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 Confederationalism
- 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?