

**CAS EC 361 Economic Development of Europe: from economic to political union**  
**(4 credits)**

**Instructor: Jeanne RIVA**

**Books and materials:** L'économie européenne de Arcangelo Figliuzzi de la collection Thèmes & débats éditeur Bréal; Selection of articles from media and [www.touteurope.fr](http://www.touteurope.fr); Extraits de différents ouvrages notamment de « La justice comme équité » de John Rawls, « Géopolitique du monde contemporain », « Fondamentaux de l'Union européenne, Démographie- économie et géopolitique » de Pierre Verluise.

This seminar aims at gaining a broad understanding of the European Union and prospects on economic, political, social and cultural questions. In 1951, Six members states established an European Union, now they are twenty seven and they share a single market and an Economic and Monetary Union. The European Union is a new structure based on shared interests and founded upon treaties guaranteeing the rule of law and equality between all countries. The EU provides peace and prosperity, that is, depending on its ability to remain a world leader in technology and financial independence. How the EU structure raises several questions, which we will examine through the class: How will the EU meet the many challenges of globalization? How will it safeguard its social welfare system? In the coming years, will it choose to become or not a political union and speak as one voice on global issues?

The course will be divided in four parts:

- a lecture
- an oral presentation prepared by students
- A debate based on questions from the readings or from short films
- a student run press review on an European current events topics

The course covers the following areas:

**General presentation of the European Union and political Europe**

**European budget and economic regulation**

**Common policies of the EU**

**Industries and services in Europe**

**Foreign trade**

**Expansions of 2004 and 2007**

**Potential Members to join the EU**

**Neighbourhood policy and European market**

**Economic and monetary union**

**Economic and social models**

**Energy and environment**

**Cultural Europe**

**Grading:**

Participation	10%
Oral exposé	20%
Written Essay	20%
Midterm & Final	25% each

*Note that the exams will take place on Fridays.*

Guest Lecturer on European common agricultural policy

A visit to the offices of the Western European Union (WEU) is also scheduled.