Course Description: The aim of the course is to familiarize the students with the important substantive issues in the political life of Contemporary Western Europe on a country-by-country basis.

Course Conduct: Students will be initiated to the area of study in the first three weeks of the semester by lectures and class discussions. The class will proceed with in-class presentations of students in the following weeks. Depending on the class size and/or chosen topics the number of students in a study group may change.

Course requirements and evaluation:

- Attendance and participation: (%15 of total)
- Class presentation of the chosen topic: (%20)
- Term-paper: (%40)
- Final Examination: (%25)

No-exhaustive topic examples:

Fourth French Republic, Fifth French Republic Until Mitterand; From Mitterand to Today; Francoist Spain; Transition to Democracy in Spain; Spain Today; Thatcherist Britain; Tony Blair and the Return of the Labour; Political Forces in Western Europe (Communist Parties, Social Democratic and Socialist Parties, Greens, Parties of the liberal and/or Conservative Right, etc.)