European Union Public Policy

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The 'Europeanisation' of public policy

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1. Structure and purpose of the course.

2. The 'Europeanisation' of Public Policy

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1. Structure and purpose of the Course

   a) Agenda-setting: fragmentation;

   b) Policy formulation: multiple policy-making 'venues';

   c) Policy decision-making: role and purpose of E.U. institutions;

   d) Policy implementation: complex and multi-faceted

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Structure   v   Agency

(role of institutions)   (role of individuals)

Harmonisation/convergence v mutual recognition

'Spillover'

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'Europeanisation' of social policy

- E.U. 'single social policy areas'?

- E.U. policies affect:

- policy style (formulation and implementation);

- general problem solving approach;

- policy instruments employed;

- policy standards set (based on E.U values and principles)

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- Europeanisation of :

  - pressure groups

  - interest groups

  - epistemic communities

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4 processes of 'Europeanisation' of policy:

a) 'bottom-up' (national state – E.U.)

b) 'top-down' (E.U. – national state)

c) 'horizontal' (State – State)

d) 'round-about' (national state – E.U. – national state)

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'Europeanisation' based on underlying E.U. principles and 'core values':

- social progress;

- the aim of high levels of employment;

- social protection;

- the aim of raising living standards and quality of life;

- promotion of social cohesion and social justice

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'Europeanisation'

= overarching E.U. core values and principles, within which individual policies are shaped, and diversity and 'mutual recognition' acknowledged, particularly in implementation to meet policy aims