

Title	Democracy and Rule of Law in the European Union	
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Typology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seminar <input type="checkbox"/> Summer course	<input type="checkbox"/> Training course <input type="checkbox"/> Intensive course <input type="checkbox"/> Distance learning course
Description	<p><u>Course description:</u> The purpose of the course is to teach students the foundations principles of European Union: democracy and rule of law, theoretical approach of Rule of law and democracy in European Union, the Role of National Courts and Legal Integration in the European Union, main principles of transparency, Legal Certainty and the Principle of Proportionality, introduce students to the Rule of Law in the Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights and European Court of Justice, Effectiveness of the European institutions, participation in democracy and mechanisms for the implementation of rule of law in European Union and the member states.</p> <p><u>Course content:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Foundations of the EU Rule of Law 2. The European Union's fundamental values 3. National Parliaments and EU Governance 4. The Role of National Courts and Legal Integration in the European Union 5. Transparency, Legal Certainty and the Principle of Proportionality 6. The Council of Europe and the Rule of Law 7. The Rule of Law in the Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights and the European Court of Justice 8. Rule of Law in Member States 9. Citizens and Political Parties in European Union 10. Public opinion and political participation 11. Interest groups and interest representation 12. Elections in European Union and the member states 13. Political parties in EU, member states and the European parliament 14. Main challenges of constitutional democracy in European Union <p><u>Seminar topics:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Foundations of the EU Rule of Law 2. The European Union's fundamental values 3. National Parliaments and EU Governance 4. The Role of National Courts and Legal Integration in the European Union 5. Transparency, Legal Certainty and the Principle of Proportionality 6. The Council of Europe and the Rule of Law 7. The Rule of Law in the Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights and the European Court of Justice 8. Rule of Law in Member States 9. Citizens and Political Parties in European Union 10. Public opinion and political participation 11. Interest groups and interest representation 12. Elections in European Union and the member states 13. Political parties in EU, member states and the European parliament 14. Main challenges of constitutional democracy in European Union <p><u>Teaching Methods:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Theoretical work</i> - (lecture, theories, methodologies etc) during course (15 hrs/year); - <i>Practical work</i> (case studies, group discussions, seminars, presentations) during seminars (15 hrs/year); <p><u>Evaluation Methods:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Written task – (5 point/twice during a course) 10% of final grade 2. Team-work project (20 point/once during a course) 20% of final grade 	

	<p>3. Discussion/debate (10 point/once during a course) 10% of final grade 4. Intermediate Exam (20 point/once during a course) 20% of final grade 5. Final written exam (40 point): 40% of final grade</p> <p><u>Bibliography:</u></p> <p>Sacha Garben, Inge Govaere, Paul Nemitz, <i>Critical Reflections on Constitutional Democracy in the European Union</i>, Hart Publishing, 2019</p> <p>Carlos Closa, Dimitry Kochenov (Eds), <i>Reinforcing Rule of Law Oversight in the European Union</i>, Cambridge University Press, 2018</p> <p><i>The Rule of Law in the European Union , the Internal Dimension</i>, Theodore Konstadinides, Hart Publishing, 2017</p> <p>Goudappel, Flora A.N.J., Hirsch Ballin, Ernst M.H. (Eds.), <i>Democracy and Rule of Law in the European Union, Essays in Honour of Jaap W. de Zwaan</i>, T.M.C. Asser Press, 2016</p> <p>Daniela Piana, <i>Judicial Accountabilities in New Europe, From Rule of Law to Quality of Justice</i>, Routledge, 2016</p> <p>Werner Schroeder, <i>Strengthening the Rule of Law in Europe, From a Common Concept to Mechanisms of Implementation</i>, Hart Publishing, 2016</p> <p>Herman Lelieveldt, Sebastiaan Princen, <i>The Politics of the European Union</i>, 2nd Edition, Cambridge University Press, 2015</p> <p>Sadurski, Wojciech, Czarnota, Adam, Krygier, Martin (Eds.) <i>Spreading Democracy and the Rule of Law? The Impact of EU Enlargement for the Rule of Law, Democracy and Constitutionalism in Post-Communist Legal Orders</i>, Springer Netherlands, 2006</p> <p>Brian Z. Tamanaha, <i>On the Rule of Law, History, Politics, Theory</i>, Cambridge University Press, 2004</p>
Discipline of audience	Law, political science, public administration, humanities, psychology, international relations, economics