

## Course: Agricultural and rural development

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### Aims:

The aim of the course is to offer the students insight into agriculture and rural development in Europe as well as into the principles and evolution of EU 's Common Agricultural Policy.

Attention will be paid to:

The structure of agriculture in the EU and its position in the European (rural) economy.

The original market and price policies as developed in the 1960's, 70's and 80's.

The reasons why it is changed into forms of direct since the 1990's.

The current state of affairs after Agenda 2000, the Midterm Review 2003 and the Sugar Reform 2006.

Current issues like the Health Check 2008 reform proposals.

The links between the Common Agricultural Policy, the WTO and the EU budget.

The increasing interests for food safety, food quality, environment, animal welfare and rural development.

Students are expected to locate their own materials for their essays and presentations. The selection below is intended to be indicative of the type of materials easily available to you, and may give you ideas of the scope of the subject and possibly also for essay topics. EU Documents will be given in class.

### (Chapters in) Textbooks

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A.M. El-Agraa, *The European Union. Economics and Policies*, Prentice Hall, 2004, Chapter 20.

A. Greer, *Agricultural Policy in Europe*, Manchester, 2005.

M. Hennis, *Globalization and European Integration: The Changing Role of Farmers in the Common Agricultural Policy*, 2004.

W. Molle, *The Economics of European Integration. Theory, Practice, Policy*, Aldershot, 2006, Chapter 9.

J.Pelkmans, *European Integration. Methods and Economic Analysis*, Harlow, 2006, Chapter 11.

K. J. Thomson, D. Roberts, M. Shucksmith *The CAP and the Regions: The Territorial Impact of Common Agricultural Policy*, CABI Publishers, 2005.

H. Wallace and W. Wallace, *Policy-Making in the European Union*, Oxford, 2005, Chapter 7.

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J. Francois, JCM van Meijl and FW van Tongeren "Guaging the WTO negotiation's potential gains" *Economic Policy*, April 2005, 349-391.

I. Garzon, "Multifunctionality of agriculture in the European Union : Is there substance behind the discourse's smoke?" 2005  
<http://buvd.ucdavis.edu/uploads/seminars/multifunctionality.pdf>

A Gohin, H Guyomard, CL Mouël, "Tariff protection elimination and Common Agricultural Policy reform: implications of changes in methods of import demand modelling" *Applied Economics* 38, 13 (2006) 1527- 1539.

Y. Leon, "Rural development in Europe: a research frontier for agricultural economists" *European Review of Agricultural Economics*, 32, 3 (2005) 301-317.

A. Matthews, "The Road from Doha to Hong Kong in the WTO agricultural negotiations: a developing country perspective" *European Review of Agricultural Economics*, 32, 3 (2005) 561-574.

J Niemi and J Kola, "Renationalization of the Common Agricultural Policy: Mission Impossible?" *International Food and Agribusiness Review*, 2005  
[http://www.ifama.org/members/articles/v8i4/20041108\\_Formatted.pdf](http://www.ifama.org/members/articles/v8i4/20041108_Formatted.pdf)

P. Nedergaard, "Market Failures and Government Failures: A Theoretical Model of the Common Agricultural Policy" *Public Choice*, 127, 3-4 (2006) 385-405.

OECD, *Agricultural Policy in OEDC Countries: A positive reform agenda*, OECD, 2002.Paris,

M Rizov, "Rural development perspectives in enlarging Europe: The implications of CAP reforms and agricultural transition in accession countries" *European Planning Studies*, 14, 2 (2006) 219-238.

A Swinbank, "Developments in the Doha Round and WTO dispute settlement: some implications for EU agricultural policy" *European Review of Agricultural Economics*, 32, 3 (2005) 551-561.

A Swinbank, C Daugbjerg, "The 2003 CAP Reform: Accommodating WTO Pressures" *Comparative European Politics*, 4, 1 (2006) 47-64.

**Course Outline (details to be announced later):**

Session 1: Background, principles and historical development of the Common Agricultural Policy

Session 2: Current CAP Issues

Session 3: Aspects of Enlargements

Session 4: Agriculture and WTO: CAP and Rural Development

Session 5: Theoretical Aspects of Agricultural Policy

Session 6: EU Sugar Reform 2006

Session 7-12: Student presentations