Europe in Search of Unity in Diversity

Course Description

Academic Year: 2010/2011

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Credits: 5
Content:

The course investigates how European (Western and Central European) federalist political thinkers, believing in the idea of a peaceful world federation, developed personalism, multilevelism, and subsidiarity as means of protecting diversity in Europe during the 19th and 20th century, and in opposition to anti-federalist conservative power policies and classical liberal capitalist market economy expansion. It emphasises the role of József Eötvös who rethought the ideas of Tocqueville and Proudhon, and can be regarded as the first "manager of diversity" in Europe. The course includes a description on the Pan-European Movement that elaborated the federalist ideas on personalist federalism and multilevelism. It also deals with the European integration as manager of diversity: more precisely it investigates how the EU, as an intergovernmental and supranational new regional union of states based on multilevelism and subsidiarity, protects diversity ("unity in diversity"), and how this can influence new regionalism in the world. Finally, the course compares European federalist theories and practices with those of some important Asian thinkers – who studied, analysed and criticised European modernity, and European universalism - like Gandhi, K'ang Yu-wei, Sun Yat-sen, Fukuzawa Yukichi, Deng Xiaoping, Lee Kuan Yew.

The course concentrates on, and discusses the following question: Can personalism, subsidiarity (autonomy) and multilevelism - as state and international organization principles - protect unity in all areas where cooperation is necessary?

- 1. Introduction: the idea and model of peaceful world federation
- 2. European federalism in opposition to wars and power policy
 - 2.1. Federalists in opposition to anti-federalists in a modernising Europe (Althusius versus Bodin; Hobbes, Kant, Tocqueville, Proudhon)
 - 2.2. Eötvös as the first manager of diversity in Europe
 - 2.3. Linguistic-cultural federalist visions in Central Europe
 - 2.4. The Pan-European Movement in defence of European civilization (Coudenhove-Kalergi)
 - 2.5. Renewing the international and European state organization after the Second World War
- 3. European integration and managing unity in diversity
 - 3.1. Federalist élan in Europe (Coudenhove-Kalergi, Spinelli, Monnet)
 - 3.2. The federalist and intergovenmentalist compromise (De Gaulle, Hallstein, Spinelli, Delors)

- 3.3. EU as a new type federalist and confederalist union of states based on multilevelism and subsidiarity (The Treaty on European Union, 1992)
- 3.4. The Treaty of Lisbon and managing diversity
- 3.5. Enlargement and the dilemma of Europeanization: the case of Central and Eastern Europe
- 3.6. In search of future alternatives for the EU as a new regional union
- 4. The EU-model and the world
- 5. New regionalism
 - 5.1. New regionalism and diversity (ASEAN, ASEM, SAARC)
- 6. Asian thinkers on European state and international organization (Gandhi, K'ang Yuwei, Sun Yat-sen, Fukuzawa Yukichi, Deng Xiaoping, Lee Kuan Yew)
- 7. Outlook: toward a world union of peace as unity in diversity

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Didactic method: lecture, seminar, group discussion

Examination method:

Didactic support tools: power point presentations, hand-outs, films, etc

Teaching language: English