The module deepens the understanding of the economy of European nation states as studied in Module TD S 1 by analysing how they interact with each other guided by the institutions of the EU. Care is taken to take a multi-paradigmatic approach based on different traditions in economics and (International) political economy. Also, the interrelations between inner-EU relations and interests and the global system are analysed. The substantive foci will vary according to changes in academic and public debates.

The module builds an understanding of the economy of the European Union in its entanglement of markets, small, and large firms, governments, civil society and bureaucracies at the national, European and global levels.

Students will be able to develop a first understanding of complex cross-national and multi-level social, economic and political interactions.

Students will be able to unveil the “national interest” metaphor and see the conflicting interests of different (collective) actors in their national, European and international entanglements. They will also be able to reflect critically on their own positions regarding various European policy issues.