

Teaching Nr.	F.2.1.4	
Title	EU Governance: Social Dimension	
Prof. in charge	Prof. ZHOU Hong	
Typology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Seminar <input type="checkbox"/> Summer course	<input type="checkbox"/> Training course <input type="checkbox"/> Intensive course <input type="checkbox"/> Distance learning course
Description	<p>This lecture fulfils the objective of introducing students to the general notions and issues of the Welfare State, the Europeanization of social policies and its implication to the legitimacy of European governance. Defining legitimacy as responsive and responsible government, the objective of this course is to develop and discuss different aspects of political legitimacy, especially revealed in the Europeanization of the Welfare State, in the multi-level system of EU social governance. The questions tackled are: why the integration of social policies proves difficult, and why such methods as OMC the OMC the "open-method-of-coordination" has to be deployed. How the fragile balance between democratic legitimacy and economic efficiency of the EU maintained and why is it becomes a difficult issue during the debt and financial crisis of the Euro-zone.</p> <p>Main themes and Issues covers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the origins of the European welfare states and their diversities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Common Origins of the European Welfare States 1.2 Sources of Diversity of European Welfare States 1.3 Limits of Industrial Capitalism 2. Legitimacy for welfare state on the national level <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Market failure and social reactions 2.2 Welfare states and de-commodification 2.3 Democratization and the legitimacy of national welfare states 3. The Europeanization of the Welfare State <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Slow development of Europeanisation of social policies 3.2 Programs and institutions of EU social governance 4. Transformation of welfare state on the national level <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 Demands for a more cohesive national social policy after 1992 4.2 Characteristics of European interest intermediation 4.3 The changing social partnership in the multi-level governance system of the EU 5. Lisbon Strategy and OMC on the EU level <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 Converge different social priorities for common social goals 5.2 OMC and new modes of governance within the EU 5.3 Asymmetrical interest representation implied by OMC and its impacts on the EU's democratic deficiency 6. Challenges ahead for both the EU and Members in social governance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1 Social policy issues in the process of re-structuring the European economy after the fiscal crisis 6.2 Retrenchments of social welfare and its impacts on the EU's legitimacy 	

	6.3 The future of social integration against the backdrop of increasing economic gap among member states			
Impact	The course shall encourage students in exploring the legitimacy problem of the EU in the context of the transformation of European welfare states and the social policy at the European level. The students should be able to understand the multi-tiered social governance model of the EU, its origins and legitimacy, and problems vis-a-vis reforms. Important issues, such as social partnership as a main structure of the EU social governance, the transformation of welfare state within Europe and its impact on European integration, will be tackled and discussed.			
	1st acad. year:	2nd acad. year:	3rd acad. year:	Total over 3 years:
N° of hours	54	54	54	162
N° of students	30	30	30	90
Discipline of audience	Humanities and social sciences			
Year/type of study	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st cycle (Bachelor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 nd cycle (Masters) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd cycle (Postgraduate)		<input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral studies <input type="checkbox"/> Summer school	
Nature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compulsory <input type="checkbox"/> Optional		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Existing	
Timing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 st year <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 nd year <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 rd year		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st semester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 nd semester	