

COMUNIDAD EUROPEA

Objetivo

Learn about the history, institutions, functioning, and legislature of the European Union as an international actor, as well as to analyze the Union from a critical point of view.

Contenido programático detallado

1. Introduction, general Information
2. History of the EU, from the 1950s ECSC to the 28 members in 2015, the legal basis and the treaties, the Eurozone, Lisbon treaty etc.
 - a. Why build an organization like this? The reasons for creating an international Union as big as it is today, first look at the advantages and disadvantages, case study: Great Britain and their considerations to leave the Union
3. Institutions and organs, departments and member states' functions, presidency, elections (2hrs)
 - a. What institutions does the EU have and who do they consist of? How do they interact? What are they in charge of?
 - b. How do new members apply for membership? What is the process of becoming a EU member?
4. Legislative process and the role of the institutions, interest groups and lobby groups
 - a. The different decision making processes, in which area does which process apply? the ordinary legislative procedure vs. special legislative procedure (4hrs)
5. The EU and International Relations theories:
 - realism
 - liberalism

- constructivism
 - a. Critical thinking about the EU and its processes, the loss of sovereignty, non-regulated areas and the problems it causes (for example the migratory problem of the southern states such as Italy and Spain), the EU as an “exclusive Club” leaving non-members at a great disadvantage
- 6. EU in comparison to other, Latin American/ International Organizations (and possibly a homework paper?)