

## Comparative Analysis of Recent Challenges in Europe

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The perceived crisis of Europe is often discussed as a genuine crisis of the European Union (EU). This class takes a different focus in looking at recent challenges the European continent has been facing. These consist in coping with fiscal globalization, in managing migration to and within Europe, and in trying to keep up the welfare state. Each of these fields will be analysed in a comparative perspective, taking into account different sets of European countries both from within and outside of the EU. One statement to be discussed during the seminar is that traditional nation states in Europe might not be better off in facing contemporary challenges on their own. In that sense, the real crisis of the EU may still be a better option than its disintegration or even complete dissolution.

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Home essay (8 pp.)	33.3 %
1 presentation (10 minutes)	33.3 %
Participation/Engagement	33.3 %

### TERMS

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**Your writing must be your own work.** If you plagiarize egregiously on an assignment, you will fail the course. Simple rule of thumb: "If you use words or ideas that are not your own you must cite your sources. Otherwise you will be guilty of plagiarism."

	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
1	Politics, Politics, and Policies in Contemporary Europe	Lane, Jan-Erik; Ersson, Svante (2009): Politics and Society in Western Europe. London: Sage	Rumford, Chris (2005): The Sage Handbook of European Studies. London: Sage Held, David (2006): Models of democracy. 3. ed. Stanford Calif.: Stanford Univ. Press
2	Economic, Fiscal, and Monetary Policies in Europe	Wallace, Helen; Pollack, Mark A.; Young, Alasdair R. (2015): Policy-making in the European Union. Oxford: Oxford UP	Schmidt, Vivien (2002): The Futures of European Capitalism. Oxford: Oxford UP
3	European Welfare States and their Facets	Castles, Francis G.; Leibfried, Stephan; Lewis, Jane; Obinger, Herbert; Pierson, Christopher (2010): The Oxford Handbook of the Welfare State. Oxford: Oxford UP	Esping-Andersen, Gosta (1990): The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press Schiller, Christof (2016): The Politics of Welfare State Transformation in Germany. Still a Semi-Sovereign State? London: Routledge
4	Migration to and within Europe	Freeman, Gary P. / Mirilovic, Nikola (2016): Handbook on Migration and Social Policy. Cheltenham: Elgar	Koser, Khalid (2016): International Migration. Oxford: Oxford University Press
5	The Many Faces of Populism in Europe	Mudde, Cas / Rovira Kaltwasser, Cristóbal (2013): Populism in Europe and the Americas. Threat or corrective for democracy? Cambridge: Cambridge UP	Müller, Jan-Werner (2016): What is Populism? Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press
6	Is the EU in Crisis?	Krastev, Ivan (2017): After Europe. Princeton: Princeton UP	Offe, Claus (2017): Europe Entrapped. New York: Polity

## **COURSE READINGS**

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