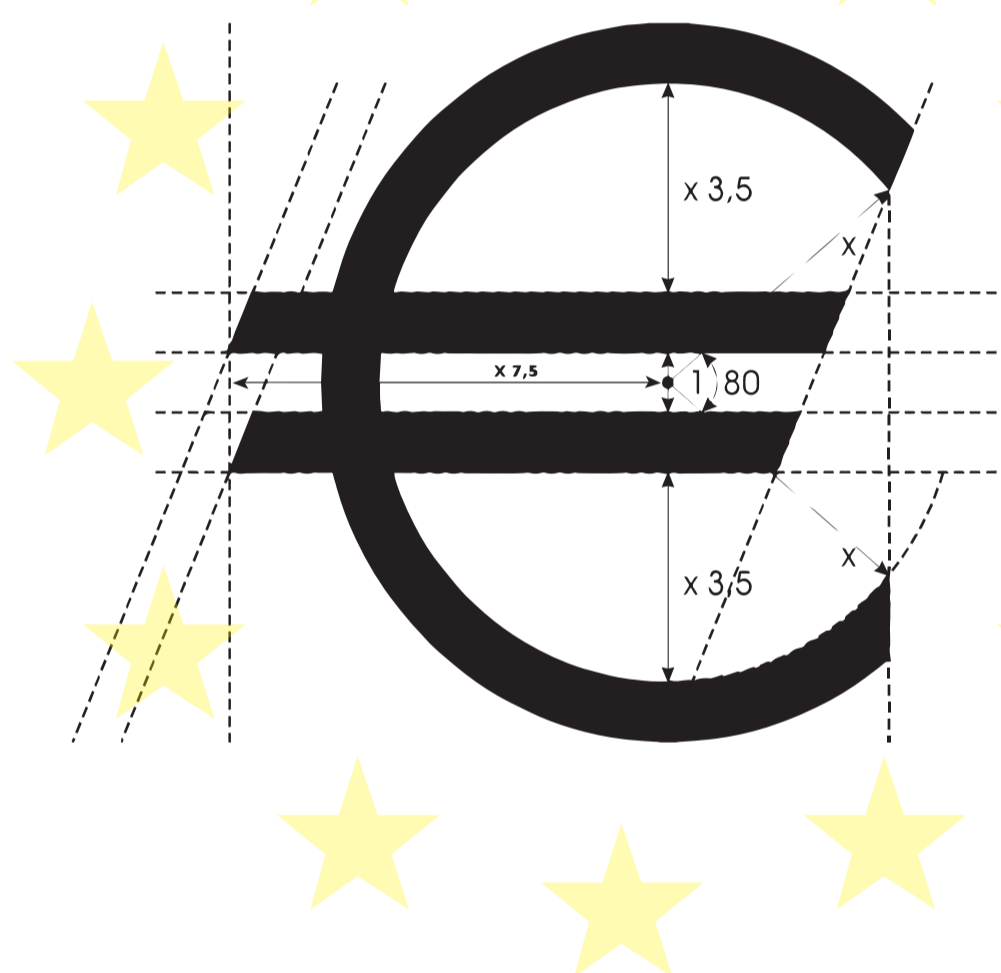


Seminar:

“Has the

EUROZONE CRISIS

**strengthened or
weakened the EU?”**



24 April 2013 (Wed)

4:00pm - 6:00pm

RRS 905, 9/F, Sir Run Run Shaw Building,
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Speaker:

Prof. Roger Vickerman

Professor of European Economics
Dean, Brussels School of International Studies,
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Free Admission

“The fallout from the financial and economic crisis of 2008-9 has been felt most keenly in Europe, with the need for bail-outs for Greece, Ireland and Portugal and continuing economic recession for all. Many have argued that this was at least in part the result of a rush to set up the Eurozone and to be less prudent about applying proper criteria for membership. Does this reflect an obsession with ‘ever closer union’ at all costs? And will the fall out lead to the collapse of the European Union that was envisaged in the Lisbon Treaty, or at the very least the creation of a multi-tiered EU? In this lecture we shall explore how the crisis evolved and how the responses tended to be motivated by self-interest rather than collective interest. Was this the first big test of European economic integration? And did the EU fail it? What does this augur for the future? And what implications does it have for Britain's fractious relationship with its European partners? Here we show how economics and politics are intertwined and how the democratic deficits in Europe have been compounded by these problems.” (Vickerman)

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