

## **Selected Topics in Political Sociology: Mass Attitudes to European Integration**

Place: A 5, B 143  
Time: Mo 15.30 – 17.00 hrs

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September 7 Introduction and course organization

### I MASS ATTITUDES AND LEGITIMACY IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

September 14 Legitimacy and the concept of political support by David Easton

September 21 Explaining mass attitudes toward European integration

September 28 The Erosion of the ‘permissive consensus’ – debating causes and consequences

### II DEVELOPING RESEARCH

October 5 Designing Research in Political Science: theory, data, the question of relevance and some problems of comparative public opinion research

October 12 Presentation of research questions and research designs

November 9 Presentation of first results

### III DEBATING RESEARCH FINDINGS AND EXPLANATIONS

November 30 Presentation and discussion of papers (1)

December 7 Presentation and discussion of papers (2)

**Credits:** A total of twelve credit points (12 ECTS) can be obtained for a paper, the oral presentation of this paper, as well as active participation during the sessions including session moderation.

**Length of papers:** The papers should not exceed a length of 8.000 words (or 25 pages) including tables, figures, footnotes and bibliography.