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Syllabus

Course	European Values and Ideologies
Course Code	
Annotation of the Course	The course aims to provide BA students with the basic knowledge of contemporary European values and ideologies. Political ideologies in Europe are mainly pursued by political parties both at the national and EU levels. Throughout the course, the students will be acquainted with the academic discussions about the main features of the most dominant European ideologies – Christian Democracy and Social Democracy. Moreover, the students will learn about the ideological underpinnings of Europe's liberal and green parties. In the second part of the course, the right-wing and left-wing populist challenges to the mainstream European ideologies and the implications for the EU and the political systems of its individual member states will be discussed.

Lecturer	Giorgi Tskhadaia

Preconditions to the Course	

Objectives of the Course	The main objective of this course is to acquaint BA students with the very fundamental European values and ideologies prevalent in the EU and its individual member states. The special emphasis will be made on the historically dominant political ideologies—Christian Democracy and Social Democracy. Gradually, the students will also learn about the relatively new or minor challenges to the mainstream political ideologies that have been associated with liberal and green parties across Europe. Finally, the role of right-wing and left-wing ideologies in contemporary European politics will be discussed with a special emphasis on the implications for the future of the EU.

Learning Outcomes	Knowledge and understanding • Identifies the basic values and ideologies prevalent in the politics of the EU and its individual member states; • Understands the role political ideologies play in the EU and its individual members states; • Describes the various stages of development of contemporary European ideologies; • Understands contemporary challenges that the EU faces against the backdrop of the rise of right-wing and left-wing populism. Skills:

	• **Analyzes the values and ideologies prevalent in the EU and its individual member states;** • **Analyzes how European values and ideologies have been transformed for the last decades.** **Independence and autonomy:** • **Undertakes a group research project to critically engage with contemporary European ideologies, mainly professed by political parties.**

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Course Overview		
N	**Course format**	**Topics of Discussion**
1st Week	**Lecture – 2 hr.**	🕮 **Class 1. The Marxist Origins of European Social Democracy** **Topics of discussion:** • **Class struggle;** • **Historical materialism.**
		Obligatory Literature: Marx, Karl, and Friedrich Engels. 1848. The Communist Party Manifesto, pp. 14-21. Available from: https://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1848/communist-manifesto/.
		Supplementary Literature: Goes, Eugene. 2024. Social Democracy. Newcastle upon Tyne: Agenda Publishing. Singer, Peter. 2001. Marx: A Very Short Introduction. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2nd Week	**Lecture – 2 hr.**	🕮 **Class 2. The Emergence of Social Democracy** **Topics of discussion:** • **The rise and decline of Orthodox Marxism;** • **Democratic revisionism in theory (the case of Germany);** • **Social-Democracy in the Interwar Period;** • **The postwar consensus.**
		Obligatory literature: Berman, Sheri. 2006. The Primacy of Politics: Social Democracy and the Making of Europe's Twentieth Century. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 20-28; 35-43; 108-109; 177-188.
		Supplementary Literature: Berger, Stefan. 2000. Social Democracy and the Working Class in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Germany. London: Routledge. Berman, Sheri. 1998. The Social Democratic Moment: Ideas and Politics in the Making of Interwar Europe. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press. Jackson, Ben. 2013. Social Democracy. In The Oxford Handbook of Political Ideologies, Michael Freeden and Marc Stears (eds.). Oxford: Oxford University Press. Misgeld, Klaus, Karl Molin and Klas Klas Åmark (eds). 2000. Creating Social Democracy: A Century of the Social Democratic Labor Party in Sweden. University Park, Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania State University.
3rd Week	**Lecture/seminar- 2 hours;**	🕮 **Class 3. The Decline of Social Democracy** **Topics of discussion:** • **The rise of neoliberal consensus;** • **Social Democracy's shift to the center and the acceptance of neoliberal reforms;** • **The political implications for Social Democracy.** **Quiz I.**
		Obligatory literature: Berman, Sheri, and Maria Snegovaya. 2019. "Populism and the Decline of Social Democracy". Journal of Democracy 30 (3), pp. 5-19.
		Supplementary Literature: Benedetto, Giacomo, Simon Hix, and Nicola Mastrorocco. 2020. "The Rise and Fall of Social Democracy, 1918–2017." American Political Science Review 114 (3), pp. 928–39.

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4th Week	**Lecture – 2 hour;**	🕮 **Class 4. The Main Features of Christian Democracy** **Topics of discussion:** • **Five ideological pillars of Christian Democracy;** • **Social Capitalism.**
		Obligatory literature: Hegstad, Eilev (Ed.). 2023. Christian Democracy: English addendum to the Norwegian edited volume: Kristendemokrati. In Kristendemokrati. Universitetsforlaget. Accetti, Carlo Invernizzi. 2019. What Is Christian Democracy? Politics, Religion and Ideology. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 139-149.
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5th Week	**Lecture - 2 hours;**	🕮 **Class 5. Christian Democracy and Europe** **Topics of discussion:** • **Catholic confessional party formation;** • **The intellectual sources of Christian Democracy;** • **Christian Democracy and the European Union.** Homework: News Analysis. Deadline: Next Class.
		Obligatory literature: Van Kersbergen, Kees. 2021. "Christian Democracy and Europe." In The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Europe, Grace Davie, and Lucian N. Leustean (eds.). Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 194-214.
		Supplementary Literature: Accetti, Carlo Invernizzi. 2021. "The European Union as a Christian Democracy: A Heuristic Approach." In Ideologies and the European Union, Carlo Invernizzi Accetti, and Jonathan White (eds). London: Routledge. Kaiser, Wolfram. 2007. Christian Democracy and the Origins of the European Union. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
6th Week	**Lecture/seminar - 2 hours;**	🕮 **Class 6. The European People's Party** **Topics of discussion:** • **The institutionalization of cooperation between the Christian Democratic parties;** • **The cooperation within the EPP;** • **The results of extending cooperation.**
		Obligatory literature: Kosowska-Gąstoł, Beata. 2018. "A Truly 'European' Christian Democracy? The European People's Party." In Christian Democracy Across the Iron Curtain, Piotr H. Kosicki, and Sławomir Łukasiewicz (eds.). Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 127-150.
		Supplementary Literature: Cellini, Jacopo. 2018. "The Idea of Europe at the Origins of the European People's Party: The Making of the European Manifesto and of the EPP's Political Programme". Journal of European integration history 24 (1), pp. 79-94.

		Jansen, Thomas and Steven van Hecke. 2011. At Europe's Service: The Origins and Evolution of the European People's Party. Springer.
7-9-th Week	**2 hr.**	**Midterm exam**
10th Week	**Lecture - 2 hours**	🕮 **Class 7. Liberalism in Europe** **Topics of discussion:** • **Between left and right: the ambivalence of European liberalism;** • **Liberal parties in Europe.**
		Obligatory literature: Wolfs, Wouter, and Van Hecke, Steven. 2019. The Liberals in Europe: The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats in Europe. In Liberal Parties in Europe, Caroline Close and Emilie van Haute (eds.). London and New York: Routledge, pp. 259-263, 268-277. Close, Caroline, and Emilie van Haute. 2019. Liberal Parties in Europe: Conclusion. In Liberal Parties in Europe, Caroline Close and Emilie van Haute (eds.). London and New York: Routledge, pp. 364-371.
		Supplementary Literature: Close, Caroline, and Emilie van Haute (eds). 2019. Liberal Parties in Europe. London and New York: Routledge. Kirchner, Emil. 1988. Liberal Parties in Western Europe. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
11th Week	**Lecture - 2 hours;**	🕮 **Class 8. Green Ideology in Europe** **Topics of discussion:** • **The ideological roots of the European green parties;** • **Green parties across Europe.** Homework: News Analysis. Deadline: Next Class.
		Obligatory literature: Burchell, Jon. 2002. The Evolution of Green Politics: Development and Change within European Green Politics. London: Earthscan Publications Limited, pp. 8-15. Van Haute, Emilie. 2016. Conclusion: Green Parties in Europe: Which Family Ties? In Green Parties in Europe, Emilie van Haute (ed.). London: Routledge, pp. 315-321.
		Supplementary Literature: Biedenkopf, Katja, Ellen Vanderschueren, and Franziska Petri. 2023. Riding the Green Wave? Green Electoral Success and the European Green Deal. In The EU Political System After the 2019 European Elections, Olivier Costa, and Steven Van Hecke (eds). Palgrave Studies in European Union Politics. Palgrave Macmillan. Van Haute, Emilie (ed.). Green Parties in Europe. London: Routledge.
12th Week	**Lecture/seminar – 2 hours;**	🕮 **Class 9. Right-Wing Populism in Europe and the EU** **Topics of discussion:** • **Populism as a protest movement;** • **Common properties of right-wing populism;** • **Populist positioning within debates over the nature of the EU.**
		Obligatory literature: Priester, Karin. 2018. Right-Wing Populism in Europe. In Populism, Populists, and the Crisis of Political Parties A Comparison of Italy, Austria, and Germany 1990-2015, Günther Pallaver, Michael Gehler and Maurizio Cau (eds.), Fondazione Bruno Kessler, pp. 45-56; Fossum, John Erik. 2023. "In What Sense Does Right- Wing Populism Pose a Democratic Challenge for the European Union?" Social & Legal Studies 32 (6), pp. 930-937.

		Supplementary Literature: Rodi, Patricia, Lazaros Karavasilis, and Leonardo Puleo. 2021. "When Nationalism Meets Populism: Examining Right-Wing Populist and Nationalist Discourses in the 2014 & 2019 European Parliamentary Elections." European Politics and Society 24 (2), pp. 284–302. Sondel-Cedarmas, Joanna and Francesco Berti. 2022. The Right-Wing Critique of Europe: Nationalist, Sovereignist, and Right-Wing Populist Attitudes to the EU. London: Routledge.
13th Week	**Lecture/seminar – 2 hour;**	🕮 **Class 10. Right-Wing Populism in Central and Eastern Europe** **Topics of discussion:** • **The main features of right-wing populism in Central and Eastern Europe;** • **Is the Central and Eastern European right-wing populism a distinctive phenomenon?** Quiz II. Homework: News Analysis. Deadline: Next Class.
		Obligatory literature: Enyedi, Zsolt. 2020. "Right-Wing Authoritarian Innovations in Central and Eastern Europe", East European Politics, 36 (3), pp. 363-377.
		Supplementary Literature: Petrović, Nikola, Višeslav Raos, and Filip Fila. 2022. "Centrist and Radical Right Populists in Central and Eastern Europe: Divergent Visions of History and the EU." Journal of Contemporary European Studies 31 (2), pp. 268–90. Szelewa, Dorota. 2020. "Recurring Ideas: Searching for the Roots of Right-Wing Populism in Eastern Europe." European Journal of Cultural Studies 23 (6).
14th Week	**Lecture/seminar – 2 hours;**	🕮 **Class 11. Left-Wing Populism** **Topics of discussion:** • **The main features;** • **Between socialism and populism.** Quiz III.
		Obligatory literature: Agustín, Óscar García. 2020. Left Wing Populism: The Politics of People. Emerald Points, pp. 13-31.
		Supplementary Literature: Damiani, Marco. 2018. Radical Left Wing Populism and Democracy in Europe. In Routledge Handbook of Global Populism, Carlos de la Torre (ed.). London: Routledge. Stavrakakis, Yannis, and Giorgos Katsambekis. 2014. "Left-Wing Populism in the European Periphery: The Case of SYRIZA." Journal of Political Ideologies 19 (2), pp. 119–42.
15th Week	**Lecture/seminar - 2 hour;**	🕮 **Class 12. European Parliament Political Groups and European Political Parties** **Topics of discussion:** • **The party system at EU level;** • **The development of the Euro-party structure;** • **The relationship between EPPGs and EUPPs.**
		Obligatory literature: Calossi, Enrico, and Lorenzo Cicchi. 2019. European Parliament Political Groups and European Political Parties: Development and Relationship between Two Faces of the EU Political System. Quaderni del circolo rosselli (QCR) 39 (2), pp. 15-31.
		Supplementary Literature:

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16th Week	**2 hr.**	🕮 **Class 13. Group Presentations**
17-19th Week	**2 hr.**	**Final Exam**
20thWeek		**Retake of Final Exam**