

Europe's Destiny:

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The European Union: 500 million people – 27 countries

European Union Member States



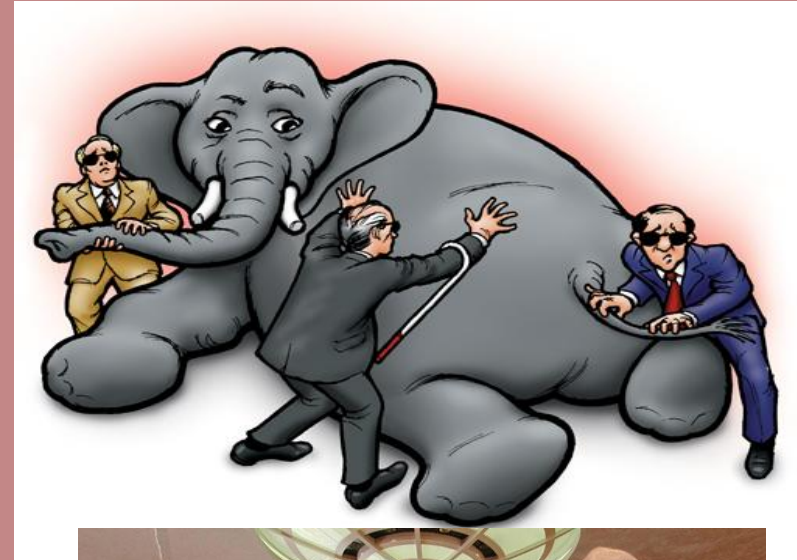
Session 1 The Blind Men and the Elephant

Today's Menu

- Overview of Course Plan
 - Session 1: The Blind Man and the Elephant
 - Session 2: History
 - Session 3: Foreign Policy
 - Session 4: Economy
 - Session 5: Culture
 - Session 6: Will the EU Thrive, Survive, or Disappear?

The Context

- Europe: The Blind Man and the Elephant
- Elephants in the Room
- Myths and Realities: Can they be separated?
- Myth or Reality? Europe's Integration and Post-war Recovery was a "Miracle"



Europe: May 6, 1945







Legacy of War



- WW II was a civilian experience:
What is NOT in the pictures.....
- 36 million Europeans died
- All Jews and Jewish Life disappeared
- WW II was the end of a 30 years war....
- A devastated economy:
- Living normally meant breaking the law
- Violence and Denunciations bred cynicism, fear, and isolation

Myth or reality: Europe's Recovery was a Miracle

- **A History of Europe's fall from power**
 - The End of Empire
 - Humiliation and Defeat
 - Occupation: Europeans were not in control of their own destiny
- **A History of Silence**
 - Only since 1989 has the post-war history been slowly recovered
 - A Moral Price was paid for Europe's Recovery
- **A “broad sunlit uplands?”**

Session 2: History of the EU

Myth or Reality?

The European Union is becoming a "Superstate." It is the most important successful experiment in cooperation and integration in history

Myth or Reality? The EU is simply a series of bargains between separate countries that can and probably will be undone. Its rise was dependent solely on the United States

Session 3: Europe, the World, and the United States

- **Myth or Reality?** The EU has the potential to become the most important actor on the world stage
 - Europe and the US are parting ways
- **Myth or Reality?** The EU will always remain irrelevant in global politics
 - Partners forever with the The US



Session 4: The European Economy

- **Myth or Reality?**
- The European Economy is more powerful than the US Economy
- The European Dream will eclipse the American Dream
- **Myth or Reality?**
The European Dream will become a nightmare of collapse



Session 5: Enlargement, Immigration, and Multiculturalism

- **Myth or Reality?**
The EU is on the path to American-style multiculturalism
- **Myth or Reality?**
Europe will never absorb other cultures; it will remain primarily a region of homogeneous nation-states



Session 6: Will the EU Triumph, Survive, or Disappear?





A Story of EU Integration From Rome to Lisbon told in treaties

- **Steel and Coal Community: Paris 1951 (expired 2002)**
- **European Economic Community: Rome 1957**
- **Single European Act (1987): achieving the Internal Market**
- **"The Maastricht Treaty" (1992): Treaty on European Union -**
- **Treaty of Amsterdam (1997): visa, asylum, immigration**
- **Treaty of Lisbon (2009): institutional reform**



Lisbon Treaty: The EU in 2012

- The European Council
- The European Parliament
- EU Competencies are expanded,
- The EU's Foreign policy is given new institutions
- The protection of human rights in EU law is strengthened
- Citizens Initiative.
- EU defense policy remains subject to national vetoes,
- The European Union becomes a single organization