

Second year of the Executive Master in EU Studies

Specialisation phase – Professional track Economics

Topic of specialization:	Cohesion and differentiation - internal cohesion of the EU
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Character:	Specialisation Course within professional track ECO, focusing on improving professional skills, writing of an assignment and a final paper
ECTS Credits:	12 ECTS
Teaching methods:	Lecture and course material online, seminar and discussion at workshops, guided forum; For those who write their final paper in this module: methodological class during the workshops, interdisciplinary presentation and discussions during workshops
Assessment methods:	Final exam (specialization course content) at the end of the term, assignments, active participation in workshops and in a discussion sessions; presentation of drafts of the final paper, forum discussions, methodology seminar, final paper
Skills and competences:	How to write a final paper? Policy-oriented assessment of the interdependence between and mutual impact of global economic trends and developments of the EU, interdisciplinary approach, professional oriented skills and competences, developing practical economic policy approaches, writing policy briefs and short economic analysis, open discussion of key issues (to be identified according to specific current issues), writing and presenting a final paper.

Learning outcomes, methods and course content:

Contents:

- (a) The upgrading of economic security (mainly energy, migration and environment)
- (b) Internal factors of cohesion and differentiation (economic divergences, different impact of external factors on member countries, emerging nationalism and anti-EU movements, the necessity of two-way solidarity)
- (c) Consequences and management of a multi-speed EU: towards disintegration or a qualitative leap forward towards deepening the integration?

Assessment methods and skills and competences as above.

The interdisciplinary character of all subjects is continuously highlighted, thus creating an excellent basis is created for discussion with the topics of the political and legal courses.

Students are made acquainted with critical external and internal challenges of the European integration. On the one hand, external economic security challenges will be addressed and discussed. On the other hand, internal threats of cohesion (different member country priorities, undermining of key European values, nationalistic trends) will be dealt with in the context of how or whether to manage the critical mass of cohesion in a multi-speed European Union.

Bibliographical advice and links:

1. Economic security

Review of Income and Wealth. Special Issue: *Economic Insecurity: Challenges, Issues and Findings* May 2014 Volume 60, Issue Supplement S1. Pages S1–S273. Issue edited by: Romina Boarini, Lars Osberg
András Inotai, *Economic Security: Key Challenge for the 21st Century*, in: *Rebalancing Global Economic Governance – Opportunities for China and the G20 beyond 2015*, UNDP, Beijing, pp. 105-110.

2. Social cohesion

Willem Molle (2015): *Cohesion and growth: The Theory and Practice of European Policy Making*. London - New York: Routledge, 342 pp.

Welfens, Paul J.J. (2013): *Social security and economic globalisation*. Berlin-Heidelberg: Springer.

3. Multi-speed Europe

John Eatwell, Terry McKinley and Pascal Petit (eds.) (2014): *Challenges for Europe in the World, 2030*. Farnham: Ashgate, 2014. 408 pp,

Stieber, Harold W (2013): *Economic Governance in a Multi-Speed Variable-Geometry Europe*. In: Morten Balling, Peter Egger & Ernest Gnan (eds.): *States, Banks and the Financing of the Economy: Fiscal Policy and Sovereign Risk Perspectives*. Brussels: Larcier, 2013, pp.23-64