

## **European Challenges: Effects of the Enlargement of the European Union**

The aim of this course is to provide students with an understanding of the process of Enlargement of the European Union, its present as well as possible future consequences. The course will start with an Introduction to the history of the EU and to its institutional and law-making structure. It will present the EU policy process and cover the essence and motivations of the EU Enlargement in general, drawn from the experience of previous Enlargements. The Enlargements in 2004, 2007 and 2013, the Enlargement policies of applicants, exiting states and the EU will be discussed. In addition to the impacts on the institutional structure of the EU and the distribution of power in the EU will be the focus. The effects of the Enlargements on economies and policies of the New Member States are the core of this course. For the purpose of analyzing the effects, examples of selected countries will be presented. Finally, the economic crisis and the consequences of European Enlargement will be discussed.

**Assessment: written exam**

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**ECTS: 4**