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[Download the text here](#)

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Some commemoration days give us reason for reflection and sorrow, others elicit pride and hope. The 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin wall should be for the citizens of the European Union first and foremost a continuous challenge. Of course, the commemoration of 9th November 1989 is for most Europeans a day to celebrate, because it marked the end of an artificial separation of the continent into two opposing blocs, the opportunity to introduce civil liberties and democracy, the beginning of a successful rapprochement between the countries of the West and the East culminating in the accession of 13 new member states.

But at the same time, the fall of the Berlin wall almost immediately triggered a number of challenges, which the European Union is still struggling to master. 9th November 1989 marks the end of a period in which Western Europe could content itself to be an economic giant, but a political dwarf. Europeans no longer could or wanted to simply

bandwagon US hegemony, but had the ambition to become an independent and identifiable actor in international political affairs. Since then, significant progress has been made towards a coherent European foreign and security policy, but national interests of the member states still diverge, as soon as divisive issues are concerned. Up to 1989, the borders of the integration project were clearly drawn by geopolitics: Only countries within the Western political hemisphere were concerned by it, while it was unconceivable that it reached out to Central and Eastern Europe. Since then, the European Union has struggled to outline its frontiers and to determine the limits of enlargement. Also, the relation to countries beyond the borders of the EU remains a continuous challenge. Whereas the borders within the EU have become almost imperceptible, they are high and often insurmountable towards the non-EU neighbourhood. Finally, since 1989, the power relations within the community have profoundly changed. The apprehensions of many observers about a reunified Germany becoming an overbearing partner have largely become true. The fall of the Berlin wall thus poses a new the question of the sense and the scope of the European integration project.

# Welcome to our students!

## Opening session of the 2014/15 "Master in Advanced European and International Studies", trilingual branch, in Nice

The academic year started at CIFE's Institut européen-European Institute (IE·EI) in Nice on 7 October 2014. The 21 Master students will be spending two trimesters in Nice and one in Berlin, as well as a one week stay at CIFE's partner university in Rostock and a two week seminar at the EuroSapienza, CIFE's partner university in Rome. A study trip to the European and international organisations in The Hague, Strasbourg and Brussels will also be part of the programme. The courses, which are taught in English, French and German, take place from October 2014 to June 2015.



## Opening session of the 2014/15 "Master in Advanced European and International Studies", Anglophone branch, in Istanbul

The 31 students of the Anglophone branch started their academic year with a welcome evening in the premises of the Institut français in Istanbul. This year's participants come from 22 countries stretching from Azerbaijan, Turkey, Georgia, Ukraine and Russia to Belgium, Germany, France, Great Britain, The Netherlands, Canada and China. The participants will spend their first term in Istanbul and subsequently move to Nice for their second term and to Berlin where they will spend the last part of the academic year. Teaching language is English.



## Start of the 2014/16 "Master in EU Studies Online" in Berlin

The kick-off meeting for the Online Master took place from 24 to 26 October in Berlin. The participants, coming from 15 different countries, will follow the 2-years programme whilst pursuing their professional career. After this first workshop, which introduced them to the courses 'Institutional architecture of the EU', 'Basics of EU law' and 'History of European Integration', they will continue their studies online. Next meeting will be in Rome in January 2015.



Last October, **Ellenor Grace Francisco**, one of our Alumni, was awarded the [EEX Excellence Award](#) for her Master dissertation at the IE·EI, titled "[Petroleum Politics: China and its national oil companies](#)".

**Congratulations Ellenor!**



From left to right: Daniel Wragge, Head of Political Communications at EEX, CIFE Alumnus 2004/05; Ellenor Grace Francisco, among the winners of the 2014 EEX Excellence Award, CIFE Alumna 2012/13; Nelli Mikkola, CIFE Alumna 2012/13.

## Start of CIFE's evening course "Neuer Schwung für Europa"

The winter opening session of our evening course "Neuer Schwung für Europa" took place in Vienna on 4 November with 78 participants. Most of them are currently studying at the University of Vienna and come from different EU countries.

The class started with a short introduction on the EU foundation (Ferdinand Kinsky) and then continued with the history of the European Union as its main subject (Helgard Fröhlich).

This programme is organised in cooperation with *Gemeinschaft Emmanuel* (Wien).

## Overseas University Programmes

In 2014, CIFE has successfully continued and expanded its **Overseas University Programmes (OUP)**, realised in close cooperation with renowned academic partners in Europe, the United States and China.

The **Summer European Academy** (7/06 – 23/06/2014) and the **Danube Summer Institute** (11/07 – 10/08/2014) both started for the first time in 2011, and are organised in cooperation with Texas A&M University. Forty students participated to the 2014 programmes, which introduced the Texas A&M political science students to the major policy perspectives of the EU and especially the challenges associated with the enlargement process and expansion to Central Europe. Both programmes have significantly enhanced students' awareness of the nature and roots of these challenges, the consequences they entail for the European citizens, and the implications that follow for the EU as a global player and transatlantic actor.



The second edition of the **EU-Summer School for Chinese Students** took place from 19 July to 9 August 2014 on the Island of Spetses in Greece, and is organised in cooperation with the Europa Institute of the University of the Saarland (EI), the European Centre for Economic and Financial Law (ECEFIL) at the Panteion University in Athens, the Yunnan University (Kunming, China) and the East China University of Science and Technology (Shanghai, China). 24 students participated in this three-week Summer School in order to get familiar with the fundamentals, principles and issues governing the EU in a global environment.

In contrast to the three summer schools outlined above, the **European Semester** is designed as an entire study abroad semester for Texas A&M political science undergraduate students, who spend four months in different European universities.

The past European Semester programmes were inspiring adventures for the Texas A&M students:

*"I have never thought I would be able to study abroad for an entire semester, but with CIFE, I travelled to multiple countries for essentially the costs of an A&M semester. The exposure to the EU in the classroom was coupled with excursions to political, historical and cultural landmarks, making it one of the most rewarding experiences of my college career!"*

(Claire Stieg, European Semester 2012)

*"Studying abroad with CIFE was an amazing experience that left me yearning for more when it comes to the EU. I learned so much in the classroom, but the part that I loved the most was that they made us learn outside the classroom by taking us to different parts of Europe. This was the perfect program, in my opinion!"*

(Ryan Cardenas, European Semester 2013)

With this encouraging feedback in mind, CIFE is looking forward to welcoming the 2015 European Semester students on 26 January, 2015 in Berlin.

[Learn more about the European Semester programme on our website](#)



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## Summer University programmes Les universités d'été

Le programme universitaire d'été 2014 s'est terminé avec succès et de nombreux thèmes, toujours très actuels, étaient proposés sur des destinations toujours très diversifiées. Le programme dans son ensemble s'oriente de plus en plus vers les problématiques spécifiques qui se développent autour des mers qui nous entourent.

Pour sa première « **Mediterranean Summer University** », sur le thème « Changing security perceptions in the Middle East and the Mediterranean », le CIFE abordait des questions telles que les ressources énergétiques dans la zone, la coopération, les questions de sécurité et, bien sûr, le printemps arabe. Cette première session s'est déroulée à ANTALYA en Turquie, avec le support de deux universités partenaires, Akdeniz University et International Antalya University. Une très belle amitié est née de cette première collaboration.



L'**Université d'été de la Mer Adriatique** est maintenant la continuité de l'Université d'été Croatie. Après Zadar, Rijeka et Dubrovnik, ce programme a continué son chemin en s'installant cette année à Split avant de pouvoir se développer en Slovénie ou au Montenegro. Ce sont plusieurs partenaires de la petite ville de SPLIT en Croatie qui se sont cette année associés, pour la première fois, à la session en Mer Adriatique. La Faculté de Droit, la Faculté de Philosophie, le Centre Robert Schuman et l'Alliance française ont pris une part active à ce programme qui se déroulait en deux parties, la première plus spécifiquement orientée vers l'histoire, l'héritage et la culture de la Croatie, la deuxième sur les questions qui peuvent se poser concernant l'adhésion des autres états des Balkans à l'Union européenne. En clôture de ce programme, et en signe de remerciement, le Doyen de la Faculté de Droit a cérémonieusement offert à la directrice du programme les « Statuts de la ville de Split », un ouvrage magnifique et d'une grande rareté.

Après Vilnius, où se sont tenues les deux premières sessions de l'**Université d'été de la Mer Baltique**, c'est TALLIN en Estonie qui a accueilli ce programme pour la première fois sur le thème « Baltic countries in Europe ». Euroacadeemia Tallin en a été le partenaire, aussi efficace qu'amical. Des questions très actuelles telles que les relations entre la Russie et les pays baltes, la stratégie européenne en direction des pays baltes, notamment en ce qui concerne l'environnement, la sécurité énergétique, etc. ont été très largement abordées et grâce à l'investissement très actif de notre partenaire sur place, des visites d'institutions ont pu être inscrites au programme. Le Parlement et le Ministère de l'Intérieur ont ainsi pu être la localisation de certaines conférences très appréciées. La session de clôture, organisée dans une taverne réputée de Tallin a permis également de rencontrer quelques uns de nos anciens.

L'**Université d'été de la Mer Noire** a eu lieu pour la première fois cette année à Baku, en Azerbaïdjan. Aussi bien les enseignants étrangers que les candidats ont été émerveillés par ce séjour aux portes de l'Asie. Notre partenaire sur place était le Center for Strategic Studies (SAM). Cette session a également été l'occasion d'une jolie surprise : le 60e anniversaire du CIFE a été fêté, à l'occasion d'un grand dîner, par un magnifique gâteau dédié offert par le partenaire.

Un grand merci à Ariz et au directeur de « SAM » pour cette amicale attention.

Enfin la **Roumanie/Bulgarie** a clôturé le programme universitaire d'été 2104 en traitant de la gouvernance et des élections européennes. Cette session se déroule sur deux pays, de chaque côté du Danube, avec deux partenaires, la Municipalité de Slobozia pour le côté roumain, et la Municipalité de Silistra et l'Institut de Droit de Sofia pour la partie bulgare. Aussi bien du côté roumain que du côté bulgare, les différents partenaires mettent tout en œuvre pour que les invités qu'ils reçoivent repartent avec le meilleur souvenir de leur pays.

Le calendrier du programme d'été 2015 est en cours d'élaboration. Tous les candidats potentiels sont cordialement invités à faire part dès à présent de leur intérêt pour pouvoir profiter des meilleures conditions de participation. [Info & contacts](#)



De gauche à droite : H. Alavi, Georgie, ancien CIFE; M.F. Perdigon, Directrice du programme universitaire d'été, CIFE, et le partenaire estonien L.Karabeshkin; E. Ustamujic, Bosnie Herzégovine, ancienne CIFE; J. Koger, Estonie, ancienne CIFE; L. Baechler, Directeur DHEEI, filière anglophone.



Policy paper No 2  
**« Sortir de la zone euro et revenir au franc  
ou l'assurance d'un échec annoncé ! »**  
By Jean-Claude Vérez



Policy paper No 3  
**“Is France still a pivotal power in the EU?”**  
By Matthias Waechter



Policy paper No 4  
**“The Ukraine Crisis – Lessons for the EU”**  
By Mathias Jopp and Katrin Böttger



Policy paper No 5  
**« L'européanisation des politiques énergétiques des pays membres de  
l'Union européenne : un processus lent mais inévitable »**  
By Laurent Baechler

Read all the policy papers on CIFE's website

## The new issue of CIFE's journal *L'Europe en Formation* is now available!

*L'Europe en formation*, issue 371

### “A New Context for Euro-Mediterranean Relations: Seized or Leaved Opportunities “

Editor: Dagmar Röttsches

L-T Krüger & E. Ratka

*The Perception of European Policies in Tunisia after the Arab Spring*

F. Bicchi

*European Neighbourhood Policy Post-Arab Spring*

S. Colombo & B. Voltolini

*EU Democracy Promotion Towards Morocco*

J. Simon

*Democracy Promotion after the Arab Spring*

P. Gómez de Caso Villar

*Discourses Shaping Mediterranean Social Movements*

Claude Nigoul

*Le défi énergétique*

A. Toviás

*Interactions between the Southern and the Northern Crisis of the  
Mediterranean*

G. Tzogopoulos

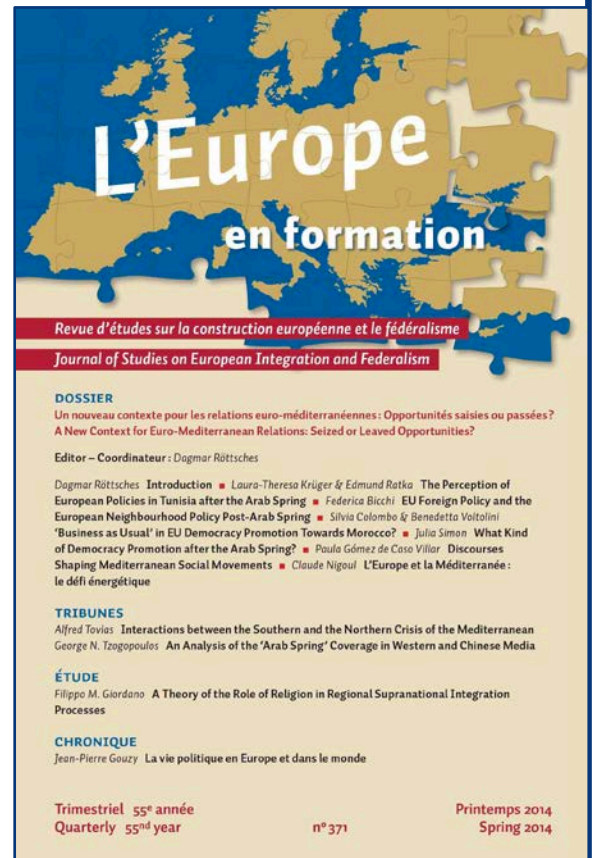
*An Analysis of the 'Arab Spring' Coverage in Western and Chinese Media*

F. Giordano

*A Theory of the Role of Religion in Regional Supranational Integration  
Processes*

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## “Facing Antagonisms in Europe”

### CIFE participates to this international project intending to promote exchanges between young Europeans

A brand new programme has been set up by CIFE, the Franco-German Youth Office, the Moldovan Young European Federalists, and the Europa Zentrum of Baden-Württemberg.

This programme is fully incorporated within the framework of European mobility and student exchanges. It endeavours to promote mutual understanding between citizens within the EU and, in the case of Moldova, potential future EU citizens. It is designed for students and young professionals aged from 18 to 30. Respectively eight participants from Moldova, from France and from Germany will meet in different European cities to discuss Europe's future, Europe's enlargement policy towards the East and the path to overcome obstacles on the way to a further enlargement without conflicts.

From Berlin to Chisinau via Paris and Brussels participants will attend conferences and visit historical sites. In each of

the three 5-day-workshops the participants will meet renowned experts and practitioners from national and European institutions.

Together, the participants will dedicate their time to elaborate on current European issues. Besides strengthening the participants' knowledge of the EU and its neighbours, the programme is designed to foster intercultural exchange. In the spirit of cooperation, different perspectives of Europe will be discussed and analysed.

Save the dates: The first seminar takes place in Berlin from 24th through 29th November 2014. The second seminar will be held in Chisinau from 6th through 11th April 2015. The final seminar takes place in Brussels and Paris from 14th through 19th September 2015.

[Download the programme here](#)



The office of CIFE in Brussels regularly organises lunchtime debates on the major questions that are at the centre of interest regarding the European Union. Four to five times a year, the “Midis du CIFE” provide an opportunity for notable actors and observers of the European integration process to comment and debate with the audience on topics regarding the domestic and external policies of the European Union. The success of these meetings is not for the least part due to the active participation of the public. Guests mainly come from the European institutions, universities, business, foundations, civil society organisations, and the press. Numerous former students of CIFE's programmes also take part in these events, which they regard as career long-learning opportunities.

**CIFE Lunchtime Debates take place at the University Foundation in Brussels.**

#### 29th CIFE Lunchtime Debate

19 November 2014

#### The EU's Ukrainian question - a geopolitical challenge to values, capacity and strategy

Guest speaker: **Pat COX**

Former President of the European Parliament, former member of EP Observer mission to Ukraine with President Aleksander Kwasniewski (PL), Board member Yalta European Strategy, Ukraine

#### 30th CIFE Lunchtime Debate

2 December 2014

#### Towards a reindustrialisation of Europe?

Guest speaker: **Henri MALOSSE**

President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

#### 31st CIFE Lunchtime Debate

8 December 2014

#### « Européens, réveillez-vous ! »

Dialogue entre:

**Paul COLLOWALD**, Témoin et acteur de la construction européenne, qui vient de publier « J'ai vu naître l'Europe »

&

**Jean QUATREMER**, Correspondant du quotidien français *Libération* auprès de l'Union européenne

#### 32nd CIFE Lunchtime Debate

10 December 2014

#### Is the European Citizens' Initiative really an efficient democratic instrument?

Guest speakers:

**Anne-Marie PERRET**

President of the Right2Water Citizens' Committee, former President of the European Federation of Public Service Unions

**Conny REUTER**

Co-Chair of the Liaison-Group in the European Economic and Social Committee, Secretary General of Solidar

#### 33rd CIFE Lunchtime Debate

20 January 2015

#### The 'Youth Guarantee': urgently tackling youth unemployment

Guest speaker: **Michel LEBRUN**

President of the EU Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Download the invitations and the registration form on CIFE's website!

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