

THE EUROPEAN POLICIES
OF THE EU MEMBER-STATES

Course Outline

Unit A: European Integration and the Member-States

- Why study the member-states?
- Introducing the EU member-states and the Enlargement rounds
- The factors which shape national European policy
- Recent and current crises of integration
- Thinking about ‘difficult partners’
- Introducing euroscepticism

Unit B: The European Policies of the 20th Century Member-States

The Founder Members

- France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg

The Countries of the First Enlargement

- [United Kingdom] Ireland, Denmark

The Countries of the Third Enlargement

- Spain, Portugal

The Countries of the Fourth Enlargement

- Austria, Finland, Sweden

Unit C: The European Policies of the 21st Century Member-States

The Countries of the ‘Big Bang’ Enlargement of 2004

- Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta

The Southeast European Enlargements (2007, 2013)

- Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia