15153 HS - The Barcelona Process - the Political Economy of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership

Tuesday 14.00-16.00
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In 1995 European and Mediterranean governments signed the Barcelona Declaration, establishing a partnership aimed at building a zone of peace, stability and prosperity in the Mediterranean basin. As the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership enters its second decade, its results have clearly been disappointing, and much work remains to be done to resolve the many challenges facing this ambitious initiative.

In this course we will examine the major political and economic issues that affect the EU's relations with its Mediterranean neighbours. While the course deals principally with European policy in the region, the aim is to identify the core interests of actors on both sides of the Mediterranean and to assess how these interact in the institutional settings that have been created.

This course will be taught in English.

Requirements for credits:
- Regular and active participation in the course
- Presentation (in English) of one seminar theme (max. 30 min, handout please one week before the seminar)
- Hausarbeit in English, German, Spanish or French (10 - 15 pages)

Course Readings
- There are two or three core readings each week. These are the bare minimum for participation in discussion – presenters will need to use the secondary readings as well. Naturally, you can also read beyond the lists we give you.
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Core Readings:


Complementary Readings


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Core Reading


Secondary Reading


- **Chourou, Bechir** (2003) ‘European Enlargement and its Impact on the Barcelona Process’ and


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