Course Description: This course is organised on the basis of five interconnected parts. Firstly, a historical review of the process of European integration from its origins to contemporary times will be presented. In the second part, the theories of European integration will be discussed as they represent the ideational models which are followed, to a certain extent, in the integration process. In part three, the recent debates on the legitimacy of the EU, European identity and boundary-building will be scrutinised. As a background to this discussion, historical construction of Europe as a political and cultural space, which is differentiated by markers of identity, will be introduced. This introduction aims to convey the idea that European integration and enlargement take place in a historically constructed and politically and culturally differentiated space. In the following part four, the constitution of the EU citizenship as the institutional expression of the dynamics of inclusion and exclusion will be brought to the fore. Lastly, in part five, Turkish case will be reviewed with reference to the preceding points. In the end, it is expected that the students will have a comprehensive perspective on the history, theoretical and ideological imaginations, institutional characteristics and contemporary political and cultural problems underpinning the process of European integration.

I will upload summary lecture notes for the defined weeks or parts of the course outline. There will be regular weekly online meetings.

Requirements and Evaluation:
Presentation of an assigned reading from the course outline: 10 points.
Moderation of a presentation (leading the discussion through questions): 10 points.
4 Take-Home essays (1300 words max.), each 20 points: For the topics defined for parts I, III, IV and V.

COURSE OUTLINE

WEEK I – INTRODUCTION:


PART I: A HISTORICAL REVIEW OF THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION PROCESS

WEEK II
A) The Origins:

WEEK III
B) The Impasse of the 1970s and “Regime Change”

C) Re-launching Europe in the 1980s: From the Single European Act to the Maastricht Treaty

**WEEK IV**

D) Contemporary EU: “EU as a System of Differentiated Integration”

E) The Case of Brexit: From Differentiated Integration to Differentiated Disintegration

**PART II: THEORIES OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**

**WEEK V**

A) Federalism and Functionalism

B) Neofunctionalism and its Critiques

**WEEK VI**

C) Towards “New Europe”?

**WEEK VII – MID-TERM EXAM**

**PART III: PROBLEMS OF LEGITIMACY, IDENTITY AND BOUNDARY**

**WEEK VIII: EUROPE AS A POLITICAL AND CULTURAL SPACE**


**WEEK IX - LEGITIMACY AGENDA IN THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**


**WEEK X: IDENTITY BUILDING**


**PART IV: EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP: INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION**

**WEEK XI: SECURITARIAN TURN AND HUMAN RIGHTS**


**WEEK XII: CITIZENS AND OTHERS**


**PART V: TURKISH CASE**

**WEEK XIII: TURKEY IN THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**


WEEK XIV

OVERALL REVIEW