

# CHALLENGES TO THE EUROPEAN IDENTITY. THE REBIRTH OF NATIONALISMS IN EUROPE

Jean Monnet Course  
2018/2019

Tuesdays, 11.30-13.45  
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## 2. Description:

The course analyses contemporary identity processes in Europe. The emphasis is placed on most recent challenges that Europe has been facing, namely: economic crisis and migration crisis that have fuelled the feeling of insecurity among EU citizens and undermined trust towards the EU. The problem cannot be limited only to how these challenges have influenced the way Europe and European identity is understood, or how important European identity is and what values are believed to be the backbone of the European project. The main question is the very feasibility of common, European identity today. The course discusses a number of relevant problems, such as: the socio-psychological implications of the European crises, the issue of solidarity in Europe (different strategies of coping with crises – searching of common solutions as opposed to national ones), the problem of values and their perceptions in the light of the crises, the question of radicalization of national and nationalistic sentiments in Europe, and the problem of (post)sovereignty.

## 3. Topics:

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| 1.  | Collective identities: national and supranational identity                                | Lecture |
| 2.  | Nationalism and national identity in postmodern reality                                   | Seminar |
| 3.  | Sovereignty and post-sovereignty in contemporary Europe. What do 'new' nationalisms seek? | Seminar |
| 4.  | The problems with European cultural heritage  | Lecture |
| 5.  | European identity: between cultural and civic conception of identity                      | Lecture |
| 6.  | Economic crisis and nationalisms  | Seminar |
| 7.  | Redefining European identity and national identity in today's Europe                      | Lecture |
| 8.  | Migration crisis: Who is 'the other'?   | Seminar |
| 9.  | Is Europe suffering from the 'identity crisis'?   | Lecture |
| 10. | Europe at crossroads: the rebirth of nationalism in Central and Eastern Europe.           | Seminar |
|     | Course summary  |         |

#### 4. Impact:

The main impact of the course will be the enhancement of knowledge and students' awareness about the transformation of the European identities when they are under internal and external pressures.

#### 5. Assessment:

- Students are expected to actively participate in the classes.
- Attendance is mandatory. Missing more than 50% of the classes will result in failure of the course.
- The final grade is based on the written essay.

**All course participants are expected to participate in special Workshop organized as a part of Jean Monnet Module. Workshop will take place on November 22-24, 2018.**

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