European Union Public Policy

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Lecture 6b The 'Europeanisation' of public policy

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1. Structure and purpose of the course.

2. The 'Europeanisation' of Public Policy

- Structure and purpose of the Course

 Agenda-setting: fragmentation;
 Policy formulation: multiple policy-making 'venues';
 - c) Policy decision-making: role and purpose of E.U. institutions;
 - d) Policy implementation: complex and multifaceted

Structure v Agency (role of institutions) (role of individuals)

Harmonisation/convergence v mutual recognition

'Spillover'

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'Europeanisation' of social policy

- E.U. 'single social policy areas'?
- E.U. policies affect:

policy style (formulation and implementation);

- general problem solving approach;
- policy instruments employed;

- policy standards set (based on E.U values and principles)

- Europeanisation of :

- pressure groups
- interest groups
- epistemic communities

4 processes of 'Europeanisation' of policy: a) 'bottom-up' (national state – E.U.) b) 'top-down' (E.U. – national state) c) 'horizontal' (State – State) 'round-about' (national state – E.U. – d) national state)

'Europeanisation' based on underlying E.U. principles and 'core values':

- social progress;
- the aim of high levels of employment;
- social protection;
- the aim of raising living standards and quality of life;
- promotion of social cohesion and social justice

'Europeanisation' = overarching E.U. core values and principles, within which individual policies are shaped, and diversity and 'mutual recognition' acknowledged, particularly in implementation to meet policy aims