

EU Challenges in the Process of Globalisation

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EXAM REQUIREMENT

The oral exam consists of two parts:

1. Presentation and discussion of a written paper on a specific but comprehensive question (major)
2. A few questions testing the general knowledge acquired throughout the course (minor)

As to the paper

- Each student freely selects one question out of the proposed list of 12 comprehensive questions. These questions are covering the broad spectrum of the whole course offered by the various lectures and bibliographic references.
- The answer is to be written in the form of an essay of max. 10-12 pages (3000 words) in English or Italian (with a preference of English).
- The paper analyses and evaluates in a structured and coherent way the chosen question: it should demonstrate a good knowledge and solid understanding of the chosen topic.
- The paper is the result of a personal effort presenting your own assessment on the basis of the proposed course material (i.e. basic reading material, lectures and eventually other bibliographical sources and references).
- The paper is handed in (typed version), presented and discussed during an oral examination to be sustained in English or Italian.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the relevance of theoretical approaches to understanding the phenomenon and process of globalisation? What is according to you the best suitable theory for understanding the present economic and political developments in Europe within the globalising context? Assess critically!
2. How would you explain and assess the relation between Europe as a 2000 years old civilisation and the specific European integration process of the 21st century? Refer in your answer to the principles, objectives and approaches of the European/EU model of society building.
3. Illustrate from a historical, political and economic perspective why the European integration process presents an ongoing search between convergence and diversity. Refer in your answer to the opportunities and challenges of EU policies in the emerging multi-polar world.

4. How do you contextualise and assess the results of the Eurobarometer 71 on the future of Europe concerning the (changing) values in the current process of European integration?
5. Compare the *Global Europe 2050 Report* of DG for Research and Innovation (Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities) of the European Commission with the *Report to the European Council by the Reflection Group on the Future on EU 2030* as to the challenges and opportunities for the future of the EU.
6. What are the key characteristics of globalisation today? Why is there a need for reform at the EU and international level to govern the positive and negative consequences of globalisation? To which extent another globalisation is feasible? Explain and assess.
7. To which extent is "Europeanisation" similar and/or different to globalisation? Discuss and assess with particular reference to the economic, political and social dimension of globalisation in the European perspective.
8. Explain and assess the development of the concept of multi-level governance in reference to current theoretical and policy developments in the European integration process. What would you consider the major characteristics of a European model of Governance?
9. What do you consider the major global treats in today's world? Describe them and assess how they are dealt with at global and European level, taking into consideration the different views on the impact of globalisation across the world.
10. What are the main challenges and opportunities for true and meaningful social and cultural activities within the European context? Should the EU as a global player develop its own specific social and cultural (inter) dialogue?
11. What are the opportunities and challenges of European citizenship building and how is this debate linked to identity building? What are the existing EU tools and programmes to develop, strengthen and encourage active European citizenship? Explain and assess.
12. How do you evaluate the relation between democracy and globalisation in a European context? Focus your answer on benefits and problems of (new) democratic practices to respond to the globalisation forces in Europe?