

**Seminar FS 2014**

**Professor Dr. Thomas König:  
Selected Topics in International Politics: International Institutions: Understanding  
European Decision Making (IP)**

**Di 10.15 in B 143**

Course Description:

This seminar is about European decision making, which comprises decision making at the constitutional (treaty), legislative, implementation and enforcement level. For all these decisions, several explanations exist, which we attempt to examine empirically. Students can select a topic of their choice and search for scholarly articles on these topics. Ideally, this search reviews the state of research, the method used and the reported findings. Recommended search routines refer to scholarly journals, such as the special EU journals EUP, JEPP and JCMS, and the broader journals like IO, APSR, AJPS and BJPS, but systematic searches can also be done by using the SSCI.

The Grading comprises a literature search for the chosen topic (20%), the presentation of topic (20%), the paper on the topic (40%) and the participation in the discussions (20%)

**Recommended Literature:**

*Simon Hix/ Bjørn Høyland (2011), The Political System of the European Union, Palgrave Mac Millan.*

*Daniel Finkel, Thomas König, Sven-Oliver Proksch, George Tsebelis (2012), Reforming the European Union: Realizing the Impossible, Princeton: Princeton University Press.*

*Kenneth A. Shepsle, Mark S. Bonchek (2010), Analyzing Politics: Rationality, Behavior and Institutions: Rationality, Behavior and Institutions , Norton&Co.*

Recommended for: Master Students Political Science, CDSS students

Registration: via Student Portal

Office hours: Di, 14.00-15.00 und nach Vereinbarung, Raum A 354 (in A5, 6)

## Schedule of Topics and Readings

### 1. **Introduction to the course (11.2.)**

### 2. **Emergence of the European Union (18.2.)**

*Andrew Moravcsik, 1998, The Choice for Europe, chapter 1*

### 3. **Accessions and the citizens' support (25.2.)**

*Frank Schimmelfennig, 2001, "The Community Trap: Liberal Norm, Rhetorical Action, and the Eastern Enlargement of the European Union", International Organization, 55 (1), 47-80.*

*Thomas König and Thomas Bräuninger, 2004, Accession and Reform of the European Union A Game-Theoretical Analysis of Eastern Enlargement and the Constitutional Reform, European Union Politics, (5 (4), 420-439.*

### 4. **Agenda setting by the European Commission and Nominating Commissioners (4.3.)**

*Christophe Crombez, 2000, Policy Making and Commission Appointment in the European Union, in: Decision Rules in the European Union: A Rational Choice Perspective, Peter Moser, Gerald Schneider and Gebhard Kirchgassner eds., London: Macmillan*

*Stefan Napel and Mika Widgrén, 2008, The European Commission-Appointment, Preferences, and Institutional Relations, Public Choice, Vol. 137, No. 1/2.,*

*Roland Vaubel, 1994, The Political Economy of Centralization and the European Community Public Choice, Vol. 81, No. 1/2, pp. 151-190  
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### 5. **Voting in the Council and Delegating Council Representatives (11.3.)**

*Mattila, Mikko and Jan-Erik Lane, 2001, "Why unanimity in the Council?: A Roll Call Analysis of Council Voting, European Union Politics, 2 (1): 32-52.*

*Schulz, Heiner and Thomas König, 2000, "Institutional Reform and Decision-Making Efficiency in the European Union." American Journal of Political Science 44 (4): 653-666.*

*König, Thomas, 2008, "Why do member states waste their time? Legislative oversight in the EU decision making process." Political Science and Political Economy Conference on "Designing Democratic Institutions", London School of Economics and Political Science, Vol. 13. No. 15.5.*

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## 6. **Transposition in the EU (25.3.)**

*Toshkov, Dimiter and Bernard Steunenbergh, 2009, "Comparing Transposition in the 27 Member States of the EU: The Impact of Discretion and Legal Fit". Journal of European Public Policy, vol. 16 (7), pp. 951-70.*

*König, Thomas and Brooke Luetgert, 2009, "Troubles with Transposition? Explaining Trends in Member-State Notification and the Delayed Transposition of EU Directives." British Journal of Political Science, 39 (1): 163-194.*

*Fabio Franchino and Bjørn Høyland, 2009, "Legislative Involvement in Parliamentary Systems: Opportunities, Conflict, and Institutional Constraints" American Political Science Review vol. 103, pp. 607-621.*

*König, Thomas and Bernd Luig, 2013, "Ministerial Gatekeeping and Parliamentary Involvement in the Implementation Process of EU Directives", Public Choice, first published online 4 October 2013.*

## 7. **Compliance in the EU (1.4)**

*Tallberg, Jonas, 2002, "Paths to Compliance: Enforcement, Management, and the European Union", International Organization, 56(3): 609-643.*

*König, Thomas and Lars Mäder, 2014, "The Strategic Nature of Compliance: An Empirical Evaluation of Law Implementation in the Central Monitoring System of the European Union", American Journal of Political Science, 58 (1): 246-263.*

*Thomson, Robert, Rene Torenvlied, and Javier Arregui, 2007, "The Paradox of Compliance: Infringements and Delay in Transposing European Union Directives." British Journal of Political Science, 37(4): 685-709*

*Toshkov, Dimiter, 2008, "Embracing European Law: Compliance with EU Directives in Central and Eastern Europe." European Union Politics, 9(3): 379-402.*

## 8. **Public Support of the EU (8.4.)**

*Finke, Daniel und Thomas König, 2009, "Why risk popular ratification failure? A comparative analysis of the choice of the ratification instrument in the 25 Member States the EU, Const. Polit. Econ, 20: 341-365.*

*Hug, Simon and George Tsebelis, 2002, "Veto Players and Referendums Around the World", Journal of Theoretical Politics, 14 (4): 465-515.*

*Anderson, Christopher J. and Karl C. Kaltenthaler, 1996, "The Dynamics of Public Opinion toward European Integration, 1973-93", European Journal of International Relations, 2 (2):175-199.*

*Gabel, Matthew, 1998, "Public Support for European Integration: An Empirical Test of Five Theories", The Journal of Politics, 60 (2): 333-354.*

### **Osterferien**

- 9. Amending the European Parliament and Voting in parliamentary elections (29.4.)**
- 10. The European Central Bank (6.5)**
- 11. Popular parties in Europe (13.5.)**
- 12. The EU and climate change (20.5.)**
- 13. The EU in Crisis (27.5.)**

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