

Conceptualizing and Theorizing the EU

- I. Concepts and Theories
- II. Conceptualizing the EU
- III. Theorizing About the EU
- IV. Governance within the EU

I. Concepts and Theories

- Hypotheses and Hypothesis Testing
- Elements of Theory (Description, Explanation, Prediction)
- Multicausality and Human Unpredictability
- Correlation v. Causation
- Necessary and Sufficient Causes
- Empirical and Normative Theory

II. Conceptualizing the EU

- State v. Intergovernmental Organization (IGO)
- Federalism and Confederalism
- Consociationalism
- Multilevel Governance
- Intergovernmentalism and Supranationalism

III. Theorizing the EU

- Neofunctionalism
 - Spillover
- Intergovernmentalism
 - Realism
- Interdependency
- EU as a Unique Actor (*sui generis*)

IV. Governance within the EU

- Institutionalism
 - Strategic Interaction
 - Path Dependency
- Policy Networks
 - Non-state actors
 - Private interests/Interest Groups

The Blind Men and the Elephant?

