

## Seminar Questions, Week 4

1. Would you say the European Council is a more powerful executive institution than the European Commission? Explain your answer using three examples.
2. Which institution do you consider the most powerful legislative in the European Union? In your answer, reflect on Tsebelis's distinctions between agenda-setting and veto players.
3. The institutions of the European Union have become 'politicised' very much according to what Hix (2008) proposed. Yet, questions remain about their democratic/legitimacy deficit. What are the main sources of these questions and how could they overcome? Discuss in relation to the four main institutions (European Parliament, Council of the EU, European Council and the Commission).