



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2017

8,395: Practical Project: Political Work at the Council of Europe

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - examination paper written at home with presentation (individual) (15%)

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Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (50%)

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[8,395,3.00 Practical Project: Political Work at the Council of Europe](#) -- Englisch -- [Gross Andreas](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

All students with an interest in the European integration process, the history of the European Union and the practice of the oldest European intergovernmental organization and its development in the last 70 years are welcome.

Course content

1. The History of the Foundation of the Council of Europe 1939-1949
2. The original aims of the Council of Europe (CoE)
3. Why the CoE could not become, what many hoped for, and the CMU was founded
4. The birth of the European Human Rights Convention (EHRC) and the Court of Strasbourg
5. The entry of Switzerland in the CoE 1963
6. How does the CoE function?
7. The history of the Parliamentary Assembly in the CoE
8. The influence of the EHRC on the development of the Swiss law
9. The main stages of the CoE from 1950 – 2016 and their specificities
10. The CoE and the crises of Democracy in today's Europe
11. Why the CoE is for the future and the reform of the EU still a source of inspiration.
12. How can I make a complaint to the Court in Strasbourg ?
13. How do MP's work in the Parliamentary Assembly (PA) ?
14. What is the use of their work in the PA for the Swiss citizens and the Swiss Parliament ?
15. Today's main problems of the CoE and its place in today's Europe



Excursion to the “Palais of Europe”, the House of the CoE, in Strasbourg and a visit to a meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly.

Course structure

We listen to presentations, read documents, make own presentations and discuss the answers to key questions.

We will observe the functioning of the Parliamentary Assembly in Strasbourg during two days, meet some former and actual members for an exchange. If there is any interest we could also simulate a PA-committee and plenary meeting.

Course literature

- Das Europa der Schweiz (Schweizerinnen und Schweizer im Europarat 1963-2003), herausgegeben im Namen der schweizerischen Delegation von Andreas Gross, zum 40. Geburtstag der Mitgliedschaft der Schweiz im Europarat, 2003, Bern, 320 Seiten (mit über 50 Interviews und Beiträgen von früher oder jetzt noch aktiven Schweizern, wird kostenlos abgegeben)
- Walter Lipgens, 45 Jahre Ringen um die Europäische Verfassung, Dokumente 1939-1984, Frankfurt, 1984, 750 S.
- Bruno Haller, An Assembly for Europe, 1949-1989, Strassbourg, 2006
- Alex Drace-Francis, European Identity, a historical reader, London 2013

Additional course information

You may always send me an email with any questions for details (info@andigross.ch).



Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/4)

Examination time and form

Decentral - examination paper written at home with presentation (individual) (15%)

Remark

summary and presentation of a book-chapter

Examination-aid rule

Term papers

- Term papers must be written without anyone else's help and in accordance with the known quotation standards, and they must contain a declaration of authorship.
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- For any work written at the HSG, the indication of the page numbers both according to the MLA and the APA standard is never optional.
- Where there are no page numbers in sources, precise references must be provided in a different way: titles of chapters or sections, section numbers, acts, scenes, verses, etc.
- For papers in law, the legal standard is recommended (by way of example, cf. FORSTMOSER, P., OGORÉK R. et SCHINDLER B. (2014, *Juristisches Arbeiten: Eine Anleitung für Studierende* (5. Auflage), Zürich: Schulthess, or the recommendations of the Law School).

Supplementary aids

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

2. Examination sub part (2/4)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (15%)

Remark

longer presentation of a specific theme

Examination-aid rule

Practical examination



No examination-aid rule is necessary for such examination types. The rules and regulations of the University of St. Gallen apply in a subsidiary fashion.

Supplementary aids

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

3. Examination sub part (3/4)

Examination time and form

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (50%)

Remark

shorter paper to a specific problem/theme

Examination-aid rule

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Supplementary aids

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

4. Examination sub part (4/4)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Remark

participation and answer a specific question

Examination-aid rule

Practical examination

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Supplementary aids

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Examination languages



Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

Each student has to provide:

- A short summary and presentation of a book-chapter (15%)
- A longer presentation of a specific theme (15%)
- A shorter paper to a specific problem/theme (50%)
- Take part in the discussion and answer a specific question orally (20%)

All four deliveries will compose the final note.

Examination relevant literature

No specific exam literature.

Please note

We would like to point out to you that this fact sheet has absolute priority over other information such as StudyNet, faculty members' personal databases, information provided in lectures, etc.

When will the fact sheets become binding?

- Information about courses and examination time (central/decentral and grading form): from the start of the bidding process on 26 January 2017
- Information about decentral examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): after the 4th semester week on 20 March 2017
- Information about central examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): from the start of the enrolment period for the examinations on 10 April 2017

Please look at the fact sheet once more after these deadlines have expired.