

Seminar Questions, Week 5

1. “The development of the European Community was founded on a bargain struck between France and West Germany in which France would provide the political lead and Germany the economic clout.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
 - a. Do you think member states (not only these two) have similarly diverse roles in the policy-making of today’s European Union? Consider in light of integration theories provided by Haas, Morvacsik and Bickerton.
2. To what extent do you find ‘Europeanisation’ useful in explaining the changes that have occurred in Europe since the 1950s? Give examples for and against this approach.
3. How has the EU affected the domestic political realm and, especially, party politics? Compare three member states and the main/governing parties.
4. How has ‘Europeanisation’ affected inter-state relationships in Europe and the EU? Consider both the relationship between/within member states and European states (non-member states).
5. Is enlargement necessary for the survival of the European Union “project”? Debate.