Economic Integration in the EU

This lecture will cover the economic aspects of European Integration. It will first review the development of economic integration from its outset in the 1950s, through the establishment of a customs union and a fully functioning internal market by the 1990s, to the launch of the monetary union in the early 2000s. Thereafter, the lecture will assess the causes and consequences of the economic crisis that struck European economies in 2009. We will analyze the challenges but also opportunities for further integration that the Euro and debt-crisis has presented as well as the effectiveness of EU’s response. Finally, we will discuss the future of EU economic integration in view of divergent public opinion and elite preferences among the member states that have raised the prospect of differentiated integration.

Literature:


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