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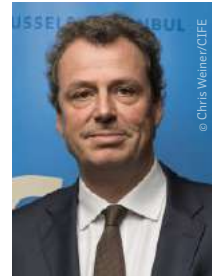
*European and
International Studies*

Preface

CIFE looks back on the year 2023 with pride and gratitude: We take pride in the growth and successful development of our institution, whose student body continues to grow and whose graduates, as convinced Europeans, pursue professional careers in the environment of European and international institutions. We also take pride in the curricula of our seven Master's programmes, which address the key issues of European integration and the major challenges of our time, such as climate change, energy transition and digitalisation, while building a European identity among their participants. Gratitude for the generous support we receive from the European Union, but also from our partners in the academic world, foundations and international organisations. Gratitude for the commitment of our students, of our faculty and the large network of our alumni.

We remain concerned about the international context against which we have developed our activities. The Russian war of aggression against Ukraine continues. In 2023, we opened with the EU*Connect programme an online campus, which enables students from Ukraine, Moldova and the EU member states to learn together about the challenges of EU accession in the Eastern neighbourhood. With activities like these, we respond to the current challenges and remain true to our organisation's mission of working for the resolution of conflicts through ever closer cooperation between peoples and states.

We thank our partners, faculty members, students and friends for their support and loyalty over the past year.



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Director General CIFE

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Master in Advanced European and International Studies

Applied European Policy and Governance Studies

NICE CANTERBURY BERLIN

PARTNER INSTITUTION University of Kent, Canterbury, UK

WORKING LANGUAGES English, French, German (optional)

About the Programme

The Applied European Policy and Governance Studies programme of CIFE's Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS) seeks to address the next generation of European decision-makers and aims to prepare students for professional life in a challenging context. The academic curriculum has been designed to enable students to develop an overarching and all-encompassing understanding of the political, social, economic and cultural challenges of today's world with a particular focus on the European Union.

The Master addresses issues related to developments, processes and policies within the EU. Key topics are the institutional architecture and policymaking, the history of EU integration, core EU policies such as migration, climate and sustainability, the Single Market, and the EU's external relations and neighbourhood policies. The lectures and seminars are supplemented by a significant number of professional skills workshops, for instance on EU policy tracking, negotiation skills and project cycle management. Following the leitmotif "Learning and Living Europe", the students rotate between the three study locations Nice, Canterbury and Berlin.

Teaching Modules

- European Integration and Governance
- EU Policies and Flagship Initiatives
- EU Neighbourhood and External Relations
- The European Economy and Globalisation
- Professional Skills Workshops

Programme Highlights

- Inaugural Lecture by CIFE President Herman Van Rompuy on "What is the EU's Place in the New World?".
Watch the recording.
- An EU Council simulation on "The Future of Europe", addressing 1) the forming of an EU Social Policy, and 2) the redesigning of an EU Migration Policy.
- A study excursion to London on "The United Kingdom and the European Union – Current challenges and opportunities".
- A one-week study trip to Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg, including visits and briefings at EU institutions and a workshop on Lobbyism and Advocacy followed by a "lobbyism walk" through the EU quarter.
- A roundtable discussion at the German Council on Foreign Relations with several experts on "Challenges of EU–China Relations".
- An expert talk on "Political Change, Democratic Backsliding and the Rule of Law" at Institut für Europäische Politik in Berlin.
- Visits of several ministries and the Federal Chancellery in Berlin with briefings on Germany's European Policy.

For a more detailed description, read the *Academic Report*.



Master in Advanced European and International Studies

Mediterranean Studies

NICE TUNIS DAKAR ISTANBUL

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS Université Mahmoud El Materi Tunis, Tunisia
Groupe Supdeco Dakar, Senegal
Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey

WORKING LANGUAGES English, French

About the Programme

The Mediterranean Studies programme seeks to educate the next generation of Euro-Mediterranean decision-makers and aims to prepare students for professional life in a challenging context. The academic curriculum has been designed to enable students to develop an overarching and all-encompassing understanding of the political, social, economic and cultural challenges of today's world with a particular focus on the Mediterranean region and EU-Mediterranean relations.

The Master addresses the EU as a role model of regional integration, European Neighbourhood Policy, the political transition processes in Southern Mediterranean countries, historical, social and cultural diversity challenging Mediterranean societies, questions of poverty and inequality in a globalised economy, human development and sustainable development challenges, migration issues, conflict management and peacekeeping and risk management.

The lectures and seminars are supplemented by a significant number of professional skills workshops, for instance on intercultural communication, real-time tracking of EU policies, negotiation skills and project cycle management. Following the leitmotif "Learning and Living the Mediterranean", the students rotate between the three study locations Nice, Tunis and Istanbul. They also benefit from a 3-week study trip to Dakar.

Teaching Modules

- Conflict Management and Peacemaking
- Globalised Economy in the 21st Century
- Regional Integration Policies
- Mediterranean Politics and Societies
- Professional Skills Workshops

Programme Highlights

- Inaugural Lecture by CIFE President Herman Van Rompuy on "What is the EU's Place in the New World?".
Watch the recording.
- An EU Council simulation on "The Future of Europe", addressing 1) the forming of an EU Social Policy, 2) the redesigning of an EU Migration Policy.
- Participation in a roadshow to raise awareness of Covid in the Sidi Bouzid - Kairouan region with students from Mahmoud El Materi University.
- Visit to the EU Delegation in Senegal and Meeting with the EU Ambassador in Dakar.
- Roundtable organised in cooperation with the EU Delegation in Senegal and Supdeco in Dakar.
- Visits to AKOM, the Disaster Coordination Centre of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, and the representation of the Turkish Red Crescent.

For a more detailed description, read the *Academic Report*.



Master in Advanced European and International Studies

European Integration and Global Studies

BERLIN NICE ROME/ISTANBUL

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS European Stability Initiative, Berlin, Germany
Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey
Luiss Guido Carli, Rome, Italy

WORKING LANGUAGE English

About the Programme

The European Integration and Global Studies programme seeks to educate the next generation of European decision-makers and aims to prepare students for professional life in a challenging context. The academic curriculum is designed to enable students to develop an overarching and all-encompassing understanding of internal and external EU policies and to gain a deep understanding of the role of the European Union in an ever more complex and fragmented world.

The Master addresses issues related to how the EU interacts with other global actors in a multipolar international system. Key topics were the history of conflicts in international relations with a regional accent on conflicts in the Middle East and in Ukraine, and a special focus on international regimes and successful interstate cooperation, current challenges for the European Union, the role of the EU in international politics, key European integration issues such as political cooperation, democratic representation, minority issues, migration issues and economic coordination viewed through the lens of federalist studies. Also part of the curriculum were the driving forces shaping the world economic system, with a special focus on EU economics and sustainable development challenges and international climate change policy making.

During the third trimester, the programme in Rome focused on the EU and its relationship with the Mediterranean and sub-Saharan African countries, while in Istanbul the focus was on EU relations with Turkey, Central Asia, the Caucasus and Black Sea countries.

The lectures and seminars were supplemented by a significant number of professional skills workshops, for instance on the tracking and analysis of EU law proposals, the drafting of policy papers, intercultural communication, negotiation skills and project cycle management. Following the leitmotif “Learning and Living Europe”, the students rotate each term, moving their place of study from Berlin to Nice and then to Rome or Istanbul.

Teaching Modules

- Conflict and Cooperation in the International System
- European Integration and External Action
- Federalism and Multi-Level Governance
- Economic Globalisation and Sustainable Development
- Professional Skills Workshops

Highlights of the Programme

- Inaugural Lecture by CIFE President Herman Van Rompuy on “What is the EU’s Place in the New World?”.
Watch the recording.
- A five-day-long study trip to Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg, including visits and briefings at EU institutions. Students had the opportunity to exchange with various EU experts from the EEAS, the European Commission, the Council of the EU, the Court of Justice, the EIB, the European Parliament, the ECHR and the Council of Europe. They also met several CIFE Alumni on the occasion of a networking dinner in Brussels.
- Extracurricular visits of Berlin and Nice.
- Visit to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome.
- Visit to the Association for Solidarity with Asylum-Seekers and Migrants (ASAM) in Istanbul.

For a more detailed description, read the *Academic Report*.



Master in Global Energy Transition and Governance

Understanding the Complexity of Current Energy Transformations in Europe and Worldwide

NICE BERLIN NICE

WORKING LANGUAGE

English

About the Programme

The Master in Global Energy Transition and Governance aims to give a deep understanding of the complexity of the current energy transformations in Europe and worldwide. The programme analyses the links between the different levels of energy governance, from an international to a local level, offering problem-focused learning at the crossroads of theory and practice.

The objective of the Master is to enable the students to comprehend and analyse:

- 1) International energy governance, the various political changes in different states and the numerous conflicts related to resource access and management and supply chain
- 2) The EU's energy challenges and governance both in terms of fossil and renewable energies
- 3) The transformations of national energy strategies towards low carbon economies
- 4) Energy market evolutions
- 5) Regional and local low-carbon energy strategies
- 6) The just transition framework in Europe and in the Global South

These issues are at the crossroads of different disciplines of social sciences: political economics, economics, sociology and geography. They are tackled both from a theoretical and empirical perspective.

Teaching Modules

- International Energy Governance and Conflicts
- Economic Energy Governance and Markets
- Clean Energy Transitions in the European Union
- Cities and Citizens in the Energy Transition Process
- Project Cycle management
- Negotiation skills
- Research work (Master thesis)
- Career coaching and mentoring programme

Highlights of the Programme

- Visits to New Energy Forum Feldheim, a village that runs 100% on renewable energies, and Welzow, a mining region.
- One-week study trip to Brussels: Presentations and debates with twelve energy specialists from the European Commission, European Parliament, the public and private sector and advocacy groups. An alumni evening was also organised.
- Simulation of negotiations on the East Mediterranean gas conflict with Mark Young, Rational Games.
- Study trip to the nuclear power plant in Tricastin and to Airbus Helicopters for a meeting with the Head of Environment in Marseille.
- Meeting with the Energy Transition Department of the Principality of Monaco and with SBM Offshore.
- Realisation of Podcasts and Roundtable videos by the students on different energy topics.
- **Watch the recording** of the Round Table on "Heat or Eat: Energy Poverty in Europe".

For a more detailed description, read the *Academic Report*.



Joint Master in Global Economic Governance and Public Affairs

Governance for the Common Good

ROME BERLIN NICE

ACADEMIC PARTNER	Luiss School of Government, Rome, Italy
CONTRIBUTING PARTNERS	OECD, Paris Potsdam Institute in Advanced Sustainability Studies Sustainable Finance, Geneva Swiss Philanthropy Foundation, Geneva United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Bonn
WORKING LANGUAGE	English

About the Programme

The Master is realised in cooperation with the Luiss School of Government in Rome. The programme is focused on how to assess, manage and enhance private and public institutions' governance with a wide range of economic and digital intelligence tools.

The Master started in Rome under the academic responsibility of the Luiss School of Government with the module **Global Economic Framework and Economic Governance**.

During the term in Berlin, the module of **Sustainable Development, the Way Forward?** was covered. The future of economic governance in the EU was reviewed in the perspective of new ideas to deal with complex long-term issues such as demographic and climate changes. It discussed and assessed the way towards an innovative experience of transnational and interregional governance. Meetings with seasoned experts in governance were organised.

The Nice term was devoted to the **Policy Intelligence** module. Students studied the aspects of enhanced economic governance offered in a digital society and learnt how to transform economic data into policy knowledge.

Practical knowledge was offered during workshops with international experts on "The Circular Economy" and "Failed States and Weak Governance".

In the cross-semester **Applied Research** module, students acquired skills in Global Risk Management, Intercultural Communication, Negotiation and the tracking and production of country risk reports in workshops at the crossroads of theory and practice.

The **graduation ceremony** took place in Nice in July.

Highlights of the Programme

- Inaugural Lecture by CIFE President Herman Van Rompuy on "What is the EU's Place in the New World?".
Watch the recording.
- Case study: "Laboratory - Professional Policymaking Skills in Global Risk" with Michel-Henry Bouchet, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Finance at SKEMA Business School and Strategy Advisor of Investment Funds.
- Case study: "Sustainability Research, Energy Transition and Water Management" – including a visit to Cottbus in cooperation with the IASS (Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies), Potsdam.
- Workshop "Failed States, Weak Institutions and Governance" with expert panelists.
- Virtual day-long workshop on "The Circular Economy" with experts from the European Commission and the French Ministry of Finance.

For a more detailed description, read the **Academic Report**.



Joint Master in EU Trade and Climate Diplomacy

Learn to Lead and Represent the EU's New Diplomacy

ROME BERLIN NICE

ACADEMIC PARTNER

Luiss School of Government, Rome, Italy

CONTRIBUTING INSTITUTIONS

European External Action Service, Brussels and Geneva
European Commission, Brussels
Council of the EU's General Secretariat, Brussels
European Investment Bank (EIB), Berlin
OECD, Paris
German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), Bonn
UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Bonn

WORKING LANGUAGE

English

About the Programme

The Master is realised in cooperation with the Luiss School of Government in Rome. The programme focuses on how to act, reflect and participate in strategic trade and climate policy negotiations between Europe and other geopolitical powers, with a wide range of economic and digital intelligence tools.

The first term of the Master took place in Rome, under the academic responsibility of the Luiss School of Government and focused on the topic of **EU Governance**.

During the term in Berlin about **EU Climate Diplomacy**, critical EU diplomacy and sustainable development relations in the context of the EU Green Deal and the Paris Agreement were reviewed in the perspective of new international bilateral and multilateral investment and trade agreements. In their academic courses and meetings with seasoned experts in EU economic diplomacy, students investigated to what extent the EU has a strong political voice and expresses its economic power by supporting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Declaration and via its political initiatives such as the Green Deal.

The Nice term focussed on **EU Trade Diplomacy**: students studied new forms of cooperation agreements that increase connectivity and digital networks enabling countries in their policy space to promote renewable energy, safeguard universal coverage of education and healthcare and pursue inclusive development goals. In practical case studies the students experienced the challenges of diplomatic negotiations about data, algorithms and AI within the context of the WTO.

In the cross-semester **Applied Research** module, students attended several specialised courses at the crossroads of theory and practice preparing them for their professional future. In a workshop about "Real-Time Policy Tracking" they learned to track and analyse EU law proposals, an essential competence to work as a Policy Officer in EU institutions and international organisations.

The **graduation ceremony** took place in Nice in July.

Highlights of the Programme

- Study trip to the EU institutions in Brussels from 13 to 17 March with visits of the EEAS, the European Council, the Council of the EU, DG Trade and lectures and workshops on topics such as EU Trade Policy, the EU Global Gateway, an EU Laboratory on Professional Policy-Making and a visit to the House of European History.
- Series of Conferences on the War in Ukraine: Russo-Ukrainian War: Cultural and Historical Perspectives on the Conflict and the New Geopolitical Reality.
- Workshop on Climate Change and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change with a representative of the UNFCCC.
- Workshop on Circular Economy with representatives of the European Commission.
- Workshop on the OECD and the Global Governance for Sustainable Development with representatives of the OECD.
- Keynote by Sandrine Dixson-Declève, Co-President of the Club of Rome, on "Transformation in Crisis".

For a more detailed description, read the *Academic Report*.



Executive Master in EU Studies

EU Expertise for Professionals

ONLINE, WITH WEEKEND WORKSHOPS IN

BARCELONA, BERLIN, BRUSSELS, BUDAPEST, NICE, ROME, VIENNA

WORKING LANGUAGE English

First Study Year

The Executive Master in EU Studies is a two-year part-time study programme for professionals who want to study while pursuing their careers. It provides structured knowledge of EU fundamentals, focused on key issues for an in-depth understanding and a future-oriented approach to EU integration. Students study in a blended learning format through interactive online courses, moderated fora, webinars, instructional videos, individual guidance and face-to-face workshops in various European cities.

1st term Focus on the fundamentals of European studies with introductions to the Institutional Architecture of the EU, Basics of EU Law and the History of European Integration.

2nd term Compulsory and elective courses on EU Law – Internal Market and Competition, the EU in World Politics, the Economic Dimension of EU Integration and the Political Economy of Energy Transitions.

3rd term Conclusion of the first study year with courses on EU Enlargement – Experiences, Processes, Impact, Sustainable Development in the EU and the European Green Deal, Lobbying and Advocacy in the EU, Justice and Home Affairs – Refugees and Migration in Times of Crisis and a Simulation of an EU Council Summit for all participants.

Second Study Year

As the programme is designed for professionals, it offers a high level of flexibility and the opportunity for choice and specialisation, even more so in the second study year.

Students choose either a research or a professional track in EU Law, Economics or Political Science.

After a common phase of advanced courses in EU Law (The Constitutional Framework of the EU), Economics (The EU Facing Global Economic Challenges) and Political Science (Institutional Evolution of the EU: Drivers and Barriers) and a course on Project Cycle Management & Logical Framework (Approach or Strategic Planning, Implementation and Evaluation of Development Programmes in the EU), students pursue with the second phase of their second study year.

The students also profit from a range of professional skills courses in debating, presenting and public speaking, negotiating, drafting reports, legal memos, policy briefs, economic analyses, and more.

Highlights of the Programme

First Study Year

- Kickoff workshop in Berlin (October 2022) with a briefing in the Europe department of the Federal Chancellery.
- Rome (January 2023) with a meeting with a deputy in the Italian Parliament.
- Budapest (April 2023) with a visit of the Hungarian Parliament and a discussion with young deputies of an opposition party.
- Brussels (July 2024) with meetings in the European Parliament and a simulation of an EU Council summit.

Second Study Year

- Weekend Workshop in Vienna (October 2022) with meetings in the Foreign Ministry and the Chancellery .
- Berlin (January 2023) with a simulation of the European Court of Justice.
- Barcelona (April 2023) with a visit of the Catalanian Parliament.
- Nice (July 2023) closing ceremony.



Summer University Programme

CZECH REPUBLIC, GEORGIA, GREECE, ROMANIA

Summer University in Greece

Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation

Partner: Institute of International Relations, Athens

3 to 9 July 2023

Location: Athens

Working language: English

The Summer University in Greece was organised for the first time in Athens, in partnership with the Institute of International Relations. The one-week summer course tackled questions of Euro-Mediterranean cooperation with a focus on energy cooperation, migration crisis and refugee rights, as well as multilateral cooperation schemes in the Mediterranean region.

Black Sea Summer University in Tbilisi, Georgia

The Shifting Geopolitics of the Black Sea Region

Partner: Georgian Institute of Politics (GIP) and New Vision University

13 to 19 July 2023

Location: Tbilisi

Working language: English

This one-week course was devoted to the geopolitics of the Black Sea region, with a focus on Georgia's NATO and EU Integration Process. It addressed Georgia's case in the context of the EU's Neighbourhood Policy and its major security issues, which have become extremely salient with the war in Ukraine.

Université d'été de Roumanie

L'Europe en crise : défis et opportunités

Partner: Nicolae Titulescu University and Faculty of Political Science, Bucharest

26 July to 1 August 2023

Location: Bucharest

Working language: French and English

As for all CIFE summer programmes, this summer course gathered international and local participants for lectures and debates in both French and English. It highlighted the legal challenges of European integration, with a particular focus on questions of migration, refugees and security issues. It also offered a rich cultural programme with visits in Bucharest and the surroundings.

Summer University in Prague

Europe in Crisis: The Rise of Power of Central and Eastern European Countries?

Partner: CEVRO Institute

17 to 22 September 2023

Location: Prague

Working language: English

The topic "Europe in Crisis" offered the opportunity to discuss the international situation and its implications for Europe. Through several case studies, participants had the possibility to analyse perspectives on the new geopolitics of European integration discussing whether the EU's centre of power is moving East. They also followed courses on Europe's energy and geopolitical crisis in the context of the war in Ukraine. The summer course offered a rich cultural programme of visits in Prague.



CIFE EU Evening Course

“Kompetenz & Inspiration für Europa”

VIENNA

PARTNER INSTITUTION Akademie für Dialog und Evangelisation, Vienna

WORKING LANGUAGE German

November 2022 to June 2023

About the Programme

The “EU Evening Course” stretches over two semesters and offers weekly evening lectures and debates with experts. It is addressed to students and young professionals and offers basic and enhanced knowledge of recent developments in the European integration process and up-to-date insights into procedures and policy areas, EU Institutions, EU Law and Economics. Part of the programme are also study trips to Brussels and Rome, open EU-talks in Vienna and a study day at the Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs. After the pandemic, the EU-course was again fully taught in presence.

Course Highlights

- A study trip to Brussels in December
- A study day at the Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs in January
- Open EU-Talk “Die Europäische Union im Schatten der Inflation” in January
- A study trip to Rome in June
- Graduation ceremony in Vienna in June

Overseas University Programme

Summer European Academy

BERLIN BRUSSELS PARIS

PARTNER INSTITUTION Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA

WORKING LANGUAGE English

10 to 28 June 2023

About the Programme

The Summer European Academy 2023 focussed on the topic “EU politics and transatlantic relations in times of geopolitical shifts”. 18 undergraduate students of political science and related disciplines participated in the SEA Academy. The group had a diversified programme consisting of academic lectures, visits to national and EU institutions as well as city tours and museum visits in Berlin, Brussels and Paris. Through the various debates with high-level officials and EU representatives, students learned which political, diplomatic and multilateral mechanisms the EU uses to solve urgent problems such as inflation, migration, rise of populism and security concerns. One of the highlights for the students was the visit of SHAPE, the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe. At SHAPE, the group received a tour of the compound and gained insights from a Squadron Leader of the Royal Air Force into NATO’s challenges and strategies with regard to Russia’s invasion in Ukraine.



EU*Connect

An Interactive Digital Campus for Participants from Ukraine, Moldova, France and Germany

ONLINE

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS Institute for Public Administration and Civil Service (IPACS) of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv
Young European Federalists of JEF Sachsen Anhalt
With the support of the the Franco-German Youth Office (OFAJ/DFJW)

WORKING LANGUAGE English

October 2023 to March 2024

About the Programme

In 2023, CIFE launched EU*Connect, an interactive platform to enable the exchange of experiences between young professionals and students from Ukraine, Moldova, France and Germany.

EU*Connect has a two-fold objective: To provide EU expertise for young Ukrainians and Moldovans, and to make French and German participants aware of the particular challenges of Ukraine in the context of war, its quest for EU accession and reconstruction.

During the 5-month-long programme, participants took part in lectures, training, and discussions. Key topics were the fundamentals of the European Union (institutions, decision-making, law), the role of the EU in current conflicts, the process of EU accession, and the specific challenges of Ukraine in the context of war and reconstruction.

EU*Connect delivered 100 hours of teaching with a weekly workload of 2 x 3 hours (6 hours total). The courses took place twice a week in the early evening to enable the participants to fit the courses with their professional and academic schedules.

Teaching Modules

- The EU in 2023: Major historical steps and its institutional framework
- EU policies and legal framework
- The EU and its neighbourhood: Enlargement and beyond
- Global security, conflicts and the EU
- Ukrainian challenges in the context of war and Integration to EU Environment
- Practical skills: Designing and managing an EU project

Watch the video.

Herman Van Rompuy

***“What binds us
are shared values”***

Opening Speech for EU*Connect 2023/24

EU*connect

A Digital Campus for Participants from
Ukraine, Moldova, France and Germany



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Wer ist Walter?

A European Research Project about Resistance against Nazism in Europe

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA CROATIA FRANCE GERMANY

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS History Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Jasenovac Memorial Site, Croatia
crossborder factory, Germany
Funded by the Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future” (EVZ),
German Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF)

September 2022 to July 2024

About the Programme

The European research project “Wer ist Walter?” focusses on the history and individual stories of resistance against Nazism during World War Two in Europe. “Walter” was the alias of a myth-enshrouded resistance fighter in Sarajevo, whose identity the Nazi occupiers were unable to find out. The question “Wer ist Walter?” is symbolic of the observation that we in Europe often know little to nothing about the history and histories of resistance to Nazism and Nazi occupation during World War Two in other European countries.

Over two years, historians and curators from France, Germany, Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina will work together, thus aiming to contribute to the development of a European memory space. The project wants to strengthen the exchange and knowledge about resistance to Nazism in Europe and how it has been dealt with since 1945. The differences and similarities in the history and memory of resistance to Nazism in Europe will be examined on the basis of four countries: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, France and Germany.

Highlights of the Project

- 15 to 16 May 2023, Berlin (D): 1st conference “History and historiography of resistance in BiH, HR, D and F”
- 8 to 9 July 2023, Nice (F): 2nd workshop with Project Team and Expert Team
- 2 to 3 October 2023, Nice (F): 2nd conference “Resistance in museums and memorials in BiH, HR, D and F, 1945 to today”
- 2 to 3 December 2023, Sarajevo (BiH): 3rd workshop with Project Team and Expert Team

Visit the website of the project.



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Short Essays on EU and Global Politics

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Publications



L'Europe en formation

The bi-annual journal *L'Europe en formation* (published since 1960) deals with European integration, international relations and federalism, with a transdisciplinary approach bringing together political philosophy, law, economics, sociology and culture.

In 2023, three issues were published.

The journal is available online at the scholarly journal distribution website Cairn.

N° 395 – 63rd year – 2022/2

European Defence and Political Unity:

The Lessons from the Failure of the European Defence Community (1954)

Editor: Robert Belot and Daniela Preda

N° 396 – 64th year – 2023/1

The EU's Digital Policy and Global Challenges

Editor: George N. Tzogopoulos

N° 397 – 64th year – 2023/2

War in Ukraine and Energy Transitions in Europe

Editors: François Bafoil, Ferenc Fodor and Rachel Guyet

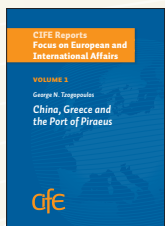


Europe at a Turning Point

Editors: Laurent Baechler, Aline Palige, Matthias Waechter

The Russian war of aggression against Ukraine was a turning point for the European Union in many different respects. Practically all the EU's policy areas are affected by it, from its common foreign and security policy to its position in relation to its allies, like the United States, and to key geopolitical actors such as China.

The essays assembled in this book were written by researchers affiliated to CIFE in Nice and Berlin. They address various challenges to the EU triggered by the turning point of 2022.



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Vol. 1

China, Greece and the Port of Piraeus

Editor: George Tzogopoulos

Launch of a new publication series, the CIFE Reports: research papers with a focus on European and International Affairs.

In the first CIFE Report on “China, Greece and the Port of Piraeus”, George Tzogopoulos, Senior Research Fellow at CIFE, aims at narrating the story of COSCO Shipping's presence in Piraeus.

The narration can provide useful insights for the two sides involved as well as for the European Union noting that the investment of the Chinese company in the port of Piraeus is placed in the context of the Belt and Road Initiative and impacts.

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Conferences and Seminars

Energy Forum 2023 – Géopolitique, climat, société L'Europe face au changement : quelles perspectives énergétiques pour 2035 ?

30 November and 1 December 2023

In the current geopolitical upheaval, energy is increasingly perceived as a major factor. European countries, which are largely dependent on international markets, must face up to the challenges by implementing a range of new practices, both in terms of supply and in terms of production and consumption patterns. The Energy Forum 2023 tackled these major challenges and the geopolitical context.

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Conference: Resistance against Nazism

2 and 3 October 2023 in Nice

In the context of the international research project “Wer ist Walter?“, CIFE hosted a two-day-long conference in Nice (France). The panels of the conference focussed on questions related to the memory of the resistance since 1945, mainly in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, France and Germany. The programme also included a public round table on the topic „Resistance Against Occupation in Nice During World War Two: From History to Testimony“ as well as a visit to the Memorial-Museum Camp des Milles in Aix-en-Provence.

Gathering historians, curators and other researchers from different countries, the main aims of the conference were to present and discuss new research on the transmission of resistance since 1945, especially in Museums, with a specific focus on Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, France and Germany, in a comparative and European perspective.

History and Memory Culture for Europe: 60 Years of Franco-German Cooperation

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS crossborder factory, Germany
Edukacija za 21 vek, Serbia
With the support of the Franco-German Youth Office (OFAJ/DFJW)

LOCATIONS AND DATES: 22 to 24 March 2023 in Belgrade

The guiding question of this symposium was the role of history education in post-conflict settings as a potential agent in the process of building peace and European unity. Another important aspect of history teaching is enhancing education for democracy, diversity, and respect of human rights in inclusive and dynamic societies of the 21st century that face different societal and political challenges, based on the Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture developed by the Council of Europe.

The seminar took place during the Second Belgrade History Education Symposium organised by the Council of Europe, Education for the 21st century and the Philosophy Department of Belgrade University.



International Youth Programmes

Friday, Saturday and Sunday for Future

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS crossborder factory, Germany
Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO) Montenegro
With the support of the Franco-German Youth Office (OFAJ/DFJW)

LOCATION AND DATES: 5 to 10 March 2023 in Podgorica, Montenegro

The seminar addressed the link of youth and climate in a comparative perspective between Western Europe and the Western Balkans. Particular focus was laid on aspects of environmental protection in the Balkans. These themes were treated in numerous exchanges with a wide range of local players. A visit to Lake Skadar, surrounded by a national park with remarkable biodiversity, completed the seminar.

The first and the second of a series of three seminars took place in Berlin in December 2022 and online in January 2022.

Youth Visions on the Climate-Social Justice Nexus

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS Babes Bolyai University – FSPAC, Romania
Fachhochschule Erfurt - Fakultät Architektur und Stadtplanung (FHE), Germany
University of Stuttgart – IER, Germany

LOCATION AND DATES: 5 to 12 March 2023 in Cluj-Napoca, Romania

The project aimed at confronting young people from different academic backgrounds with the topic of climate and energy transition and to understand the inequalities and injustices that result from it in three different contexts – the French, German and Romanian one. 33 participants attended the study trip to the former mining region.

Escaping the Loop of Nationalism and Populism

Franco, German, Serbian project

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS crossborder factory, Germany
Youth Initiative for Human Rights (YIHR), Serbia
With the support of the Franco-German Youth Office (OFAJ/DFJW)

LOCATION AND DATES: 20 to 25 March 2023 in Nice

The project aimed to educate participants from France, Germany and Serbia about the background of nationalism and populism and to raise awareness of their manifestations and consequences. Furthermore, it posed the question of how political youth education can counteract this dangerous trend.

The first and second of a series of three seminars took place in Berlin in June 2022 and in Belgrade in September 2022. The closing session took place in Nice in March 2023.



Online Events

Public Discourse Towards LGBTQ+ People: Perspectives on Turkey, Hungary & Poland

Online debate with CIFE Alumni

19 June 2023

Moderated by **Paul BARTHOLOMEW** CIFE Communications Assistant Manager

Russia's War in Ukraine: Identity Politics in the New Great Power Struggle

Hybrid Debate

29 March 2023

Jan C. BEHREND Professor of Eastern European History, European University Viadrina in Frankfurt

Carolina DE STEFANO Adjunct Professor in Russian History and Politics, Luiss University, Rome

Mirko KRUPPA Head of Division on Domestic Public Diplomacy, German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin



International CIFE Alumni Meeting

15 to 17 September in Berlin

The ninth edition of the international CIFE Alumni Meetings united over 140 former students of CIFE's various Master and short programmes gathering in the German capital for a weekend of catch-ups and networking.

Highlights of the Alumni weekend

- Opening reception under the motto of the Roaring Twenties
- Keynote speech by Marius Schlageter, Vice President of the German National Youth Council and Board Member at the European Movement Germany on the "State of the EU from a German Perspective".
- Round table on Europe and the War in Ukraine
- Guided bus tour of the historical Berlin

The weekend was rounded off by several networking events, a welcome cocktail and the traditional dinner.



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