

Sovereignty, justice, democracy, citizenship, freedom, community. These are among the central normative concepts that we use to understand, analyse and assess our social and political systems. However, each of these concepts has been developed historically with the nation-state in mind. As neither a nation-state, nor a typical international organisation, the European Union uniquely problematises our fundamental normative categories. This course aims to identify, and provide a range of potential solutions to, the central normative challenges that have arisen due to process of European integration.

The first part of the course provides an orientation in international political theory, looking specifically at the paradigms of liberal nationalism, cosmopolitanism, and republican intergovernmentalism. With these intellectual resources, we will explore a range of normative issues facing the EU in the next part of the course. These include problems of democratic legitimacy and the rule of law; problems of identity and communication; problems of justice; problems of sovereignty and integration (including the right to withdraw and opt-out of integration projects); and problems of internal and external migration (esp. the case of refugees).

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## What will I learn?

<span class="subHeadCB">Learning Outcomes:</span>

<p>On completion of this module you will:

- \* have a good understanding of the central normative questions pertaining to the EU, both as a political system and as an actor facing concrete political decisions
- \* improve your understanding of the EU, especially how it is designed and how it operates in various policy areas
- \* have developed your ability to read and analyse both abstract and applied philosophical texts;
- \* have developed your skills in written and oral argument; and
- \* gain experience writing well-structured extended essays in political theory

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<span class="subHeadCB">Indicative Module Content:</span>

<p>Liberal nationalism

Cosmopolitanism

Republican intergovernmentalism

Democratic deficit(S)

Justice deficit(s)

Identity and Communication

Migration and refugees</p>

## How will I learn?

<span class="subHeadCB">Student Effort Hours:</span>

Student Effort Type	Hours
Lectures	24
Autonomous Student Learning	176
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>

## Am I eligible to take this module?

<div class="subHeadCB">Requirements, Exclusions and Recommendations</div>

<strong>Learning Recommendations:</strong>

<p>Introductory courses in both political theory and EU politics would be an advantage. However, neither are essential to be successful in this course.</p>

<div class="subHeadCB">Module Requisites and Incompatibles</div>

Not applicable to this module.

## How will I be assessed?

<span class="subHeadCB">Assessment Strategy</span>

Description	Timing	Open Book Exam	Component Scale	Must Pass Component	% of Final Grade
Attendance: < actively participate in class >	Unspecified	n/a	Graded	No	10
Assignment: Two 600-word response papers (2 x 10%)	Unspecified	n/a	Graded	No	20
Essay: < 5000 word essay>	Unspecified	n/a	Graded	No	65
Essay: < Essay peer-review services >	Unspecified	n/a	Graded	No	5

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<div class="col-sm-6"><span class="subHeadCB">Carry forward of passed components </span>

Yes</div>

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## What happens if I fail?

Resit In	Terminal Exam
Summer	No

## Assessment feedback

<div class="subHeadCB">Feedback Strategy/Strategies</div>

<p>\* Feedback individually to students, post-assessment

\* Group/class feedback, post-assessment

\* Peer review activities

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<div class="subHeadCB">How will my Feedback be Delivered?</div>

<p>Course participants will receive feedback from both the lecturer and student working groups on each of their response papers. Course participants should use this feedback to construct an argumentative strategy for their final essay. This essay will undergo a peer-review process where each course participant will receive tailored feedback from a peer before final submission.</p>

## Reading List

2019. Bellamy, Richard. A Republican Europe of States.

2017. Political Theory and the European Union, edited by Richard Bellamy and Joseph Lacey

2018. European Integration Theory (THIRD EDITION), edited by Antje Wiener, Tanja Borzel and Thomas Riise.

Brock, Gillian. 2009. Global Justice: A Cosmopolitan Account.

Cheneval, Francis. 2011. The Government of the Peoples: On the Idea and Principles of Multilateral Democracy.

2010. The Philosophy of International Law, edited by Samantha Besson and John Tasioulas.

2013. Republican Democracy: Liberty, Law and Politics, edited by Andreas Niederberger and Philipp Schink.

Miller, David. 2016. *Strangers in Our Midst: The Political Philosophy of Migration*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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<dt>Level:</dt>
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<dt>Credits:</dt>
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<dt>Trimester:</dt>
<dd>Spring</dd>
<dt>Module Coordinator:</dt>
<dd>Assoc Professor Joseph Lacey</dd>
<dt>Mode of Delivery:</dt>
<dd>Face-to-Face</dd>
<dt>Internship Module:</dt><dd>No</dd>

<dt>How will I be graded?</dt>
<dd>Letter grades </dd>

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