

## PS 338 Lesson Plan: Week of 1 December 2008

- 1) Questions from lecture/readings (1 - 5 minutes)
- 2) Explain concept of “Principle of subsidiarity” (5 - 10 minutes)
  - power should be exercised at the most appropriate/effective level of government
  - A feature of a federal state, because it gives power to sub-national governments
  - Introduced in Article 5 of TEU: EU can only act if “...objectives of the proposed action cannot be sufficiently achieved by Member States...”
  - Decisions taken as close as possible to EU citizens - increases legitimacy
  - Possibly a reaction to constitutionalism of EU Treaties by ECJ
  - Allows Member States to block the Europeanization of legislation if such legislation would be more appropriately introduced at the national or local level
- 3) Expectations for Essays/Essay Writing Review (15-20 minutes)

- ❖ Topics
    - Must have to do with the EU - not just a member state in the EU
    - Must be relatively *current* - i.e. not the establishment of the Euro
    - Sources must primarily come from major newspapers and other legitimate news sources (NYT, Washington Post, FT, Economist, Guardian, Observer, BBC News, CNN, etc)
    - Points will be deducted for topics that do not discuss the role of the EU as an entity
  - ❖ Construction
    - 5-paragraphy essay format recommended - expand upon this
    - Write/re-write introduction at the end
    - Make sure that introduction states your hypothesis and lays out your plan for the paper (first, I will, second, I will) - provide a “hook” in the introduction
    - Make sure that the conclusion restates your hypothesis and reiterates how your evidence proved your point - also provide a “take-away”
  - ❖ Format
    - Double-spaced
    - 12 point font - Times New Roman
    - 1 - 1.25” margins
    - Free of grammar and spelling errors
    - Separate Title Page and Bibliography
    - Page numbers - and preferably your name on each page in header/footer
  - ❖ Citations/Bibliography
    - Footnotes or internal citations acceptable
    - EVERY idea, fact or citation that does not come from your own brain MUST be cited
    - Bibliography in standard format and alphabetized - include authors name, date, title of article, title of journal/newspaper, volume/number of newspaper, page number/web link - check to make sure that links work!!
    - Provide fulltext of all cited material cut/paste into a word document and sent to me electronically by 15 December 2008 for full credit
- 4) Open discussion of possible essay topics (remaining class time)  
(Students asked in advance to bring ideas for their essay topics with them)