

Máster Universitario en Diplomacia y Organizaciones Internacionales

Curso 2020-2021

- **Course:** Institutions and Decision-Making in the EU. The European Civil Service.
- **Coordinator:** Dr Ana García Juanatey, Professor of CEI International Affairs
- **Language:** English and Spanish
- **Schedule:** Thursday, 9:30h to 11:30h
- **Invited professors:** Dr Montse Pi, Lecturer of Public International Law at the UAB; Dr Marta Ortega, Lecturer of Public International Law at the UB; Dr Manuel Cienfuegos, full university professor of Public International Law and International Relations at the UPF.
- **Credits:** 3 ECTS

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The Master in Diplomacy and International Organizations will be taught in a **blended modality**. In the event of exceptional circumstances, the Master will take place virtually, without losing the personalized and professional character that characterizes our training offer.

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1. COMPETENCES

GENERAL COMPETENCES:

- To bring the student closer to the knowledge of the European Union, specifically to its institutional system and the European public function
- Mastering specialized language orally or in writing
- Critical reasoning and self-criticism
- That students know how to apply the knowledge acquired and their ability to solve problems in new or little-known environments within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to their area of study
- That students are able to integrate knowledge and face the complexity of formulating judgments based on information that, being incomplete or limited, includes reflections on the social and ethical responsibilities linked to the application of their knowledge and judgments

SPECIFIC COMPETENCES:

- Propose new and original criteria for the interpretation and application of international norms and jurisprudence in order to adapt them to the complex and changing international reality under study
- Know how to identify and assess the impact of European integration on internal state regulations and on its foreign policy, as well as on EU foreign relations, in relation to the different areas under study
- Formulate, present and debate solutions to specific problems in international and multicultural environments, with original and superior arguments, both orally and in writing
- Regarding the institutional system, the course aims to introduce the student to the institutional life of the European Union, emphasizing the prerogatives of the main political institutions, inter-institutional power relations and the so-called “community method”. The course also deals with two other key institutions in

the process of European construction: The Court of Justice and the European Central Bank

- Regarding the European public function, the course aims to provide students with an in-depth knowledge of the European public function, particularly access to careers with the EU and the statute of rights and duties of the European civil servant
- Finally, the course also aims to introduce students to the main debates around the process of European construction, specifically the challenge of Brexit and the questioning, by various States of the Union, of the European model of democracy and the rule of law

2. LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Identify the different types of operation and organization of the institutions of the European Union
- Qualitatively assess the acting and decision-making capacities of the European institutions
- Know the mechanisms of access to the European public function and assess the regulation and organization of its statute.

3. EVALUATION SYSTEM

The evaluation of this course will combine two evaluation mechanisms:

- Continuous evaluation (60% of the grade): two seminars will be conducted during the course in the sessions corresponding to topics 5 and 9; these which will score 50% of the grade (25% each one). Participation in the theoretical and practical classes will be evaluated in the remaining 10% of the continuous assessment grade.
- Final test (40% of the final grade).

4. METHODOLOGY

The teaching will combine the theoretical exposition of the professor with the participation of the students in the discussions and debates. For each session, a mandatory reading will be assigned.

5. PROGRAM

TEMA 1 (Thursday, 1 October 2020): The EU: a first approach

Dr Ana García Juanatey

Compulsory reading:

- H. ZIMMERMANN y A. DÜR, "The European Union: Success of Failure", in H. ZIMMERMANN y A. DÜR ZIMMERMANN, *Key controversies in European integration*, 2nd ed., London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016.

TEMA 2 (Thursday, 8 October 2020): The EU Parliament

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Compulsory reading:

- S. HIX y B. HØYLAND, "Legislative Politics", in S. HIX y B. HØYLAND, *The Political System of the European Union*, 3rd ed., London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

TEMA 3 (Thursday, 15 October 2020): The European Council and the Council

Dr Ana García Juanatey

Compulsory reading:

- S. HIX y B. HØYLAND, "Executive Politics", in S. HIX y B. HØYLAND, *The Political System of the European Union*, 3rd ed., London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011, pp. 23-34.

TEMA 4 (Thursday, 22 October 2020): The European Commission

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Compulsory reading:

- S. HIX y B. HØYLAND, "Executive Politics", in S. HIX y B. HØYLAND, *The Political System of the European Union*, 3rd ed., London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011, pp. 34-48.

TEMA 5 (Thursday, 29 October 2020): Sesión práctica: El proceso de adopción de decisiones (*in Spanish)

Dr Montse Pi

TEMA 6 (Thursday, 5 November 2020): The European Court of Justice and the implementation of EU law (seminar)

Dr Ana García Juanatey

Compulsory reading:

- S. HIX y B. HØYLAND, "Judicial Politics and the European Court of Justice", en S. HIX y B. HØYLAND, *The Political System of the European Union*, 3rd ed., London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

TEMA 7 (Thursday, 12 November 2020): Basic principles of EU Law

Dr Ana García Juanatey

Compulsory reading:

- J. BAQUERO CRUZ, "Law after Auschwitz", in J. BAQUERO CRUZ, *What's left of the law of integration?: Decay and resistance in European Union*, 1st ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018.

TEMA 8 (Thursday, 19 November 2020): El Banco Central Europeo y el Gobierno Económico de la UE (*in Spanish)

Dr Manuel Cienfuegos

TEMA 9 (Thursday, 26 November 2020): The Administration of the EU and the Statute of its Public Officials

Dr Marta Ortega

TEMA 10 (Thursday, 3 December 2020): The EU as a promoter of democracy and the rule of law: the rise of authoritarianism

Dr Ana García Juanatey

Compulsory reading:

- J. W. MÜLLER, "Should the EU Protect Democracy and the Rule of Law inside Member States?", *European Law Journal*, Vol. 21, No. 2, March 2015, pp. 141–160.

TEMA 11 (Thursday, 10 December 2020): The EU as a promoter of international law and human rights: The refugee crisis

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Compulsory reading:

- C. DENARO and F. VASSALLO, "[EU responses to refugees' secondary movements in times of crisis of international protection](#)", in A. Petroff, G. Milios y M. Pérez, "Refugees on the move: political, legal and social challenges in times of turmoil", *Focus on International Migration*, no. 5, 2018.

TEMA 12 (Thursday, 17 December 2020): The future of the EU: the challenge of Brexit

Dr Ana García Juanatey

Compulsory reading:

- B. ROSAMOND, "Brexit and the problem of European disintegration", *Journal of Contemporary European Research*, 2016, vol. 12, no. 4.

6. RECOMMENDED SOURCES

- ALCAIDE FERNANDEZ, J. (coord.), *Curso de Derecho de la Unión Europea*, Tecnos, Madrid, 2014
- ABELLÁN HONRUBIA, V.; VILÀ COSTA, B. (dir): *Lecciones de Derecho Comunitario Europeo*, Ariel Derecho, Barcelona, 6ª ed., 2011.
- BAQUERO CRUZ, J. *What's left of the law of integration?: Decay and resistance in European Union*, 1st ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018.
- BOMBERG, E., PETERSON, J. and CORBETT, R., *The European Union. How does it work?*, 3rd. ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- BORCHARDT, K., *The ABC of the European Union Law*, Brussels: OPOCE, 2010
- FONTAINE, P., *Europe in 12 lessons*, Brussels: OPOCE, 2014.
- HIX, S. and HØYLAND, B., *The Political System of the European Union*, 3rd ed., London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.
- MANGAS MARTÍN, A.; LIÑÁN NOGUERAS, D.J., *Instituciones y Derecho de la Unión Europea*, Tecnos, Madrid, 2016.
- ORTEGA GÓMEZ, M., *La Comisión Europea y el gobierno de la Unión*, Marcial Pons, 2013.
- SARMIENTO, D., *Derecho de la Unión Europea*, Madrid, Marcial Pons, 2018.
- ZIMMERMANN, H. and DÜR, A. *Key controversies in European integration*, 2nd ed., London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016.

