for regional integration the world over; others argue that the EU is unique and that this pattern of integration cannot – and should not – be repeated elsewhere.

This course will critically examine European integration from historical, applied and theoretical perspectives. By examining case-studies in the fields of law and regulation, human rights, trade and the environment, common policing and security policy and immigration, students will gain interdisciplinary insights to the process of regional integration and thus be equipped to make comparative analysis, engaging with questions such as:

- Can the European model of integration help us predict the possibility of and paths towards integration in other parts of the world, such as Asia?
- What are the external implications of European regionalism?
- Is regional integration effective and desirable?
- How integrated, by comparison, are federal entities such as Australia?

This interdisciplinary course will appeal to students of international relations, European politics, comparative law, sociology and public policy. It will be taught in an intensive format over five days (with a break for the weekend). Delivery will include lectures, seminars, and discussion groups and will offer students exposure to a range of academics and practitioners. Throughout the course students will work on short research projects and be required to make a presentation on the final day of the course. Assessment for the course comprises a 1000 word briefing paper (due mid May) and a 4000 word research paper (due mid June).

The course is available as an elective within the following programs: Liberal Arts, International Affairs, International Law, and Graduate Studies Select.

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