

To the
Participants of the lecture "The Europe We Want"

Dear Participants,

For your SS 2016 paper please select 1 (2 ETCS), 2 (4 ETCS) or 3 (6 ETCS) questions/ topics from the following list:

1. Please analyse the evolution of the European Union and its institutional settings after World War II with emphasis on dreams, visions, concepts, goals and driving actors.
2. Please analyse the advantages for the citizens the European Union is providing, such as Human Rights, peace, free trade, free movement, quality standards etc. Please, include in your analysis the reflection why many European citizens have difficulties to understand the advantages and how the image of the EU could be improved.
3. Please analyse the democratic/ decision-making structures and institutions of the EU. Do you think there is a need for improving transparency and democratization? If so, how should it look like?
4. The European Union is often accused of failing at solving current crises (e.g. youth unemployment, refugees). Please discuss this claim against the background of the EU's competences in agenda setting and implementation of policies/ agreements. Should the EU have more and / or stronger tools to interfere in national politics?
5. The EU as the biggest donor worldwide and the ACP as the organization representing 79 states signed the Cotonou Agreement, also known as the "ACP-EC Partnership Agreement". Please, analyse the cooperation between the two partners in relation to the cooperation priorities, the character of the partnership and how the interests of the ACP member states are considered in the EU development cooperation.

In case of questions please don't hesitate to contact me. Wish you success!

Best regards

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