

“The making of the Euro“ – economic and financial issues relating to the creation of a single currency

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The course will cover the following subject matters:

1. The European Union: structure, governance, history
2. A reminder of some basic open economy relationships relevant for understanding “The making of the Euro”
3. The economics of Monetary Union: cost and benefits of a single currency
4. Integrating national economies: from segmented markets to a single market
5. European exchange rate arrangements
6. “Parallel currency” – a market-driven approach to monetary union?
7. Official blueprints: the Werner and the Delors Plans
8. The issue of policy coordination: fiscal policy in a monetary union
9. From blueprint to political commitment: the Maastricht Treaty
10. Creating a single central bank system: the Statutes of the ESCB and ECB
11. Translating statutes into operational and procedural measures
12. The monetary policy of the ECB