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# ACTIVITY REPORT 2021



*European and  
International Studies*

## Preface

CIFE occupies a unique place in the landscape of international higher education, as we are offering a distinctly European brand of academic teaching. In 2021, our programmes assembled students from more than 60 countries, who not only studied the European Union, but also lived it by discovering cities like Nice, Berlin, Brussels, Rome, Canterbury, Tunis, and Istanbul. The ambition of our courses is not only to deliver knowledge, but to help the students to acquire the skills and competences needed in the job market of European and international institutions. The French state has honoured this effort by recognising the CIFE's Master-level (EQF level 7) qualification of "Policy Officer in European and International Organisations". Shorter seminars, evening courses, policy dialogue, research and publications complement the programme offer by CIFE. Some of the topics of the courses are chosen among the key priorities of the European Commission, like tackling climate change, managing energy transition, strengthening the EU as an actor in its neighbourhood.

2021 was a highly successful year, as it saw the first implementation of a new Master programme, the "Joint Master in European Trade and Climate Diplomacy", organised as a Joint degree with the LUISS School of Government in Rome. The number of students enrolled in CIFE's Master programmes is continuously increasing and has reached, for the academic year of 2021/22, the record number of 152 students. In the whole year of 2021, taking together the academic years of 2020/21 and 2021/22, 278 students have enrolled in our programmes.

Evidently, the work of CIFE in 2021 was strongly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, as from January to May 2021, almost all courses were delivered online. However, the academic substance of the programmes remained unaltered, and our participants were highly satisfied with their academic experience, regardless of the adverse circumstances.



**Matthias WAECHTER**  
*Director General CIFE*

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# Master in Advanced European and International Studies

## European Policy and Governance – Trilingual Studies

**NICE CANTERBURY BERLIN**

**PARTNER INSTITUTION** University of Kent, Canterbury, UK

**WORKING LANGUAGES** English, French, German

### About the Programme

The European Policy and Governance – Trilingual 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 EU structures, processes and policies. Key topics are the institutional architecture and policymaking, the history of EU integration, core EU policies such as enlargement, justice and home affairs, the Single Market, and the EU's external relations and neighbourhood policy. 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.

Due to the pandemic, in 2021 the students were not able to move to Canterbury and spent the trimester in Nice instead. During this trimester all courses were offered online.

### Teaching Modules

- The EU in a Multipolar World
- Policy-Making in the EU
- Democracy, Federalism and Governance
- Economic and Monetary Integration
- Professional Skills Workshops

### Highlights in 2021

- An EU Council simulation on "The Future of Europe", addressing 1) the forming of an EU Social Policy, 2) the re-designing of an EU Migration Policy, and 3) the reforming of the EU Institutions.
- Virtual visits and briefings to European institutions in March, April and May 2021, among them a presentation on the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe, a briefing on the post-Brexit EU-UK Relationship by representatives of the European Council, and a briefing on "The European Commission in the 2020s: Which Changes, Which Challenges?"
- Extracurricular Visits in Berlin, such as to the German Parliament (Bundestag) in April 2021, the German Spy Museum and the GDR Museum in June 2021
- Participation in an online debate with CIFE Honorary President Jean-Claude Juncker and CIFE President Herman Van Rompuy on Major European events. *Watch the recording of the debate.*

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







# Master in Advanced European and International Studies

## Mediterranean Studies

NICE TUNIS ISTANBUL

**PARTNER INSTITUTIONS**    Université Centrale Tunis, Tunisia  
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.

Due to the pandemic, in 2021 the students were not able to move to Tunis and spent the trimester in Nice instead. During this trimester all courses were offered online.

### Teaching Modules

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

### Highlights in 2021

- An EU Council simulation on "The Future of Europe", addressing 1) the forming of an EU Social Policy, 2) the re-designing of an EU Migration Policy, and 3) the reforming of the EU Institutions.
- Participation in an online debate with CIFE Honorary President Jean-Claude Juncker and CIFE President Herman Van Rompuy on Major European events. *Watch the recording of the debate.*
- Visits to the Disaster Coordination Centre of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, and the representation of the Turkish Red Crescent in May 2021. *Watch a video summary of the visit.*

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** Institut für Europäische Politik, 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 in order 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 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 the Balkans, and a special focus on international regimes and successful interstate cooperation, current challenges for the European Union with a special focus on the role of the EU in international politics, key European integration issues such as political cooperation, democratic representation, minority issues and economic coordination analysed through the lens of federalist studies, the driving forces shaping the world economic system, with a special focus on the EU, including sustainable development challenges. During the third trimester, the programme concentrated on the EU and its relationship with Mediterranean and sub-Saharan countries, as well as EU relationships with Turkey, Central Asian, Caucasus and Black Sea countries.

The lectures and seminars are supplemented by a significant number of professional skills workshops, for instance on the tracking and analysis of EU law proposals, 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. In 2021, students could travel to the destinations as normally foreseen despite the pandemic. Most courses took place online.

### 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 in 2021

- Virtual visits and briefings to European Institutions in March, April and May 2021, among them a presentation on the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe, a briefing on the post-Brexit EU-UK Relationship by representatives of the European Council, and a briefing on “The European Commission in the 2020s: Which Changes, Which Challenges?”
- Extracurricular visit of Berlin by bus
- Participation in an online debate with CIFE Honorary President Jean-Claude Juncker and CIFE President Herman Van Rompuy on Major European events. *Watch the recording of the debate.*

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# 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 addressing energy management, supply and distribution;
- 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; and
- 5) Regional and local low-carbon energy strategies.

These issues are at the crossroads of different disciplines of social sciences: political economics, economics, sociology and geography. Due to the pandemic, most courses took place online in Spring 2021.

In 2021, due to the pandemic, most courses took place online in Spring 2021. Nevertheless, the students were able to travel to Berlin, where lectures focused on energy challenges in different regions (Latin America, Central Asia, Russia) and different international energy conflicts, the writing of a city energy strategy, the energy market and EU energy policies.

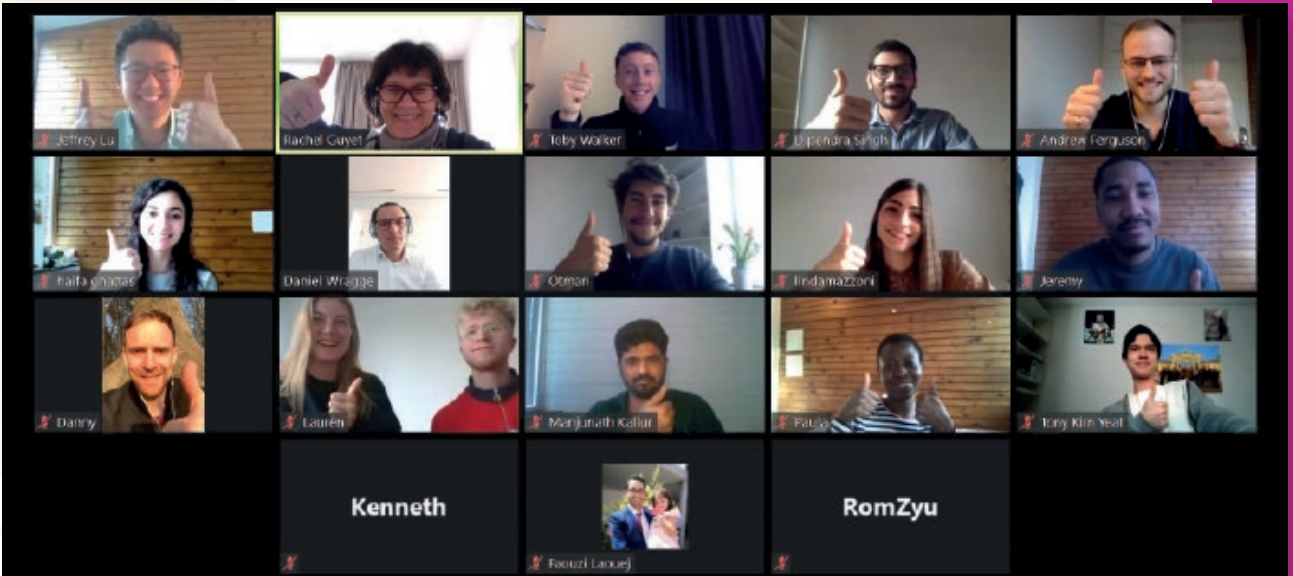
## Teaching Modules

- 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
- Professional Skills and Methodology

## Highlights in 2021

- Virtual visits to New Energy Forum Feldheim, a village that runs 100% on renewable energies and LEAG Welzow, a mining region.
- Virtual study trip to the European Energy Exchange (EEX)
- Virtual one-week study trip to Brussels with contributions and debates with nine energy specialists from the European Commission, European Parliament, private and public sector and advocacy groups. A virtual visit of the European Parliament was also organised.
- Hybrid simulation of negotiations on the East Mediterranean gas conflict with Mark Young, Rational Games.  
*Watch the video of the event.*
- Organisation of an online workshop by the Master students on the issue of inequal energy access in the world.  
*Watch the video of the workshop.*

**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 in Paris Potsdam Institute in Advanced Sustainability Studies Secretariat of the Euromed City Network, Nice Sustainable Finance Geneva Swiss Philanthropy Foundation, Geneva United Nations Conventions on 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 first term of the Master took place in Rome, under the academic responsibility of the LUISS School of Government.

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 for professional life.

Due to the pandemic, the programme took place almost exclusively online during the Berlin term and in hybrid form during the Nice term.

## Highlights in 2021

- Case study: Geopolitics of Digitalisation: EU Third Way and the Relationship with the Global South  
With Kerstin Fritzsche, Research Lead "Digitalisation" at Institute for Future Studies and Technology Assessment (IZT)
- Case study: The Informal Multilateralism in the G7 and G20 for Sustainable Development  
With Florent Stora, Diplomatic French Representation at the OECD
- Virtual day-long webinar on "Failed States, Weak Institutions and Governance" with expert panelists  
*Watch the video.*
- Virtual day-long workshop on "The Circular Economy" with experts from the European Commission and the French Ministry of Finance
- International Women's Day Event – with speakers from the European Ombudsman's Office, the EU Council of Ministers and the Schwarz Group

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	The European External Action Service, Brussels and Geneva OECD, Paris
WORKING LANGUAGE	English

## About the Programme

The Master was realised for the first time, 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 focussed 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 with complex long-term issues such as common climate, health and biodiversity policy and actions. Students investigated to what extent the EU has a strong political voice and expresses its economic power through its support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Declaration and its political initiatives such as the Green Deal. Meetings with seasoned experts in EU economic diplomacy were organised.

In the Nice term about **EU Trade Diplomacy** students studied the new forms of cooperation agreements increasing connectivity and digital networks that may enable countries in their policy space to promote renewable energy, safeguard universal coverage of education and healthcare and pursue inclusive development goals. They discussed with EU experts how far digital services and networks, scientific knowledge and intellectual property rights in artificial intelligence and big data are the new frontier of globalisation and represent the most dynamically growing part of global exchanges. In practical case studies the students could experience the challenges of diplomatic negotiations on data, algorithms and AI within the context of the WTO.

In the cross-semester **Applied Research** module students attended specialised courses aimed at preparing them for their future professional engagement as well as the tracking and analysis of EU law proposals in workshops at the crossroads of theory and practice for a professional life.

Due to the pandemic, the programme took place almost exclusively online during the Berlin term and in hybrid form during the Nice term.

## Highlights in 2021

- Virtual study trip to EU institutions in Brussels
- EU Climate Law Update with speakers from the European Parliament, EU Council Secretariat and DG Climate at the European Commission
- International Women's Day Event – with speakers from the European Ombudsman's Office, EU Council of Ministers and Schwarz Group
- Introduction to Innovative Forms of Collaborative Action in the Digital Society with speakers from Conscience Consulting
- Participation in an online debate with CIFE Honorary President Jean-Claude Juncker and CIFE President Herman Van Rompuy on Major European events. *Watch the recording of the debate.*

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# 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 2020–2021

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 in-depth understanding and a future-oriented approach to EU integration. Participants 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> term** Focus on the fundamentals of European studies with introductions to the Institutional Architecture of the EU, Basics of EU law and History of European integration.

**2<sup>nd</sup> term** Compulsory and elective courses on EU law – Internal Market and Competition, the EU in World Politics, the Economic Dimension of EU Integration and Political Economy of Energy Transitions.

**3<sup>rd</sup> term** Conclusion of the first study year with courses on EU enlargement – Experiences, Processes, Impact, Sustainable Development in the EU, Interest Representation in the EU, JHA – Refugees and Migration in Times of Crisis and a Simulation of an EU Council Summit for all participants.

### Second Study Year 2020–2021

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

Participants 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, participants started with the second phase of their second study year.

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

### Highlights in 2021

- Virtual Weekend Workshops in Berlin, Rome, Budapest, Brussels
- Weekend Workshop in presence in Nice (July 2021) and Vienna (October 2021)
- Additional evening courses on *The fight of the Union against the Corona pandemic: the key role of the European Council with its financial package of July 2020*; *The Future of the United States as a Global Power*; *What will be the Impact of the Conference on the Future of the EU?*
- Inaugural lecture “Values Matter in Europe and in the World” by Herman Van Rompuy, President Emeritus of the European Council, Belgian Minister of State and President of CIFE, 9 November 2021  
*Watch the recording.*
- CIFE Special Lunchtime Debate: Major European Issues with Jean-Claude Juncker, Honorary President of CIFE, Former President of the European Commission, 22 April 2021  
*Watch the recording.*





# Summer University Programme

ALBANIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, GEORGIA, NORTH MACEDONIA, ROMANIA

## **Black Sea Winter University in Tbilisi, Georgia**

*Conflicts and Geopolitics in the Black Sea Region*

**Partner:** Georgian Institute of Politics (GIP) – Tbilisi

Virtual session – Webinar, 3 days

**17 to 19 February 2021**

**Working language:** English

The three-days-long webinar was devoted to the geopolitics of the Black Sea region, with a focus on security and conflicts issues.

## **Summer University in Albania**

*Culture Heritage and Challenges to Safeguard it*

**Partner:** GJIROKASTRA FOUNDATION – Gjirokastra – Albania

**12 to 17 July 2021**

**Working language:** English

The session took place mainly in the area of Gjirokastra, the Historic Centre (UNESCO World Heritage Site) combined with visits in the rural area of Gjirokastra, including one day in the National Park of Butrint and a one-day trip to Tirana.

## **Université d'été de Roumanie**

*L'Europe en tant que communauté de droit : les défis de l'Union européenne*

**Partner:** Nicolae Titulescu University, Bucharest

**Location:** Bucharest

**25 to 31 July 2021**

**Working language:** French

The summer course highlighted the legal challenges of European integration, with a special focus on migration, refugees and security issues. It also offered a rich cultural programme of visits in Bucharest and the surroundings.

## **Balkans Summer University**

*Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection in the Balkans Region*

**Partner:** University St Kliment Ohridski, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality

**5 to 11 September 2021**

**Location:** Ohrid (North Macedonia)

**Working language:** English

The summer course dealt with topics such as environment and human rights, environment protection and EU Climate Change Strategy, as well as IOT solutions for a smarter, greener city. It also offered a rich cultural programme of visits in Ohrid.

## **Summer University in Prague**

*Central Europe: Challenges and Opportunities*

**Partner:** CEVRO Institute

**19 to 24 September 2021**

**Location:** Prague, Czech Republic

**Working language:** English

This summer course tackled challenges and opportunities for Central Europe, such as transatlantic relations, euroscepticism, and a common EU security and defence policy. It also offered a rich cultural programme of visits in Prague.







# CIFE EU Evening Course

## „Neuer Schwung für Europa“

### VIENNA

**PARTNER INSTITUTION** Akademie für Dialog und Evangelisation, Vienna

**WORKING LANGUAGE** German

#### 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.

Due to the pandemic, in 2021 the courses were mostly organised online.

*See the programme of the EU evening course*

#### Highlights in 2021

- A one-day-long virtual conference on the occasion of the Schuman Declaration: „Politischer Realismus und europäischer Geist – Die Inspiration Robert Schumans in der Krise“ on 7 May 2021, in cooperation with the University of Vienna, Institute for Historical Theology and the Akademie für Dialog und Evangelisation

*See the programme of the conference*

- A study trip to Rome in September 2021
- A study trip to the European Institutions in Spring 2021
- Graduation ceremony in Vienna in June 2021

## Overseas University Programme

### EU-China Winter School, EU-China Summer School

### CHINA

**PARTNER INSTITUTION** Yunnan University  
Chuxiong Normal University

**WORKING LANGUAGE** English

#### About the Programme

The first virtual **CIFE EU–China Winter School** took place from 1 to 5 February 2021. Students of CIFE’s partner Yunnan University followed lectures on EU history, EU integration, EU law and EU-China relations. They were introduced to the principle of conferral and the roles and competences of EU Institutions. Virtual visits at the European Commission and the Council of the European Union provided the group with insights into the internal structure of both institutions.

CIFE organised its first virtual **EU–China Summer School** from 23 to 27 August 2021 for students from CIFE’s long-term partner Yunnan University and Chuxiong Normal University. Lectures covered sustainability efforts in Europe and EU-China cooperation in the area of sustainability. The students were introduced to the EU’s climate action and the complex dimensions of the topic. Virtual visits to the DG CLIMA of the European Commission and to the German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety complemented the Summer School.





# Publications

## CIFE Policy Papers

### Short Essays on EU and Global Politics

- N°111 **Merve SAMALP & Nicolas CROCY** *La Turquie en Afrique : une stratégie d'affirmation*  
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- N°112 **Gabrielle HEYVAERT** *Europe's Digital Decade: Game On*  
[Read the article](#)
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[Read the article](#)
- N°114 **Sarah SPORYS** *Renewal, Revitalization, New Start? The Transatlantic Partnership and the Start of the Biden Administration*  
[Read the article](#)
- N°115 **Jean-Marie ROUSSEAU** *Nos technologies propres acquises au prix des minerais de sang des pays en développement*  
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- N°122 **Herman VAN ROMPUY** *Values Matter in the EU and in the World*  
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- N°123 **Rachel GUYET** *The impact of the energy price crisis on vulnerable households: a new test for EU unity?*  
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- N°124 **Eda BÜLBÜL** *Two Years On: Just Transition Fund and Overview of Its Challenges During the Planning Phase*  
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**POLICY PAPER**  
**NOTE DE RECHERCHE**

**Short Essays on EU and Global Politics**

# 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 2021, two issues were published.

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

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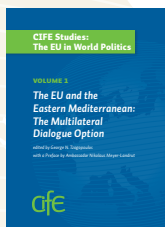
### **DOSSIER – EU-China Relations – Les relations sino-européennes**

Editor: George N. Tzogopoulos

N° 392 – Biannual 62<sup>nd</sup> year

### **DOSSIER – COVID-19 Crisis and Democracy in Europe – Crise COVID-19 et démocratie en Europe**

Editor: Matthias Waechter



## ***CIFE Studies: The EU in World Politics***

2021 saw the launch of CIFE's new e-book series *CIFE Studies: The EU in World Politics*

### **E-Book Volume 1 – The EU and the Eastern Mediterranean: The Multilateral Dialogue Option**

By inviting experts, journalists and scholars from several countries, this volume analyses several priorities in the Eastern Mediterranean Basin from the prism of different countries and perspectives. The volume is edited by George Tzogopoulos, Senior Research Fellow at CIFE.

With a preface by Ambassador Nikolaus Meyer-Landrut.

***Consult the e-Book***



Clear. Concise. Current: In 2021 started CIFE's new series of short interviews with experts about topical issues of European and international interest.

### **CIFExpress Nr. 1**

Florent Marciacq *What can the Western Balkans do to accelerate the accession process?*  
***Watch the interview***

### **CIFExpress Nr. 2**

Matthias Waechter *The New German Government and Franco-German Cooperation*  
***Watch the interview***



# Conferences

## CIFE Lunchtime Debates

CIFE regularly organises lunchtime debates in Brussels on major questions that are at the centre of interest concerning the European Union.

- CIFE Lunchtime Debate N° 51 “The EU’s Relations with its Southern Neighbourhood” with Salima Yenbou, Member of the European Parliament, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Culture and Education, and the Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean.  
30 November 2021
- Special CIFE Lunchtime Debate – Major European Issues with Jean-Claude Juncker, Former President of the European Commission, Honorary President of CIFE, and Herman Van Rompuy, President of CIFE  
22 April 2021

[Watch the recording of the debate](#)

## TEDxCIFE Reconnect

CIFE organised its second TEDxCIFE with contributions by seven dynamic speakers – four of them CIFE Alumni – who tackled the topic “Reconnect” from a multitude of points of view.

**Lucia KAMATI** and **Nadiya NAIR** *Inspiring Women of Colour to Join the Energy Sector.*

[Watch the recording](#)

**Thomas LAHNTHALER** *How Reconnecting to Your Inner Child is a Superpower During a Crisis.*

[Watch the recording](#)

**Giacomo FAMIGLI** *Saving Jobs from Artificial Intelligence.*

[Watch the recording](#)

**Nicole BOGOTT** *Revolutionising Human Interaction to Create New Economic, Political and Societal Spaces.*

No recording available

**Tobias BÜTOW** *It’s All about Trust! Insights into Franco-German Cooperation & Friendship.*

[Watch the recording](#)

**Anisa GOSHI** *The Art of Resilience*

[Watch the recording](#)



## Energy Forum 2021 – L’Europe et la transition énergétique dans le nouveau contexte mondial

2 and 3 December 2021

The 2021 edition of the yearly “Forum de l’énergie” tackled the topic of energy transition in the global context, focussing on questions of European financing as well as on the use of hydrogen energy in the stationary field, highlighting the remarkable potential of this form of decarbonised energy.

[See the programme](#)

[Watch the video](#)

## Building Security in Iraq: Challenges After the Election

A hybrid conference supported by the NATO Public Diplomacy Division (PDD)

Academic Partner: American University of Iraq, Sulaimani

14 December 2021

[See the programme](#)

[Watch the video](#)





# Online Events

## ***The Future of the United States as a Global Power***

A virtual discussion with three distinguished experts about the challenges and the future of the US as a Global Power

13 January 2021

**Alon BEN MEIR** Professor at New York University's Center for Global Affairs and Senior Fellow at the World Policy Institute

**Elena LAZAROU** Acting Head of the External Policies Unit of the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS)

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21 January 2021

**Simone LUCATELLO** Researcher at Instituto Mora, Mexico City, Mexico

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28 January 2021

**Tomasz Emil PIASECKI** Financial Risk Manager

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17 February 2021

**Juan Carlos DOMÍNGUEZ VIRGEN** Professor at Instituto Mora, Mexico City, Mexico

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1 March 2021

**Sean KIDNEY** CEO of the Climate Bonds Initiative

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An online discussion about the Political & Economic Effects of the pandemic on the EU

23 April 2021

with

**Sergio FABBRINI** Dean of the Political Science Department and Intesa Sanpaolo Chair on European Governance at the LUISS Guido Carli Rome

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# Online Events

## **CIFE EXECUTIVE TRAINING** *Fragile States, Weak Institutions and Governance*

A one-day-long Executive Training on Fragile States, Weak Institutions and Governance – Strategy and Policy Challenges to Stem Mass (E)migration, Brain Drain and Capital Flight!

30 April 2021

Panelists

**Michel-Henry BOUCHET** Distinguished Global Finance Professor at SKEMA Business School and Strategy Adviser of investment funds

**Arnaud LECONTE** Programme Director at CIFE

**Thierry APOTEKER** Chairman & Chief Economist of TAC Consulting

**Jean-Louis ARCAND** Professor of International Economics and Head of International Economics Department at the Graduate Institute Geneva

**Sara BRIMBEUF** Advocacy Officer for the restitution of diverted assets at Transparency International

**Cynthia ROCAMORA** Head of Fundraising at Transparency International

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### **CIFE talks SDGs**

**Higher Education Institutions and Sustainable Development:  
What Universities (Can) Do**

#### **Kick-off event of the first series SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals**

3 November 2021

**Iris BOROWY** Shanghai University, Professor at the Centre for the History of Global Development, Shanghai

**Arnaud LECONTE** Programme Director CIFE

**Shaban MAYANJA** GIZ Higher Education for Development, Bonn

**Patrick MUTHENGI MALUKI** University of Nairobi

**Catherine MORRIS** University of Kent, Canterbury

Moderated by **Susann HEINECKE** Programme Director CIFE

#### **2nd event of the first series SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals**

8 December 2021

**Guia BIANCHI** Researcher at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre, Brussels

**Luisa BUNESCU** Policy Analyst at European University Association

**Vanessa DEBIAIS-SAINTON** Head of the Unit in charge of Higher Education policies and programme at the European Commission's DG for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

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