

**HS 15412: THE BARCELONA PROCESS:
THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF EU - MEDITERRANEAN RELATIONS**

Tuesday 16:00 – 18:00, Osteuropa-Institut/Raum B

Course Outline and Readings

Section A: Introduction

- 19.10. Introduction to Principles of Political Economy (Dr. Thilo Bodenstein)
- 26.10. Theories of International Trade and Development (Furness)
- 02.11. EU Trade Policy: The Decision-Making Process (Gándara)

Section B: Institutional Cooperation and Trade Issues on EU-Mediterranean Relations

- 09.11. The Barcelona Process 1 – Political Overview (Gándara/Furness)
- 16.11. The Barcelona Process 2 – Overview of Trade Issues (Gándara/Furness)
- 23.11. Hard Issues 1 – Agriculture, Fisheries and Oil (AG1)
- 30.11. Hard Issues 2 – Finance, Investment and Privatisation (AG 2)
- 07.12. Soft Issues – Labour, Migration and Environment (AG 3)
- 14.12. Regional Integration (AG 4)

Section D: Comparative Case Studies – looking abroad

- 11.01. EU Policy toward Turkey (AG 5)
- 18.01. EU Policy toward Latin America (AG 6)
- 25.01. EU Policy toward Asia-Pacific (AG 7)

Section E: Reflections on the Security Policy Implications of the Barcelona Process

- 01.02. EU Soft Power? – EU's policy towards Transnational Terrorism (AG 8)
- 08.02. Policy implications of the Iraq War for the future of the Barcelona Process (AG 9)
- 15.02. Discussion, Course Evaluation

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Requirements for credits:

- Regular and active participation in the course
- Presentation of one seminar theme either in English or German (max. 30 Min, Handout please one week before the seminar)
- One essay or working paper either in English, German or Spanish (max. 10 pages)
- Good humor

Course Readings

- The literature for is available *online* (www.jmc-berlin.org). There are two core readings each week. These are the bare minimum for participation in discussion – presenters will need to go beyond these readings. A wider reading list is also available. Naturally, you can also use complementary readings.

Abstract

The partnership between the EU and the Mediterranean countries is referred to as the 'Barcelona Process', after the 1995 Conference where the process was formally launched. The principal aim of this partnership is to establish a common Euro-Mediterranean area of peace, stability and shared prosperity. In this course we will analyse the major economic and political issues surrounding the proposed EU-Mediterranean Free Trade Area, in the context of wider implications for relations between the European Union and the states of the Mediterranean region. This seminar series will be taught in English and German. Please refer to our website (www.jmc-berlin.org) for further information.