This course is about the European Union. The European Union represents the most successful case of regional economic and political integration between 28 countries yet its future is being questioned in light of recent fiscal crisis and political backlash at the polls. Citizens of EU member states recently voted in favor of anti-EU political parties at the June 2014 election for the EU Parliament and sent shockwaves across the Union. Yet, it is too early and simplistic to rule the EU dead! Its level of economic, financial, and political union (though far more limited) make it almost impossible to disassemble what has been achieved. However, many political leaders and citizens want to reexamine where the EU is headed and perhaps bring it back to the original intent of the Treaty of Rome—a mere Common Market. In this class will focus on how the EU evolved since its beginnings in the 1950s, on its present-day organization and functions, how the member countries interact with one another in making EU policies for jointly regulating their internal economies and societies as well as their external policies, and what options lie ahead for EU’s political leaders and citizens.