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## EU PUBLIC POLICIES

SPS/04 - 6 CFU - 1° semestre

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### MODALITÀ DI SVOLGIMENTO DELL'INSEGNAMENTO

The front lessons are combined with interactive seminars. Classes will be run as seminars, namely, it is expected that all students participate in the discussion of the material presented. Each week a class meeting will be focused on a topic with a front lesson and one class meeting will be focused on the discussion of the "discussion papers". The class will be organized in groups. Each student is required to read the compulsory chapters, according to the schedule provided by Professor. Each group is required to write a two-page 'discussion paper' and email it to the professor by the class day. On the discussion class day, the discussion papers are reviewed and discussed by all the students. The student is required also to write a final paper (about 6000 words) which must reply to the list of "study questions" given by the professor at the end of the course.

### PREREQUISITI RICHIESTI

none

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### FREQUENZA LEZIONI

mandatory

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### CONTENUTI DEL CORSO

This section of the course is designed to permit students to understand the European Union Public Policy Process and to be able to conceptualise the EU's policy in terms of policy analysis.

The first part provides an analysis of the main concepts of public policy analysis. The second part aims at analysing the EU policy process in terms of the policy cycle.

Learning outcome: This course seeks to balance the theoretical and the immediately practical of the European Union Public Policy. It is focused on the analysis of the processes whereby public policies arise and are enacted in the European Union. It compares theories and models of policymaking and decisionmaking to illustrate the special requirements of the EU environment; examines the roles of various participants in the policy process: legislators, political parties, interest groups, administrators and administrative structures, citizens and the judiciary.

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## TESTI DI RIFERIMENTO

Versluis E., van Keulen Mendeltje, Stephenson P., "Analyzing the European Union Policy Process", Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

## ALTRO MATERIALE DIDATTICO

Further readings:

Smith K. and Larimer C., Chapter one: Public Policy as a Concept and a Field (or Fields) of Study, in The Public Policy Theory Primer, Westview Press, 2009

- Howlett, Ramesh and Perl.. Chapter four - Agenda-Setting in Studying Public Policy, Third Edition, Oxford University Press, 2009, p. 92-96 and 101-108.
- Bocquillon P., Dobbels M. (2013): "An elephant on the 13th floor of the Berlaymont? European Council and Commission relations in legislative agenda setting", Journal of European Public Policy, 21:1, 20-38;
- Princeen S., Agenda-setting in the European Union: a theoretical exploration and agenda for research Journal of European Public Policy 14:1 January 2007: 21-38
- Wasserfallen F. (2010): The judiciary as legislator? How the European Court of Justice shapes policy-making in the European Union, Journal of European Public Policy, 17:8, 1128-1146
- Charlotte Burns , Anne Rasmussen & Christine Reh (2013) : Legislative codecision and its impact on the political system of the European Union, JEPP, ,Vo. 20, n. 7 [941-952].
- Lord C., (2013): The democratic legitimacy of codecision, JEPP, Vo. 20, n. 7, [1056-1073]
- Longo F. (2015): A Party system without a Party Government?, Mascia M. (Ed), Towards a European Transnational Party System, Padova, AUSE.

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## PROGRAMMAZIONE DEL CORSO

Argomenti	Riferimenti testi
1 EU as a political and policy system	Versluis E., van Keulen Mendeltje, Stephenson P., "Analyzing the European Union Policy Process", Palgrave Macmillan, 2011. Ch. 1

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2	EU Policies: classification and analysis	Versluis E., van Keulen Mendeltje, Stephenson P., "Analyzing the European Union Policy Process", Palgrave Macmillan, 2011. Ch. 3
3	Agenda Setting in the EU	Versluis E., van Keulen Mendeltje, Stephenson P., "Analyzing the European Union Policy Process", Palgrave Macmillan, 2011. Ch. 5.
4	Policy shaping in the EU	Versluis E., van Keulen Mendeltje, Stephenson P., "Analyzing the European Union Policy Process", Palgrave Macmillan, 2011. Ch. 6
5	Decision Making Phase in the EU	Versluis E., van Keulen Mendeltje, Stephenson P., "Analyzing the European Union Policy Process", Palgrave Macmillan, 2011. Ch. 7
6	Implementation Stage in the EU	Versluis E., van Keulen Mendeltje, Stephenson P., "Analyzing the European Union Policy Process", Palgrave Macmillan, 2011. Ch. 8

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## **VERIFICA DELL'APPRENDIMENTO**

### **MODALITÀ DI VERIFICA DELL'APPRENDIMENTO**

Assessment is based on the evaluation of:

40% Writings discussion Papers

20% Participation in Class Scheduled Debate

40% Writing and discussion of Term Paper

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