

## **Philipp Kneis, M.A., Potsdam University, Summer Semester 2009**

### **Undergraduate Seminar at Potsdam Spring School for Californian Students “History of European Integration, 1945-Current”**

The seminar addresses the history of European unification after World War II. We will establish the historical context, examine early attempts at European unity, and follow the major steps of unification. We will also address contemporary issues of reform and the current geopolitical outlook.

**Assessment:** is based on active participation, 1 presentation on a European institution, and 1 presentation on a European country.

**Seminar Details:** 120 minute sessions, Mondays, 2:15-3:45 PM

#### **Seminar Plan:**

- 1 4/20/09 Introduction**
- 2 4/27/09 History - Ecumene - Fragmentation**
- 3 5/4/09 Concepts of Union**  
Delian League, Hanseatic League, League of the Iroquois, US
- 4 5/11/09 Ideas for European Unification in the 19th and 20th Century**  
The Pan-European Union and other movements  
Presentation A1: Pan-European Union, Presentation A2: Council of Europe
- 5 5/18/09 The End of the European Empires: Examining the Historical Framework**  
Europe in/and the world after World War II
- 6 5/25/09 The Schuman Plan**  
Unifying Industry and Creating Security  
Presentation A3: Schuman Plan
- 6/1/09 Holiday- no class**
- 7 6/8/09 European Economy**  
Payments Union, Marshall Plan, European Economic Area  
Presentation A4: Payments Union, Presentation A5: Marshall Plan
- 8 6/15/09 European Defense**  
Presentation A6: NATO, Presentation A7: Pleven Plan
- 9 6/22/09 Great Britain, France, Germany - and the Rest**  
Competing Models of Unification, Free Market, Empire, EFTA  
Presentation B1: UK, Presentation B2: France, Presentation B3: EFTA
- 10 6/29/09 A Growing Union**  
EEC/EU Enlargements, EURO, Schengen  
Presentation B4: Poland, Presentation B5: Czech Republic OR Slovakia:
- 11 7/6/09 The Current State of European Unity**  
Immigration, Reform of Institutions, Current Enlargement Issues  
Presentation B6: Cyprus, Presentation B7: Turkey
- 12 7/13/09 Future Challenges and Outlook: Enlargement, Europe's Global Role**
- 13 7/20/09 Concluding Discussion**

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