Growth and Cohesion in the EU

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European Economic Studies
European Economic Integration and Business

optional course, second semester, 4.5 ECTS, 30 h
The aim of the course is to analyse the factors behind the evolution of regional disparities in the European Union and address the question of how successful structural and cohesion policies have been in achieving their objective of generating greater economic and social cohesion across the EU. It will also look at the future of EU regional policies.

The course is structured around five key areas:
1. The evolution of regional disparities in the EU
2. The theoretical explanations of the evolution of regional disparities
3. The determinants of growth
4. The impact of development policies
5. The future of development policies in an enlarged Europe in light of current budget negotiations.