Social scientists have regularly proclaimed the end of territory under successive waves of modernisation but it continually emerges as a key principle of social, economic and political organization. Rather than a de-territorialization we are witnessing a rescaling of social life as functional systems, identities and political expression migrate to new levels, above, below and across European states. These new spaces are essentially contested. Governments have sought to regain control through institutional reform, while political and social movements have sought to politicize them and open them up to popular influence. Interest articulation is refracted at these new territorial levels to reshape the policy agenda and create new social alliances and conflicts. This is part of a broader process of state transformation, which puts into question traditional concepts of the bounded nation-state. Rescaling poses a series of normative questions, especially about self-determination and social solidarity.

The course will draw on Michael Keating, *Rescaling the European State* (Oxford University Press, 2013). There is additional reading for each session and also background reading. Readings should all be available on line.
Session 1. Theories and Historical Approaches

Required reading:


Further reading:


Session 2. Rescaling

Required reading:


Further reading:


Session 3. Making Regions

Required reading:


Further reading:


Alain-G. Gagnon and Michael Keating (eds), Political Autonomy and Divided Societies, Palgrave (2012).

**Session 4. Interests and Policy Making**

Required reading:


Further reading:

Special Issue of Territory, Politics, Governance, 2.3 (2014): 322-37.

Raquel Gallego and Joan Subirats (eds), Autonomies i desigualtats a Espanya: Perceptions, evolució social i polítiques de benestar, Barcelona: Institut d’Estudis Autonòmics.


**Session 5. Normative Issues. Territorial Justice and Self-Determination**

Required reading:


Further reading:


Joseph Weiler, ‘Scotland and the EU’
