



# Laurea / B.A. in Global Governance

Academic Year 2022-2023

Syllabus

Comparative Politics

CFU 6

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## Course Description

The course has two objectives. The first goal of the class is to teach students how to handle the tools of comparative politics. The first classes will therefore be of a more theoretical and methodological kind. The second aim is to familiarize students with European politics and a number of European states. For each case study, the starting point will be an excursus of their history. Second will come the exam of the political culture and of the political institutions. Finally, we will look at their foreign policies and examine how those States have been affected by membership in the European Union. The case studies will allow students to apply the theory and methodology learned in the first part of the class to real case studies.

## Objective

After the students will be able to handle the tools of comparative politics and successfully apply them in research papers and analysis. Also, they will have a deep understanding of European politics and of both national political institutions. However, the methodological tools learned will enable them to understand politics and policy making also in realities different from the European one.

## Teaching Method

Students are expected to read assignments before class.

Lessons will begin with an introductory lecture, followed by discussion. When appropriate, videos and slides will be also shown and discussed. Students will be asked to present and discuss case studies with their peers and will be graded in doing so.

## Textbook and Materials

Bindi F. (2019): Europe and America: The End of Transatlantic Relations? Brookings Press 2019

Lijphart A. (2012): Patterns of Democracy. Government Forms and Performance in 36 Countries  
Yale University Press, New Haven

More reading may be assigned during the classes

## Assessment

To be established.

## Office hours

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