



Access to online lectures in the course Economic policies of the EU

Purpose

The EUTOPIA Learning Community “Europe in the World” offers students from partner Universities the possibility to access live online lectures in the course Economic policies of the EU, delivered by the School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana.¹ Students will not be enrolled in the course and will not have access to course materials through the course LMS,² but will be able to listen to and interact with the lecturers and other students.

About the course

The main objective of the course is to broaden and deepen the knowledge about economic policies of the EU that affect the business, economic and institutional environment of enterprises, individuals, and governments in the internal EU market.

The course consists of two parts. The first part reviews historical, legal and institutional foundations of the European integration and presents its theoretical economic logic at microeconomic and macroeconomic levels. The second part focuses on economic policies that are designed and predominantly implemented at the EU level, particularly the policies, related to the Single market and the Monetary union. Certain economic policies, where the EU and its member states share responsibilities, such as the cohesion policy or the coordination of competitiveness policies, are also presented. The course also highlights recent EU challenges, in particular in relation to economic governance, sustainable development and climate change.

Participation

Students at EUTOPIA partner Universities can participate in up to 5 live online lectures of the course. They can choose from individual lectures, sign up for suggested lecture packages or make combinations of both, up to their lecture allowance. Lecture numbers and sequence are laid out in the schedule of lectures. The following lecture packages are suggested:

- Institutional package (history, institutions and decision making): lectures 1, 2 and 5;
- Economics package (theoretical economic foundations of EU integration): lectures 3 and 4;
- Monetary union package (monetary policy and economic governance): lectures 11 and 12;
- Sustainable development package: lectures 13 and 14.

In order to participate, students must apply at their home University with their full name and email address and provide information about the chosen individual lectures or lecture packages. The distributors of this brochure at the students’ home University will provide further details how to apply. The following application deadlines apply:

- For enrolling in lectures 1-5, students must apply by 10 February at the latest;

¹ Access can be guaranteed only as long as delivery mode continues to remain online at the host University.

² For interested students, the course roughly (but not fully) follows the textbook Baldwin, Richard and Wyplosz, Charles: The Economics of European Integration (6/E). McGraw Hill Education. 2019.

- For enrolling in lectures 6-15, students must apply by 10 March at the latest.

The host University (School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana) will make the Zoom link available to the EUTOPIA network for each individual lecture. This link will be shared with the participating students through their home Universities. Students must have Zoom installed to access the lectures.

Students should always register for Zoom lectures with their full names and attend lectures on time. Based on proper registry, students can obtain a certificate of participation from the host institution, but no ECTS.

Schedule of lectures

Online lectures are held on Mondays at 15:00 according to the schedule of lectures. Each lecture lasts 90 minutes.

The table below shows the expected schedule of lectures for the course Economic policies of the EU.

Lecture	Date	Hour	Topic
1	15.2.	15:00-16:30	Introduction and history (Mrak/Rant)
2	22.2.	15:00-16:30	EU decision making (Mrak)
3	1.3.	15:00-16:30	Microeconomics of the EU (Rant)
4	8.3.	15:00-16:30	Macroeconomics of the EU (Rant)
5	15.3.	15:00-16:30	EU institutions (Mrak)
6	22.3.	15:00-16:30	Overview of EU policies and the Single market (Rant)
7	29.3.	15:00-16:30	Trade policy (Zajc-Kejžar)
8	12.4.	15:00-16:30	Competition & state aids policy (Mrak)
9	19.4.	15:00-16:30	Common agricultural policy (Mrak)
10	3.5.	15:00-16:30	Cohesion policy (Mrak)
11	10.5.	15:00-16:30	Monetary policy and EU financial system (Rant)
12	17.5.	15:00-16:30	Fiscal policy and EU economic governance (Rant)
13	24.5.	15:00-16:30	Competitiveness and sustainable development policy of the EU (Mrak)
14	31.5.	15:00-16:30	Environmental policy of the EU and European Green Deal (Rant)
15	<i>tbc.</i>	<i>tbc.</i>	<i>Negotiations about the MFF and NGEU</i>

About the lecturers

Mojmir Mrak is a full professor at the School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana. He has also been a regular visiting professor at WU in Vienna (Austria) and at BSB in Dijon (France). His main research fields include national and EU public finance, EU accession as well as international capital flows. Mojmir Mrak is author, co-author and editor of numerous books published by international publishers and respective international journals.

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