

# The Constitutional Economics of European Integration

Seminar (blocked)

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## Contents:

Over the last 50 years, the European Union has seen an enormous amount of integration both in terms of breadth (enlargement) and depth (deepening). This poses several challenges for economic theories of politics, especially from a Constitutional Economics Perspective:

- Why did national governments transfer power to the EU?
- Which kinds of policies could in fact be better pursued on the EU level?
- How is agreement amongst member states achieved in practice?
- What is the motivational force behind EU Commission initiatives?
- Can the efforts at further deepening and enlargement still be combined in a Union with an increasingly heterogeneous membership?
- What kinds of constitutional changes would be advisable in the future?

Relevant readings will be available / downloadable in November 2008

## Registration, time and place:

Introduction, registration and allocation of topics: **November 6, 2008**, 3 pm

Seminar: **January 9-11, 2009**

Both at the Walter Eucken Institut, **Goethestrasse 10**.

## Target Groups:

Second-year IMP-Students (Master of Economics and Politics) and Diploma-Students (*Hauptstudium*).

## Credits:

4 Credit Points for IMP- as well as Diploma-Students. Diploma-Students may allocate the credits to *Pflichtfach "Wirtschaftspolitik (Ordnungspolitik)"* or *Pflichtwahlfach "Ordnungs- und Wettbewerbspolitik"*.

Grades will be based on participation in class (20%), term paper (50%) and presentation of the topic (30%).