

UJI Study Abroad Program 2022 #2

Course Title: The European Union and the Spanish Integration Process

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Mariam Camarero is a professor of Department of Economics at the University Jaume I (Castellón, Spain) and holds an Ad Personam Jean Monnet Chair in European Economic Integration. An expert in time series econometrics and international economics, she is currently the academic director of INTECO, a joint research unit of the University Jaume I and University of Valencia on Economic Integration. She has published more than 70 papers in peer-reviewed academic journals on topics related to international finance and open macroeconomics. In particular, exchange rate determination, economic convergence, external and fiscal sustainability and applied econometrics. She has led or participated in multiple research projects awarded in competitive calls. Currently coordinates the INTECO Joint Research Unit from two universities. She holds a Master's degree from the College of Europe and a PhD from the University of Valencia.

Some of other featured Lecturers or cooperated Institution: (for the promotional purpose, with his/her short CV)

Lecturer #1: **Inmaculada Martínez** has been involved in activities of a teaching and research nature at the University Jaume I (UJI) and the University of Göttingen (Germany), where she has made several research stays and participate in teaching in postgraduate programs. She has remained linked to her university of origin (University of Valencia) by establishing collaborations with professors in the area of International Economics, with whom she participated in several projects linked to the INTECO and PROMETEO groups. Besides, she has worked with professors from the Jaume I University in projects funded by the Ministry of Science and Innovation, the Generalitat Valenciana and the UJI and in research projects funded by public entities in Germany (German Research Foundation, DFG; Ministry of Science and Technology). She has been principal investigator in CICYT projects, in two projects financed by the EU through FEMISE, one by the Economic Research Forum (ERF) and one by the Latin American Trade Network (LATN). With regard to her scientific activity, she has actively published in national and international journals in the areas of international trade, economic development and environmental economics.

Lecturer #2: **Cecilio Tamarit** started his academic career at the University of Valencia in 1987, after obtaining a Master in Economic Integration at the College of Europe (Belgium). He has occupied several positions up to 2002, when he became full Professor of Economics at the University of Valencia. Concerning his research career, he has focused on the processes of economic integration, both monetary and real. The approach he has followed is based on the application of quantitative techniques and, in particular, Macroeconometrics. Concerning other research-community service positions, between 1998 and 2003 he was President of the Asociación Española de Economía y Finanzas Internacionales (AEEFI), from

2006 until 2009 President of the Advisory Committee in Economics at the Spanish National Commission for the Evaluation of the Research Activity (CNEAI) and from 2006 until 2013 I have been, first vice-president and later president of the Asociación Libre de Economía (www.alde.es). He has also been evaluator in Spanish research agencies as well as in international ones (V and VI EU Framework Programmes, Italian Ministry of Science, Polish research agency). As external advisor, he has collaborated with the European Commission, the British HM Treasure, the Spanish Ministry of Economy and CESifo. Since 1996 he holds a Jean Monnet Chair awarded in public competition by the European Commission, to teach and do research on Economic Integration. He has coordinated the Joint Research Unit on Economic Integration (INTECO) from 2012 until 2018, an excellence research group by the Prometeo Programme of the Generalitat Valenciana.

Lecturer #3: **Ana Enguïdanos Weyler** holds a degree in Law from the University of Valencia and obtained the Diploma in High European Studies at the College of Europe. Currently she is the head of service for European Union Relations at the Directorate General of Generalitat Valenciana and manages the Europe Direct centre at the Comunitat Valenciana.

INTECO: The Joint Research Unit on Economic Integration (INTECO) was created 20 years ago by researchers at the Universities Jaume I and Valencia that specialize on real and monetary integration. Their research areas are international trade, open macroeconomics and international finance. They organize annually the Workshop on Economic Integration hosted, in turns, by the two universities and are funded by competitive projects, among them Prometeo at the Comunitat Valenciana and the different editions of the Spanish research plan.

Objectives of the course:

1. To understand the process of economic integration in Europe.
2. To learn the characteristics of the Spanish economy and the role that the integration in EU has played.
3. To identify the advantages and disadvantages of economic integration on the participating countries and regions.
4. To reflect on the EU strategy after the financial crisis and the pandemic.

Target Students: Bachelor or master students in politics, economy, EU, or Spain.

Course Duration: 80 hours (5 hours per day/ 4 days a week, including study visits)

Class Modules:

Module 1. The European Union: elements, institutions, and functioning.

Module 2. Spain in the European Union.

Module 3. EU Policies and economic effects.

Module 4. The Economic and Monetary Union. Future and challenges.

Study Visits options:

- Valencian Generalitat (GVA): Presidency, Directorate General for Relations with the EU and the State in Valencia. (This activity will permit the students to visit the regional government office in Valencia. They will view the headquarters of the Directorate General for Relations with the EU and the Europe Direct centre. They will learn about the coordination between the different levels of government and the organization of the Generalitat's office in Brussels.)
- Port of Castellón, the ninth's port of the country in economic activity. The short distance between the Port and the nucleus of the ceramics industry in the province constitutes an important advantage over other nearby ports. It is a logistic platform for the local industry and significantly contributes to growth in the area. Therefore, the visit to the port is an interesting activity for the students, as it provides a good characterization of the main economic sectors in the area.

Methodology (theory & practice): The classes will combine the presentation and description of the process of integration in Europe and its consequences with examples and case studies for the students to discuss and reflect upon. The class materials include documents and learning materials available from the European Institutions, such as videos, reports, European Parliament sessions, etc.

Course Schedule:

| <i>Module 1. The European Union: elements, institutions, and its functioning.</i> | | |
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| Session 1 | History of EU integration. Main milestones. | Mariam Camarero (UJI, INTECO) |
| Session 2 | Institutions and levels of economic integration. | Mariam Camarero (UJI, INTECO) |
| Session 3 | The EU Customs Union. | Santiago Ibáñez Mansilla (UV) |
| Session 4 | The Single Market. | Francisco Requena (UV and INTECO) |

| <i>Module 2. Spain in the European Union.</i> | | |
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| Session 1 | The Spanish Economy and its integration in the EU. | Ana Cuadros-Ramos (UJI, IEI) |
| Session 2 | The Spanish Labor Market. | Andrés Picazo (UV, INTECO) |
| Session 3 | Study visit #1 | Valencian Generalitat (GVA) |
| Session 4 | Study visit #2 | Port of Castellón |

| <i>Module3. EU Policies and economic effects.</i> | | |
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| Session 1 | EU Trade Policy and Global Value Chains. | Carmen Díaz-Mora (UCLM) |
| Session 2 | EU Agricultural Policy. | Ernest Reig (UV) |
| Session 3 | EU Environmental Policy. | Inmaculada Martínez-Zarzoso (UJI, U. of Goettingen, INTECO) |
| Session 4 | EU Regional and Cohesion Policy in the Valencian Region. | Ana Enguñados (GVA) |

| <i>Module4. The Economic and Monetary Union - Future and challenges.</i> | | |
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| Session 1 | The process of monetary integration in the EU. | Cecilio Tamarit (UV and INTECO) |
| Session 2 | The ECB and Monetary Policy in Europe. | Asunción Prats Albentosa (U. of Murcia) |
| Session 3 | Future challenges: Fiscal Union, post-covid world and the recovery plan. | Cecilio Tamarit (UV and INTECO) |
| Session 4 | Tutorial. | |

Evaluation Method: a short exam at the end of the course.