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Europe in a Globalised World

Final year module

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Current international events have intensified focus on the European Union's role in a globalised world. The standard view presents EU efforts to develop a united and coherent political identity as relatively unsuccessful. A contrasting view has emerged suggesting that the EU has gradually developed a distinctive identity in international affairs, predicated upon an increasing degree of unity on core European norms and values. From this perspective the EU is seen as developing normative power that compares favourably to the US's soft (and hard) power.

The proposed module will explore these debates over the EU's effectiveness as a normative power in its external relations with a number of strategically important areas of the world.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module the student should be able:

- To stimulate knowledge and enquiry on Europe's role as a key player on the international arena
- To enhance students' appreciation of the complexities involved in Europe's role in a globalised world.
- To enhance knowledge and understanding of the EU's role in a Globalized World among (traditional and non-traditional European Studies) students
- Stimulate enquiry about European political integration and the EU as an international actor.

Assessment

- Term One: 3,000 assessed work (50%)
- Term Two: Presentation (15%)
- Term Three: 2 hour examination (35%)

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