

European Union Law

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Introduction to the course.
The history of the European integration

Lesson No 1

Looking back ...

The history of the European continent

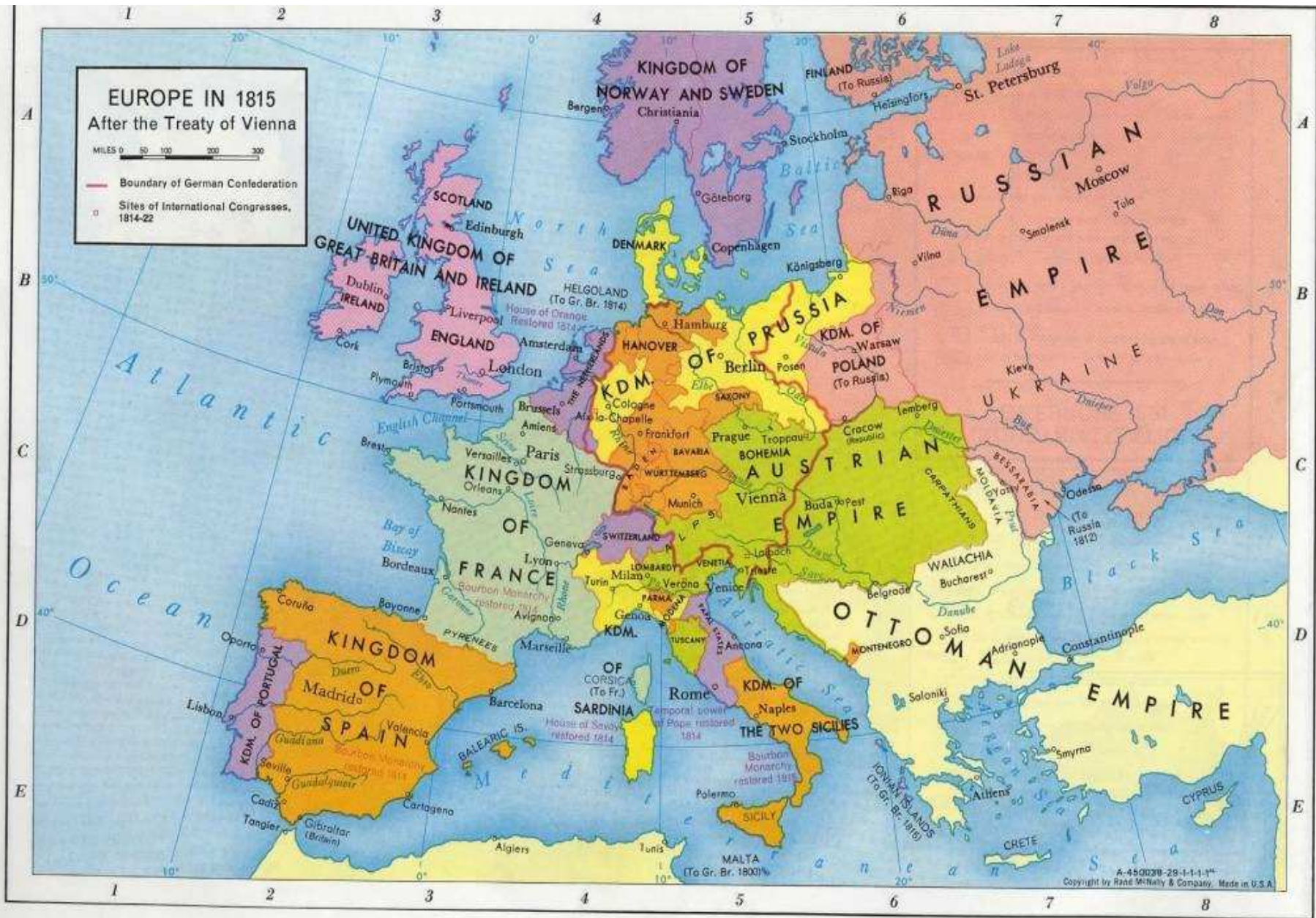
- from the end of the French Revolution
- to the beginning of the European integration process (the middle of last century)
- to the current European Union (today)

200 years, more or less

EUROPE IN 1815
 After the Treaty of Vienna

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— Boundary of German Confederation
 □ Sites of International Congresses, 1814-22



Europe 1914



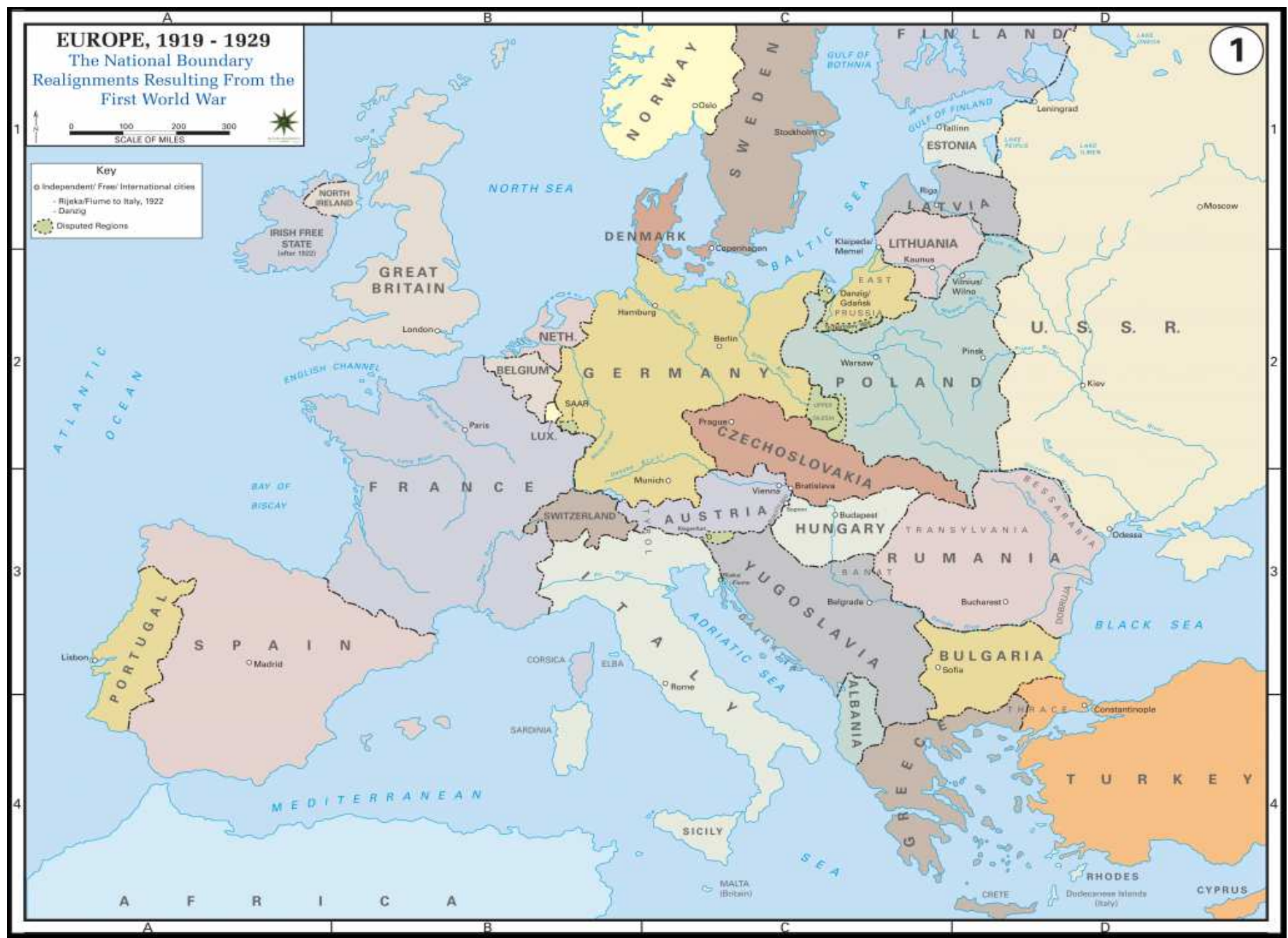
EUROPE, 1919 - 1929

The National Boundary Realignments Resulting From the First World War



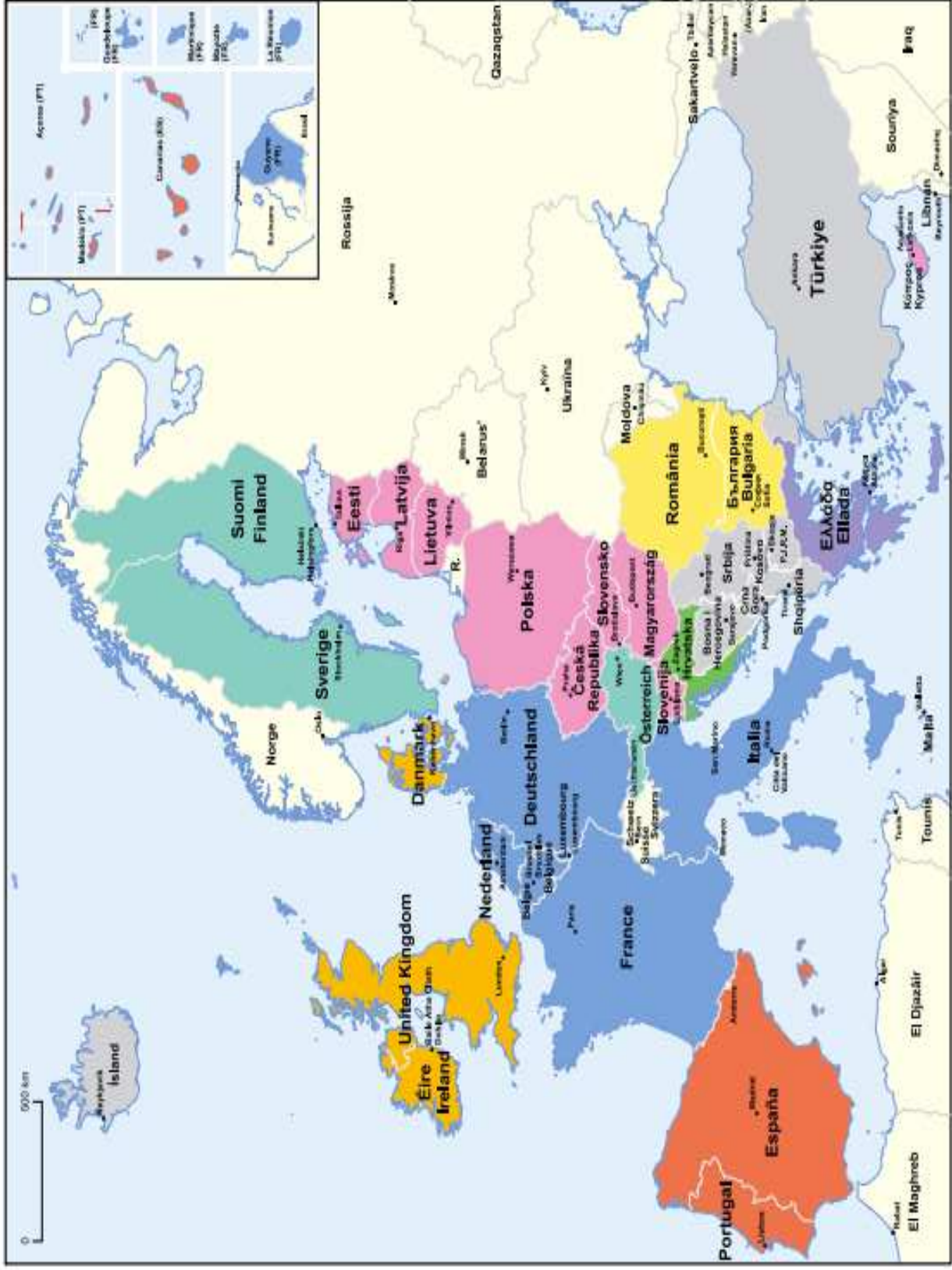
- Key**
- Independent/ Free/ International cities
 - Rijeka/Fiume to Italy, 1922
 - Danzig
 - Disputed Regions

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Europe unified under Nazis and Fascists





- 1952
- 1973
- 1981
- 1986
- 1995
- 2004
- 2007
- 2013

Paesi candidati e potenziali candidati

The Neo-functionalism:
the “Functional Approach”
to the European integration

Schuman Declaration

May 5th, 1950

*(...) **Europe will not be made all at once, or according to a single plan. It will be built through concrete achievements** which first create a de facto solidarity (...)*

*(...) The pooling of coal and steel production should immediately provide for the setting up of common foundations for economic development **as a first step in the federation of Europe** (...)*

Art. 1 TEU (current 'Lisbon' version)

- “(...) *This Treaty marks a new stage in the process of creating an ever closer union among the peoples of Europe (...)*” (see also the Preamble of TEU and TFEU)
- This idea was recently put into questions in order to avoid Brexiteers from winning the 2016 referendum in UK → decision of the Heads of State or Government of the Member States concerning “*A new settlement for the UK within the EU*” (18-19 February 2016): it was recognised that UK was “*not committed to further political integration into the EU*”; accordingly, it was agreed that at the time of the next Treaties revision it would have been made clear “*that the references to ever closer union do not apply to UK*”