



Issues on European Elites & Democracy

SELF-EVALUATION QUESTIONS ON A RECOMMENDED

READING: Peter Mair (2013) *Ruling the Void*, London, Verso, Ch. 4
“Popular Democracy and the European Union Polity”.

- a) According to what considerations does P. Mair say that **the EU has been constructed as a “protected sphere”**?
- b) A number of limits did substantially reduce the stakes of **policy competition between political parties on EU-issues**: describe the phenomenon.
- c) Did non-majoritarian institutions contribute to **depoliticisation** within the EU? Show some examples.
- d) In the view of P. Mair, can the EU continue to be developed without traditional **forms of democratic legitimacy**?
- e) In the end, what is seen as the main factor favoring the (risky) onset of **polity-scepticism**?