

CLASS DISCUSSION

THE EU BETWEEN AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND THE NATION STATE

1. *MORE THAN AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION? LESS THAN A STATE?...* Which features? Illustrate and specify...

- SUPRANATIONAL ELEMENTS
- WHERE/HOW THE EU'S POWERS ARE LIMITED

2. *TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN*

- TO WHAT EXTENT, FROM AN INTERGOVERNMENTALIST PERSPECTIVE, THE MEMBER STATES ARE CONSIDERED TO BE THE *GATEKEEPERS* OF THE COOPERATION PROCESS?
- AT THE SAME TIME, WHY ARE THE MSs' GOVERNMENTS NOT ALL POWERFUL?

... *THE "UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES" FROM THE DELEGATION OF POWERS...*

- DO YOU AGREE ON THE FACT THAT INTERGOVERNMENTALISTS SUGGEST A MINIMALIST CONCEPTUALIZATION OF THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION (AN OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE EU)?

3. *THE GOVERNANCE TURN*

...*did it make a difference to go beyond the state-centrism dilemma?...*

- the EU no more as a dependent but **independent variable**
- focus not on outputs but **on the process** (of achieving outputs)
- the role of **non-hierarchical networks**: *why policy networks 'CUT ACROSS' the formal boundaries between institutions, territories, spheres of action?*
- **regulation** rather than redistribution in policy making
- new instruments and procedure / informal rules