

Master in Advanced European and International Studies

*Applied European Policy and
Governance Studies*

Academic Year 2022/2023



ANNUAL REPORT



1 OVERVIEW

The 2022/2023 Applied European Policy and Governance Studies programme of CIFE's Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS) was composed of a group of 15 students from 10 different nationalities. The itinerant programme offered students intensive courses in Nice, Canterbury and Berlin over three terms extending from 5 October 2022 to 6 July 2023. Afterwards, students were given the option of continuing their training with an internship of 2.5 to 3 months with a compulsory report upon completion. The following table represents the timetable of the programme:

Dates	Location
05/10/2022 – 12/01/2023	NICE Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE)
12/01/2023 – 11/04/2023	CANTERBURY University of Kent
10/03/2023 – 17/03/2023	STUDY TRIP Brussels – Luxembourg – Strasbourg
11/04/2023 – 06/07/2023	BERLIN Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE)
06/07/2023	End of the Academic Year & Graduation Ceremony
Until 30/09/2023	Optional Internship

In the Applied European Policy and Governance Studies programme, CIFE seeks to address the next generation of European decision-makers and offers unique educational experiences at the crossroads of theory and practice. The programme is taught in English and French with a trilingual option (courses in German).

The programme aims at preparing students for professional life in a challenging context. The academic curriculum has been designed in order to enable students to develop an overarching and all-encompassing understanding of the political, social, economic and cultural challenges of today's world, especially in the EU.

Following the leitmotif "Learning and living Europe", the students rotated each term, moving their place of study from Nice to Canterbury and then to Berlin. During their stay in Nice, the students were given an overview of the construction and the decision-making dynamics of the European Union, as well as introductory courses to Economics and International Relations. In Canterbury, students chose their area of interest amongst the offerings of the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Kent. During the third trimester, students further developed what had been started in Nice and delved deeper into today's EU challenges, including EU enlargement and neighbourhood, external trade relations and partnerships, democratic backsliding in EU member states and the involvement of citizens in EU politics. In addition, courses on Germany's European Policy and German federalism (taught in German) rounded off the academic year. The students of the trilingual option did additional research on a topic related to EU policy and activities at the regional (state) level.

2 ORGANISATION OF THE PROGRAMME

The curriculum was composed of five compulsory modules during the Nice and Berlin trimesters and two modules during the Canterbury trimester:

- A** European Integration and Governance
- B** EU Policies and Flagship Initiatives
- C** EU Neighbourhood and External Relations
- D** The European Economy and Globalisation
- E** Professional Skills Workshops
- F** Two modules of choice at the University of Kent

University teachers, namely from various European universities, as well as experts from international and European organisations and researchers from our partner institutes contributed to our programme.

Various teaching methods and course formats were applied within each module, including lectures, seminars, group work, student presentations and interactive workshops.

A European Integration and Governance (62 ½ hours)

This module aimed at familiarising students with the complexity of the European integration process and the main features of EU policy making. The dynamics of European integration were studied from a historic perspective and current and future challenges were discussed. This included federalist approaches that do not see the EU as a process of integration, but rather analyse it in a comparative federal institutional approach, and which study European integration from a perspective of multi-level governance. The module addressed EU law and legal procedures, as well as dynamics and concepts such as differentiated integration, participation, political change and Euroscepticism.

TRIMESTER 1: NICE (36 hours)

Paul CULLEY *EU Policy Advisor, Tutor and Trainer, Former Director at the Council of the EU*
■ EU Institutions and Decision-Making

Frédéric LÉPINE *Deputy General Director, CIFE*
■ Dynamiques de l'intégration européenne

Matthias WAECHTER *Director General of CIFE*
■ Historical Aspects of European Integration

STUDY TRIP: BRUSSELS (3 hours)

Doris DIALER *Attachée Health and Consumer Affairs, Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU*
■ Lobbying and Advocacy in Europe

TRIMESTER 3: BERLIN (23 ½ hours)

Sören KEIL *Academic Head of the International Research and Consulting Centre at the Institute of Federalism, University of Fribourg*
■ Multi-Level Governance
■ Die föderale Ordnung der Bundesrepublik Deutschland und europäische Politikgestaltung

Manuel KNAPP *Advisor on Civic Education*
■ Die deutsche Europapolitik: Einführung

Claudia MATTHES *Research Associate at the Chair of Comparative Democracy and Political Systems of Eastern Europe, Senior Lecturer, and Director of International MA Programmes, Humboldt University Berlin*

David NONHOFF *Research Associate, Institut für Europäische Politik e.V. (IEP)*

Livia PUGLISI *Head of Office of the Former German President Christian Wulff*
■ Roundtable: Political Change, Democratic Backsliding and the Rule of Law

Julian PLOTTKA *Research Associate at the University of Bonn*
■ Participative Governance in the EU

A series of visits to political institutions in Berlin also took place in the framework of this module (See Section 5: Other Visits).

B EU Policies and Flagship Initiatives (22 hours)

Students gained insights into key policies such as enlargement, cohesion and competition policy, including various aspects such as the dynamics of decision-making and national interests of the member states, implementation, budget, etc. In addition, they were equipped with methods that enabled them to acquaint themselves independently with unfamiliar policies, based on knowledge of the competences of the EU and its institutional structures. In this module, experts and decision-makers were invited to discuss current issues in relevant policy fields. This included flagship initiatives of the EU and topics of political relevance, such as climate policy, the digital agenda and migration.

TRIMESTER 1: NICE (13 ½ hours)

Laurent BAECHLER *Director of the MAEIS European Integration and Global Studies*
■ La politique climatique de l'UE

Jim CLOOS *Secretary General of TEPSA, former Deputy Director General for General and Institutional Policy at the General Secretariat of the EU Council of Ministers*
■ Expert Briefing: The Current EU Policy Agenda

Yvan GASTAUT *Lecturer at Université Côte d'Azur, Nice*
■ Introduction à la Politique migratoire de l'UE





TRIMESTER 3: BERLIN (8 ½ hours)

Gerald KNAUS *Writer and Founding Chairman of the European Stability Initiative (ESI)*

- Challenges and Perspectives of EU Migration Policy

Gilles LEPESANT *Senior Researcher at CNRS, Géographie-Cités*

- EU Energy Policy

Dominik REHBAUM *Research Assistant, Research Division EU/Europe, German Institute for International and Security Studies, Berlin*

- The EU's Digital Agenda

C EU Neighbourhood and External Relations (53 hours)

The module focused on the EU's policy towards its direct and wider neighbourhood in the East and the South, as well as its relations with relevant regions and important international players including the United States, China, Russia and further emerging countries. We explored the major schools of thought regarding international order and conflict that draft a comprehensive and holistic explanation of international politics, in order to understand public discourses and discuss solutions to today's challenges for international cooperation and security. International guest lecturers coming from universities, think tanks, diplomacy and politics were invited to discuss prevalent and emerging issues of EU external action and international politics, including migration, conflict resolution, globalisation and the future of transatlantic relations.

TRIMESTER 1: NICE (34 hours)

Silvia COLOMBO *Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome Italy*

- The Southern Neighbourhood of the EU: The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership

Susann HEINECKE-KUHN *Director of the MAEIS Applied European Policy and Governance Studies*

- Theory and Practice of International Relations in the 20th and 21st Centuries

Mathias JOPP *Former Director of the Institut für Europäische Politik and Honorary Professor at the University of Tübingen and the University of Passau*

- The EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy

Sören KEIL

- Federalism as a Tool of Conflict Resolution

TRIMESTER 3: BERLIN (19 hours)

Anna DIMITROVA *Lecturer and Researcher at the ESSCA School of Management, Paris*

- Transatlantic Partnership – More than a European Pillar of NATO?

Susann HEINECKE-KUHN

- Europe and the Post-Soviet Space: Russia, Central Asia and the Eastern Neighbourhood

Harrison Kalunga MWILIMA *Lecturer, Consultant and Journalist*

- EU-Africa Relations

George TZOGOPOULOS *Research Associate, Lecturer at the Democritus University of Thrace, Director of EU-China Programmes and Senior Research Fellow at CIFE*

- International Security and Conflict Resolution
- Europe and China in the International Context

Jens BASTIAN *Research Fellow at the Centre for Applied Turkey Studies (CATS) at the German Institute for International and Security Studies*

Tim RÜHLIG *Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Geopolitics, Geoeconomics and Technology at the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)*

George TZOGOPOULOS

- Roundtable: Current Challenges of EU-China Relations

D The European Economy and Globalisation (49 hours)

The module dealt, among others, with the following subjects: EU economic integration, the EU in the world economy, the strengths and limitations of globalisation, the key players in globalisation, the European economy and globalisation, economic interdependence, EU regional trade agreements and the rise of emerging countries.

TRIMESTER 1: NICE (30 hours)

Jean-Claude VÉREZ *Director of the MAEIS Mediterranean Studies and Professor of Economics at Université d'Artois, France*

- Économie mondiale et européenne

TRIMESTER 3: BERLIN (19 hours)

André SCHMIDT *Chair of Macroeconomics and International Economics at the University of Witten-Herdecke*

- The EU's Competition Policy – Provisions and Practice
- Economic Interdependence and External Trade Relations of the EU and Selected Regions



E Professional Skills Workshops (73 hours)

In an ever more globalised world and increasingly multicultural working environments, young professionals need to be equipped not only with knowledge, but with professional skills regarding capturing and presenting information, consensus building, conflict management, negotiations and much more. In this module, professors sought to develop an understanding of cooperation in political processes and various approaches in support of dialogue, negotiation and conflict management.

TRIMESTER 1: NICE (42 hours)

Paul CULLEY

- EU Policy-Making at Work

Nina FRAUENFELD *Executive Director, SuccessAcross*

- Intercultural Communication

Anne TOPENOT *Director of Speaking Academy, Nice*

- Speak with Impact

Mark YOUNG *Negotiation Trainer, President of Rational Games, Inc.*

- Negotiation Skills Workshop

STUDY TRIP: BRUSSELS (3 hours)

Paul CULLEY

- EU Policy Making at Work

TRIMESTER 3: BERLIN (28 hours)

Emil ANDERSON *Head of the Communication & IT at the DG Environment, European Commission*

- Political Communication in the EU

Mechthild BAUMANN *Project Consultant*

- Project Cycle Management

Paul CULLEY

- EU Policy Making at Work

F Two modules of choice at the University of Kent (44 hours)

During the second trimester, the students were enrolled for the spring term at the School of Politics and International Relations of the University of Kent, one of CIFE's most renowned partners. The students were integrated into the University of Kent as regular students and registered in two modules in order to expand upon topics chosen according to their individual interests.

At the end of the term, the grades received by the students in these modules were integrated into CIFE's grading system. The modules taken by the students were the following:

- POLI8320 Conflict Resolution in World Politics
- POLI8480 Negotiation and Mediation
- POLI8681 The Politics of Global Environmental Change
- POLI9170 Terrorism and Crimes of the State
- POLI9510 States, Nations and Democracy
- POLI9560 Public Opinion: Nature and Measurement



3 INTERMODULAR COURSES

Simulation Game: European Council Summit

Lina PLANK, Tabea BÖKER *Europe Department, Planpolitik, Berlin*

European Council Simulation Game on The Future of the European Union

Article 1 Forming EU Social Policy

Article 2 Re-Designing EU Migration Policy

- Kick-off Session by Katia SINKO on 7 November 2022

- Pre-Negotiations I on 16 November 2022

- Pre-Negotiations II on 29 November 2022

- Council Simulation on 5 to 6 December 2022

Conferences, Speeches and Discussions

- Inaugural Lecture: What is the Place of the EU in the New World?
by Herman VAN ROMPUY *President of CIFE, President Emeritus of the European Council and Former Prime Minister of Belgium*
- Le XXe Forum de l'Énergie :
« Europe : Bouleversements géopolitiques et nouvelles données énergétiques »
on 1 to 2 December 2022

Research Methodology

- Master Thesis Colloquium (6 sessions)
- Individual Research Consultations



Career Coaching

Nina FRAUENFELD

- Career Coaching: Preparing Applications for International and European Careers
- Individual Career Coaching

Various Alumni of the Programme

- Several Meet our Alumni sessions throughout the academic year

Language Courses

- French (Nice) with **Anne TOPENOT**
- German (Nice) with **Karin LANGE** *Language Teacher*
- German (Nice & Canterbury) with **Keno VITZTHUM** *Volunteer, Franco-German Youth Office (FGYO)*
- German (Berlin) with **Katja SCHWARZBACH** *Language Tutor*

4 STUDY TRIP

The annual study trip to the European and international organisations took place in Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg from 10 to 17 March 2023. The following discussions and debates were held:

BRUSSELS

- Meet Our Alumni – Working in an EU Institution
Career Exchange with CIFE Alumni
Kristijan LEŽAIĆ *Policy Officer for Ports and Inland Navigation, DG Move, European Commission, Alumnus 2009–2010, MAEIS Trilingual Studies*
Maïva VERCOUTERE *International Aid/Cooperation Assistant, DG INTPA, European Commission, Alumna 2017–2018, MAEIS Mediterranean Studies*
Andreana STANKOVA *Team Leader External Communication, DG Budget, European Commission, Alumna 2011–2012, MAEIS Trilingual Studies*
Petya-Gergana GOCHEVA *Administrative Assistant, DG PRES, European Parliament, Alumna 2014–2015, MAEIS Trilingual Studies*

HOUSE OF EUROPEAN HISTORY

- Visit and tour of the museum's permanent exhibition



EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE

- The Role and Political Priorities of the EEAS, the EU's Diplomatic Service
Felix FABINY *Deputy European Correspondent, Office of the Deputy Secretary-General for Political Affairs*
- Tackling Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference
Sabrina SPIELEDER *Strategic Communications Officer, East Stratcom Task Force, Strategic Communication, Task Forces and Information Analysis Division*
- The EEAS and its Digital Media
The DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS TEAM of the EEAS

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

- Climate Change: Fit for 55
Quentin DUPRIEZ *Policy Officer, Climate Change and Energy*
- The EU's Energy Policy
Andras HUJBER *Directorate General Energy*

ALUMNI NETWORKING DINNER

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

- The Role of the Council of the EU and the European Council within the European Institutions
Simona GUERGUEVA *Political Administrator, Horizontal and Global Affairs, General Secretariat of the Council of the EU*
- Presentation of Careers in the EU
Luis DE AMORIM *Head of Outreach and External Relations at EU Careers, EPSO*
Johannes DE BERLAYMONT *“nom de plume” of a widely experienced former EU Insider*

LUXEMBOURG

COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

- General Presentation of the Court of Justice
V. SENJUK *Trainee, Protocols and Visits Directorate*
- Presentation on Multilingualism and the Work of a Lawyer-Linguist
C. VELLA *Lawyer Linguist, Maltese Translation Unit*

EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK

- Presentation on the Roles and Activities of the European Investment Bank
Bruno ROSSIGNOL *Climate and Heritage Officer*

STRASBOURG

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

- Presentation on the Values, Roles and Functioning of the Legislative Process of the European Parliament and Visit to the Hemicycle
Alena CARNA Administrator at the European Parliament
- Working as an Accredited Parliamentary Assistant
Emma DEMOULIN Accredited Parliamentary Assistant at the European Parliament, Alumna 2021-2022, MAEIS Global Studies

EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

- Presentation on the Role and Work of the Court Followed by Q&A Session
Bjorka DUKA Lawyer at ECHR, Alumna 2019-2020, MAEIS Global Studies

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

- Introductory Presentation
Tatiana MYCHELOVA Administrator at the Secreteriat of the Venice Commission
- Presentation of the Work of GRETA (Group of Experts on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings)
Roemer LEMAITRE

5 OTHER VISITS

NICE

- Guided tour of Nice (Promenade des Anglais and Colline du Château) on 7 October 2022 with **Maëva PEGLIASCO** Tour Guide, Association Vu pas Vu, Nice
- Welcome dinner at Lu Fran Calin restaurant, Old Nice on 7 October 2022
- Study visit to the Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilisations (MUCEM), Marseille on 10 November 2022

EXCURSION TO LONDON ON 16–17 FEBRUARY 2023

The United Kingdom and the European Union: Current Challenges and Opportunities

- **Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)**
Denis KEEFE CMG, Head of Europe Research Analysts, Former UK Ambassador to Serbia and Georgia, FCDO, UK Government
- **Delegation of the European Union to the United Kingdom**
Elias CENTELLAS Justice, Employment and Social Affairs Counsellor
Andrea AMELIO First Counsellor in Charge of Energy and Competition Policy
Emilien GASC First Secretary in Charge of Climate and Environment



- **European Parliament Liaison Office in the United Kingdom**
Sanna KANGASHARJU Parliamentary Liaison, European Parliament Liaison Office in the United Kingdom
- **UK in a Changing Europe (UKANDEU) Research Network: “Public Attitudes Towards Brexit, UK–EU Relations and the Economic Impacts of Brexit”**
Sophie STOWERS and **Stephen HUNSAKER** Research Assistants, UKANDEU
- **City of London Walk**

BERLIN

- Guided Tour “In the Footsteps of Divided Berlin” on 13 April 2023

BERLIN VISITS AS PART OF THE MODULE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND GOVERNANCE

- French Embassy in Germany** on 14 April 2023
Emmanuel COHET Minister-Counsellor of the French Embassy in Germany
- Le tandem franco-allemand dans l’UE

- German Foreign Office** on 23 May 2023
Christian KLEIN Head of Division – EU Coordination
- Germany’s European Policy

- Representation of the Federal State of Brandenburg** on 24 May 2023
Irene HEUSER Head of Division – EU Policy, EU Law, Development Policy
- Germany’s European Policy

- German Federal Chancellery** on 24 May 2023
Edgar LENSKI Section Leader for EU Policy Issues, European Policy Relations with EU Member States, EU External Relations
- Germany’s European Policy

- Representation of the European Commission in Germany** on 25 May 2023
Nora HESSE Head of Political Team, Senior Economic Advisor
- Germany’s European Policy

- German Ministry of Finance** on 25 May 2023
Wolfgang MERZ Head of the Europe Department
- Germany’s European Policy

- German Bundestag** on 8 June 2023
Ralf THIES SPD Parliamentary Group in the Treptow-Köpenick District Assembly
- Visit to the Reichstag Building including the Dome



6 MASTER'S THESIS RESEARCH TOPICS

Purpose AJIMATI (Nigeria)

The Impact of the EU-AU Relations in Achieving Gender Parity in Africa

Thesis Supervisor: Harrison Kalunga MWILIMA

Maria Elena ASCARI (Italy)

The Role of Female Leaders in European Far-Right Political Movements:

Case Studies on Marine Le Pen and Giorgia Meloni

Thesis Supervisor: Susann HEINECKE-KUHN

Michael BAMIGBOYE (Nigeria)

European Union and African Union Relations: An Analysis of the Sixth EU-AU Summit in Terms of Limitations and Opportunities for Mutual Benefits

Thesis Supervisor: Harrison Kalunga MWILIMA

Mazarine BREHM (France)

The European Union Paradoxical Approach on Migration Policy: The Case of Morocco

Thesis Supervisor: Yvan GASTAUT

Anaëlle DEMARCHE (Belgium)

The Energy Union: The Relevance of Its Pillars Through the Lens of the Energy Trilemma and the Perspective of a New Energy Crisis

Thesis Supervisor: Rachel GUYET

Tudor IONESCU (Romania)

The Monetary and Fiscal Policies of the Eurozone and Switzerland:

A Comparative Analysis of the Euro and the Swiss Franc

Thesis Supervisor: Jean-Claude VÉREZ

Delara KHODADAD NEJAD SHOURAKI (Germany / Iran)

Of Irrational Rationality and Contemporary History: What Andrew Moravcsik's Liberal Intergovernmentalism Explains and What It Leaves Out

Thesis Supervisor: Frédéric LÉPINE

Pauline KONWERSKI (Germany / Poland)

Integration in Germany: An Analysis of Social and Economic Integration Measures for Migrants and Their Impact on the German Labour Market Since 2015

Thesis Supervisor: Yvan GASTAUT

Alice MARTINETTO (Italy)

Untangling Trilogues: Demystifying the Dynamics of the EU's Informal Decision-Making Process

Thesis Supervisor: Frédéric LÉPINE

Grace MCCARTHY (Ireland)

Language Policies and Migrant Integration in the European Union:

A Comparative Analysis of France, Germany and Ireland

Thesis Supervisor: Yvan GASTAUT

Eli MOREAU (France)

European Union Sport Diplomacy

Thesis Supervisor: Susann HEINECKE-KUHN

Léa PAUTONNIER (France)

L'Allemagne dans un cadre européen et transatlantique : une politique de sécurité complexe

Thesis Supervisor: Matthias WAECHTER

Stéphane PAYEBIEN (France)

Normative Power Europe and the Cost of Inaction: How the Lack of Democratic Consolidation and Institutional Supervision from the EU Birthed the Hungarian Democratic Backsliding

Thesis Supervisor: Matthias WAECHTER

Marta RODRIGUEZ TEIMOY (Spain)

Language as a Factor in EU Policy-Making

Thesis Supervisor: Susann HEINECKE-KUHN

Julius ZUNKER (Germany)

The EU Trade and Climate Change Nexus: A Study of European Climate Ambition Inclusion Paths in Free Trade Agreements

Thesis Supervisor: Laurent BAECHLER





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