



# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI CATANIA

*Area delle Politiche Comunitarie e Internazionali*

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EMUNI SUMMER SCHOOL 2009

## Course Specification

### **EUROPEAN POLICIES AND ECONOMIC TRANSITION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN**

Catania, 12-26 July 2009

#### **SYLLABUS**

Is the EU an influential regional actor in the Med? Does a EU Med Policy exist?

The wide range of actions and roles the EU conducts and plays in the euro-Mediterranean region will be illustrated through this Module. It will allow the students to acquire specific knowledge on EU external roles and will help them to develop critical and analytical skills in order to understand the new challenges the EU institutions face in this area. The event also enters into the debate on the responsibilities the EU has to endorse and the challenges it has to face.

This topic has emerged as one of the most relevant issues within the European Union politics subject and is endorsed by several EU documents. As an example, the Laeken Declaration on the future of the EU adopted in December 2001 urged the EU to play “a stabilising role worldwide”, exporting the EU “humane values” which include – inter alia - human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy, respect of diversity, etc. More recently, the Title V on the Union’s external action, contained in the Constitutional Treaty, seeks to offer a general framework for the EU to act as: a multilateral actor, a human rights and democracy promoter, a security-provider, a stabilizer of the EU neighbourhood.

In order to define Mediterranean International Politics, key state and non-state actors and the region-building processes going on in the Mediterranean will be illustrated.

The Module, also, offers a global perspective on long term change in the world economy, and the interaction between countries, regulatory systems and business firms, with a special focus on the relationships between the two shores of the Mediterranean Basin.

#### **TEACHING METHODS**

The Module will be delivered on the basis of blended learning, a combination of distance and face-to-face tuition. Face-to-face tuition (50 hours) will be held from 12<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2009 and will be articulated in lectures (30 hours) and workshops and round tables (20 hours) and will take place in the afternoons. Study materials will be available in the website, approximately a month before the



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course starting date. During the Summer School period studying materials will be distributed to participants, by a tutor, who will assist them for all the matters concerning their academic and social participation to the programme.

The Module will be open to maximum 20 post-graduate and doctoral participants, who will partly be assessed during the face to face tuition. However, assessment will continue into September, through a final written paper. At the end, an evaluation certificate, including the number of internationally recognized ECTS credits, will be delivered.

## **SOCIAL PROGRAM**

Students will have the opportunity to visit the historical city centre, to participate in variety of cultural events and to a conclusive formal dinner. One excursion to a place of interest will also be organized.

## **LECTURERS - LANGUAGE**

Each course will be delivered by three lecturers: two from the University of Catania and one from a EMUNI partner Euro-Mediterranean institution. Tuitions and roundtables will be held in English. Good knowledge of English is recommended.

## **LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATION**

Teaching activities will be held in “Casa della Cultura”, via Tomaselli 31- Catania. Students will be hosted in the university dormitories.

## **REGISTRATION AND TUITION FEES**

The registration and tuitions is free of charge. It covers accommodation, lunches, lectures, various study material, free access to the internet, including organized trips and visits.



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