

Title and Code of Course: The Future of Europe: Debates, Challenges and Plans			
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Credit Point Value: 6	Number of Lessons per Week: 2	Type of Course: Seminar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Method of Evaluation: Oral Examination <input type="checkbox"/> In-Class Presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Course Description:			
<p>The institutionalized European cooperation had to face several crises over the past decades. The adoption of a constitutional framework failed and, for the first time in the history of the integration, it lost one of its strategically important Member States. The European institutions have struggled to respond effectively to these crises within the existing EU framework and to provide the European nations with the resilience necessary to face new challenges. So, in the new millennium, the question rightly arises: what is the best way forward for European integration in the 21st century? What benefits can the European integration bring to the everyday life of the people as well as to the autonomy, resilience, and competitiveness of the Member States? Consequently, a major reflection on the future of integration has been launched across Europe.</p> <p>The primary objective of the course is to provide an insight into the challenges the European cooperation has been facing as well as to the institutional, political and constitutional discourses these novel challenges have generated. The course also analyses the European political debates at various levels that aimed to address these challenges. By exploring the context of the new challenges, the course introduces students to ongoing discussion on the future of European cooperation and its institutional framework. In doing so, it will assess the institutional reforms, in particular the institutional questions related to the European democracy and the European law, the strategic and constitutional roles of the European Council, which embodies the community of member states, the European competitiveness and digital sovereignty. The course will provide the fundamental framework to explore and confront different perspectives and ideas to develop visions for the future of European cooperation.</p>			
Bibliography (recommended):			
Luuk Van MIDDELAAR, Pandemonium: Saving Europe (Agenda Publishing, 2021)			
Hubert VÉDRINE, Face au chaos, sauver l'Europe ! (Liana Levi, 2019).			
Materials relating to the Conference on the Future of Europe			