

Joint Master in Global Economic Governance and Public Affairs

Governance for the Common Good

Academic Year 2025/2026



ANNUAL REPORT



Start of the Academic Year at Luiss, Rome

1 OVERVIEW

The 2025/2026 Joint Master in Global Economic Governance and Public Affairs offered by CIFE and Luiss School of Government was composed of a diverse group of 31 students from 14 different nationalities. The itinerant programme offered students intensive courses in Rome, Berlin and Nice over three terms extending from 13 October 2025 to 10 July 2026. The following table represents the timetable of the programme:

Dates	Location
13/10/2025 – 31/01/2026	ROME Luiss School of Government
09/02/2026 – 30/03/2026	BERLIN CIFE Berlin
24/03/2026 – 26/03/2026	STUDY TRIP Bonn
07/04/2026 – 10/07/2026	NICE CIFE Nice
10/07/2026	End of the Academic Year & Graduation Ceremony

Under the leitmotiv “Learning and Living Europe”, the one-year Joint Master taught in English welcomed an exclusive group of students striving to expand their professional opportunities. Coming from a wide range of national and cultural backgrounds, the GEGPA Master sharpened students’ analytical skills and strengthened their negotiation capabilities to enhance their future careers as policymakers.

The academic programme was focused on how to assess, manage and enhance governance of both private and public institutions with a wide range of economic and digital intelligence tools. The Master was taught by renowned researchers and experienced professionals who brought together second-to-none practical expertise and academic credentials. It combined on-site teaching, case studies, the research thesis and online learning tools.

It benefited from contributing partners providing expert knowledge:

- Centre for European Policy in Berlin
- European Climate Foundation in Berlin
- European Commission in Brussels
- European Investment Bank (EIB) in Luxembourg
- European Stability Mechanism (ESM) in Luxembourg
- German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS) in Bonn
- Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society in Berlin
- Research Institute for Sustainability (RIFS) at GFZ in Potsdam
- The Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) in Paris
- The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in Bonn
- The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Bonn
- Transparency International France in Paris

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2 ORGANISATION OF THE PROGRAMME

The academic programme is designed in a four-pronged format, as follows:

1. Global Economic Framework and Economic Governance in Rome from October 2025 to January 2026 at the School of Government of the University Luiss Guido Carli
2. Prospective and innovation laboratory: studying new forms of transnational and interregional economic governance as a way forward towards sustainable development in Berlin from February to March 2026 at CIFE
3. Policy Intelligence: investigating how far the digital society enables transforming economic intelligence into strategy decisions in Berlin and Nice from February to July 2026 at CIFE
4. Applied Research, methodology and case studies throughout the whole curriculum

THE MODULES

The curriculum was composed of four compulsory modules:

- A Global Economic Framework and Economic Governance (in Rome)
- B Sustainable Development, the Way Forward? (in Berlin)
- C Policy Intelligence (in Berlin and Nice)
- D Applied Research and Project Management

A Global Economic Framework and Economic Governance (110 hours)

TRIMESTER 1: ROME: LUISS (October 2025 to January 2026)

Module Director: Sergio **FABBRINI** Professor of Politics and International Relations and Dean of the Political Science Department at Luiss

The global order is dramatically changing in today's world, with the retreat of the United States from multilateralism, the rise of new powers like China and India, and conflictual relations with Russia. This module examined how the European Union perceives its role as an international actor and questioned whether it is capable of becoming an independent, united force in an increasingly multipolar world, or whether the EU will be confined to exert only "soft power".

Core Courses (80 hours)

Federico BONOMI PhD Candidate in Politics at Luiss Guido Carli University
■ Democracy and Global Governance

Massimo EGIDI Professor Emeritus of Economics at Luiss School of Government
Riccardo VIALE Professor of Logic and Philosophy of Science, Università Bicocca
■ Behavioural Economics and Decision-Making

Arlo POLETTI Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento
■ International Public Policies

Ugljesa Ugi ZVEKIC Adjunct Professor at Luiss School of Government
■ Global Corruption, Global Crime, Good Governance and the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC)

Elective Courses (30 hours)

Alessandro FERRARA Professor of Political Philosophy at the University of Rome Tor Vergata and Teacher of Legal Theory at the Department of Law of Luiss Guido Carli University
■ Multiculturalism

Pasquale FERRARA Adjunct Professor and Chair in Diplomacy and Negotiation at the Department of Political Science at Luiss School of Government
■ Negotiation and Diplomacy in a Globalised World

Giulio VENNARI Civil Servant of the European Union, Administrator at the European Commission
■ Learning Policy Advice

B Sustainable Development, the Way Forward? (103 hours)

TRIMESTER 2: BERLIN: CIFE (February to March 2026)

Module Director: Martin **FLEISCHER** Programme Director, Master in International Banking and Finance, University of Applied Sciences BFI Vienna

The future global economic governance was reviewed in the perspective of systemic approach and 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 multi-level (transnational and interregional) governance.

Meetings with seasoned experts in governance were organised.

Martin FLEISCHER

Frank CZICHOWSKI Former Senior Vice President and Treasurer at KfW Development Bank

Morgan DESPRÉS Executive Director International Finance at European Climate Foundation

Andreas HAUER Chief Finance Officer at SAN Group GmbH

Moritz KRAEMER Chief Economist and Head of Research at LBBW Bank

Goran TINJIC Former Programme Manager for Southern Europe at the World Bank

■ Governance of Sustainable Finance and Economics

Hartmut MARHOLD Senior Research Fellow at CIFE

Gaby UMBACH Professor at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence and Visiting Fellow of the European Parliament

■ Global Governance of Sustainable Development

Sonja PETERSON Head of Service Unit, Research Coordination and Outreach at Kiel Institute for the World Economy

■ Cooperation, Effort-Sharing and Efficiency in International Climate Policy





Start of the Berlin Term, with the students of the Joint Master in EU Trade and Climate Diplomacy, and the Joint Master in European Cultural Governance

C Policy Intelligence (82 hours)

Module Director: Michel-Henry **BOUCHET** *Professor Emeritus of Finance at SKEMA Business School, Former Senior Economist at the World Bank and Strategy Advisor of Investment Funds*

This module was devoted to the Policy Intelligence sessions and the enhanced economic governance offered in the digital society. Students learnt how to transform economic data into policy knowledge.

TRIMESTER 2: BERLIN: CIFE (12 hours)

Jacques LECACHEUX *Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Pau and the Adour Region*

- Economic Policy Intelligence: The Case of Trade and Food Policies

TRIMESTER 3: NICE: CIFE (70 hours)

Stephen BOUCHER *Founder of Dreamocracy, Visiting Professor at Solvay Brussels School of Business, Université Libre de Bruxelles*

- A Challenged Democracy: Mapping New Forms of Collective Action

Jacques LECACHEUX

- Economic Policy Intelligence: The Case of Trade and Food Policies

Cristina TELEKI *Assistant Professor, Maastricht University*

Alexander GUSEV *Enterprise Architect, Xebia Switzerland*

- Digitalisation for Sustainable Development in the Framework of AI



Term 3, Nice

D Applied Research and Project Management (195 hours)

CROSS-SEMESTER: (October 2025 to July 2026)

This module was dedicated to the applied research and project management. Professionals and experts discussed a variety of practical case studies of applied research and projects in policy affairs.

Case Studies and Applied Research

TRIMESTER 1: ROME (57 hours)

Michel-Henry BOUCHET

Arnaud LECONTE *Director of the Joint Master in Global Economic Governance and Public Affairs*

- Laboratory: Professional Policymaking Skills in Global Risk Management and Governance

Adam COURTLEY *Doctoral Researcher, Department of Political Science, Luiss Guido Carli University*

- Academic Methodology

Lorenzo DE SIO *Associate Professor at the Luiss School of Government*

- Statistics for International and Public Affairs

TRIMESTER 2: BERLIN (18 hours)

Benjamin HOFBAUER *Research Associate, Research Institute for Sustainability*

Pia-Johanna SCHWEIZER *Research Group Leader, Research Institute for Sustainability*

- Governance of Hydrological Extreme Events

Milad ZARIN *Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland*

- Laboratory: Professional Policymaking Skills in Global Risk Management and Governance

TRIMESTER 3: NICE (15 hours)

Arnaud LECONTE

Milad ZARIN

- Laboratory: Professional Policymaking Skills in Global Risk Management and Governance



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OECD Workshop, Nice, with the students of the Joint Master in EU Trade and Climate Diplomacy, and the Joint Master in European Cultural Governance

Workshops

TRIMESTER 1: ROME (59 hours)

Veronica CASTELLANO *Leadership and Negotiation Coach*
 ■ Executive Power and Influence Academy

Salvatore FARINA *Former Chief of Staff of the Italian Army*
 ■ Leadership Today and Tomorrow

Massimo NAVA *Journalist and Writer*
 ■ The Question of Minorities

TRIMESTER 2: BERLIN (2 hours)

Igor TKALEC *Assistant Professor in Social Data Science at University College London*
 ■ Research Methodology

TRIMESTER 3: NICE (44 hours)

Arnaud LECONTE

Robert BLOTEVOGEL *Advisor to the Head of Economic Risk Analysis in the Economic Risk Analysis Division at the European Stability Mechanism*

Sara BRIMBEUF *Head of Illicit Financial Flows Programme at Transparency International France*

Erna BURAI *Research Associate of Global Governance Centre at Geneva Graduate Institute*
 ■ Failed States and Bad Governance

Barron Joseph ORR *Chief Scientist at the UNCCD*

Yufu GUO *Programme Officer of the Science, Technology and Innovation Unit at the UNCCD*

Fatin Atif TAWFIG *Programme Officer, Means of Implementation Division at the UNFCCC*
 ■ Evidence-Based Global Policy Development and Negotiations on Land and Its Role as an Integrator and Accelerator of SDGs

Nadav SHENTAL *Deputy Head of Talent Management and Analytics at the OECD*

Maja FURLAN *Talent Management Coordinator, Talent Management and Analytics at the OECD*

Joshua POLCHAR *Strategic Foresight Practitioner, Directorate for Education and Skills at the OECD*

■ Talent Management and Informal Governance at the OECD and International Organisations

Raffaele VENTURA *Research Associate at the European University Institute*

■ Governance of Water, Cooperations and Conflicts



Fragile States Workshop, Nice



Keynote Speech, Berlin

3 INTERMODULAR COURSES

Conferences, Speeches and Discussions

- Keynote Speech: *European Investment Bank in Germany between War and Peace* by **Heike FREIMUTH** Head of the EIB Group Office in Germany
- Keynote Speech: *The EU Economic Integration in the New Global Map* by **Arnaud LECONTE**
- Keynote Speech and Discussion: *Skills and Opportunities for the Next Generation of Policymakers at the EIB Group* by **Aliki PATSAROU** Early Careers - Talent Acquisition, Human Resources Department at the European Investment Bank
- Inaugural Lecture: *How to Turn Fear into Hope* by **Herman VAN ROMPUY** President of CIFE, President Emeritus of the European Council and Former Prime Minister of Belgium
- Keynote Speech: *Germany in the EU* by **Matthias WAECHTER** Director General of CIFE
- Discussion and Simulation Game: *The IPCC Scientific Reports Regarding Climate Change* by **CLIMATE FRESK** Non-Profit Organisation



Climate Fresk, Berlin, with the students of the Joint Master in EU Trade and Climate Diplomacy, and the Joint Master in European Cultural Governance



presence in Bonn



Study Trip to the UN Campus, Bonn

4 STUDY TRIP TO BONN

The study trip to the international organisations in Bonn took place from 24 to 26 March 2026 with the following visits:

HAUS DER GESCHICHTE (HOUSE OF HISTORY) BONN

- Guided Tour of the Permanent Exhibition

UNITED NATIONS CAMPUS

- UNCCD Overview with **Barron Joseph ORR**
- Adaptation with Consideration for the Food Security, Water and Land Policy with **Lisa HARTMANN** Senior Research Associate, UNU-EHS
- Case Study of UN Policy Dealing with Adaptation with **Motsomi MALETJANE** Manager, Review Subdivision, UNFCCC
- Resource Mobilisation and Translating Finance into Action (UNCCD) with **Louise BAKER** Managing Director of the Global Mechanism, UNCCD and **Radhika JAIN** Associate Programme Officer of the Global Mechanism, UNCCD
- Tour of the UN Campus guided by **Ambassador Harald GANNS**
- Resource Mobilisation and Translating Finance into Action (UNFCCC) with **Fatin Atif TAWFIQ**

GERMAN INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY (IDOS)

- Visit and Introduction of IDOS with **Mariya ALEKSANDROVA** Senior Researcher at IDOS and **Wulf REINERS** Head of Managing Global Governance (MGG) Programme at IDOS

5 VISITS

- Guided Bus Tour of Berlin on 10 February 2026
- Visit and Presentation at the Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society about the Code of Conduct on Human-Machine Decision-Making in Content Moderation on 5 March 2026
- Nice Scavenger Hunt on 7 April 2026

6 MASTER THESIS RESEARCH TOPICS

Nathan AZOGUI (France)

Regulating and Projecting the Euro through Stablecoins: European Monetary Power in a Fragmenting International Order

Thesis Supervisor: Arnaud LECONTE

Nathaniel BARTHOLOMEW (United Kingdom / United States / France)

Union Density and the Dynamic Pass-Through of Productivity Shocks to Wages: A Local Projections Analysis of 23 Advanced Economies, 1993–2019

Thesis Supervisor: Igor TKALEC

Sina BEHREND (Germany)

Do Sanctions Work As Intended? Assessing the Plausibility of the EU's Framing of the Sanctions Against Russia

Thesis Supervisor: Christian MANAHL

Axel BONNECHAUX (France)

Demographic Ageing and Economic Transformations in Developed Economies: Macroeconomic Issues, Public Policies and Adaptation Pathways

Thesis Supervisor: Milad ZARIN

Matilde BONOMI (Italy)

Building the Bridge: The Mattei Plan for Africa and Italy's Repositioning as a Mediating Power in EU-Africa Relations

Thesis Supervisor: Chigozie NWEKE-EZE

Noemi CALZOLARI (Italy)

Uneven Implementation of EU Waste Legislation and the Potential of the European Green Deal: A Comparative Analysis of Waste Management in Greece and Spain

Thesis Supervisor: William NEALE

Louis CAUJOLLE (France / Switzerland / United Kingdom)

Innovative Defence Financing: Digital Crowdfunding, Civic Mobilisation and Military Supply in Ukraine

Thesis Supervisor: Sara BRIMBEUF

Elena COURBÉ (France)

Solidarity with Migrants as Freedom of Expression: Protecting Private Actions in Italy and France

Thesis Supervisor: Cristina TELEKI

Sarah GRIMSTAD (Norway / Germany)

Cybercrime Regulation for Critical Energy Infrastructure: A Comparison Between the European Union and the United States

Thesis Supervisor: Uglješa ZVEKIĆ

Polly HALL (United Kingdom)

The Impact of Digitalisation on Government Effectiveness in OECD Countries Between 2003 and 2023: An Empirical Investigation

Thesis Supervisor: Milad ZARIN

Carsten HARINXMA-TÖLG (Germany / United States)

Two Development Models, One Question: How Have Total Social Welfare Outcomes Diverged Between Kerala and Gujarat Since 1991?

Thesis Supervisor: Michel-Henry BOUCHET

Indus HUTTON MACKAY (United Kingdom)

Normative Commitments and the Legitimisation of Migration Externalisation: EU Discourse Amid Increasingly Securitised and Technocratic Governance

Thesis Supervisor: Giulio VENNERI

Nighat KHAN (Bangladesh)

The Geopolitics of Data Pollution: Regulatory Failure and the Environmental Cost of AI Infrastructure in Argentina

Thesis Supervisor: Maria Elena CAVALLARO

Cerise KOOIJMAN (Netherlands)

Oil Dependence, Women's Political Representation and Intrastate Conflict: Testing a Gendered Mediation Mechanism

Thesis Supervisor: Igor TKALEC

Laura LINARES MENDEZ (Canada)

EU-UN Multilateralism in Global Anti-Corruption and Crime Governance Framework: A Comparative Analysis of the EU's Normative Frameworks and UNCAC/UNTOC, with a Focus on Italy and France

Thesis Supervisor: Uglješa ZVEKIĆ



Priya MAITI (United Kingdom)
The Discursive Limits of Self-Defence in International Law Through the Israel-Palestine Conflict
Thesis Supervisor: George TZOGOPOULOS

Adelajda MAMUSHI (Albania)
Between Ambition and Absorption: The EIB and the Partial Internalisation of EU Sustainable Finance Norms in Albania
Thesis Supervisor: Giulio VENNERRI

Margherita MARSON (Italy)
Power, Ethics and AI Corporate Narratives in Defence and Surveillance Sectors
Thesis Supervisor: Cristina TELEKI

Martina NOZICA HERCE (Argentina)
The Economic Relation Between China and Bangladesh: Considering Implications for National Development
Thesis Supervisor: George TZOGOPOULOS

Bébel OIJEVAAR (Netherlands)
Behind the Target: Palantir, Project Maven and Epistemic Dependency in AI-Enabled Warfare
Thesis Supervisor: Stefano FRASCANI

Jennifer PANDELEA (Italy / Romania)
The Invisible Victims of Systemic Corruption: Power, Abuse and Collective Harm in Modern Democracies. The Berlusconi Case
Thesis Supervisor: Milad ZARIN

Gabriel REZA (United States)
Capturable by Design: Ireland, the GDPR's One-Stop-Shop and the Limits of Multi-Level Governance in EU-US Platform Enforcement
Thesis Supervisor: Riccardo VIALE

Tommaso SCARAMELLA (Italy)
Strategic Foresight 2035: The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Workers' Skills in the Italian Labour Market
Thesis Supervisor: Riccardo VIALE

Robin SCHOLS (Netherlands)
Geoeconomics and the EU-Mercosur Agreement: Trade Policy in an Era of Strategic Competition
Thesis Supervisor: Arlo POLETTI

Emilio SEMROV (Italy)
From Sustainability to Security: How Multinational Corporations Reshape ESG Under Geopolitical Shocks and Rearm EU
Thesis Supervisor: Stefano FRASCANI

Klara SENGESPEICK (Germany)
Applicability of the IMF/World Bank Debt-for-Development Swap Framework in West Africa: Scope and Strategic Purpose
Thesis Supervisor: Michel-Henry BOUCHET

Sara TRIA (Italy)
Rare-Earth Elements and Geopolitical Supply Chain Dynamics: How Can the EU Successfully Navigate Between Cooperation and Competition with China and the United States?
Thesis Supervisor: Christian MANAHL

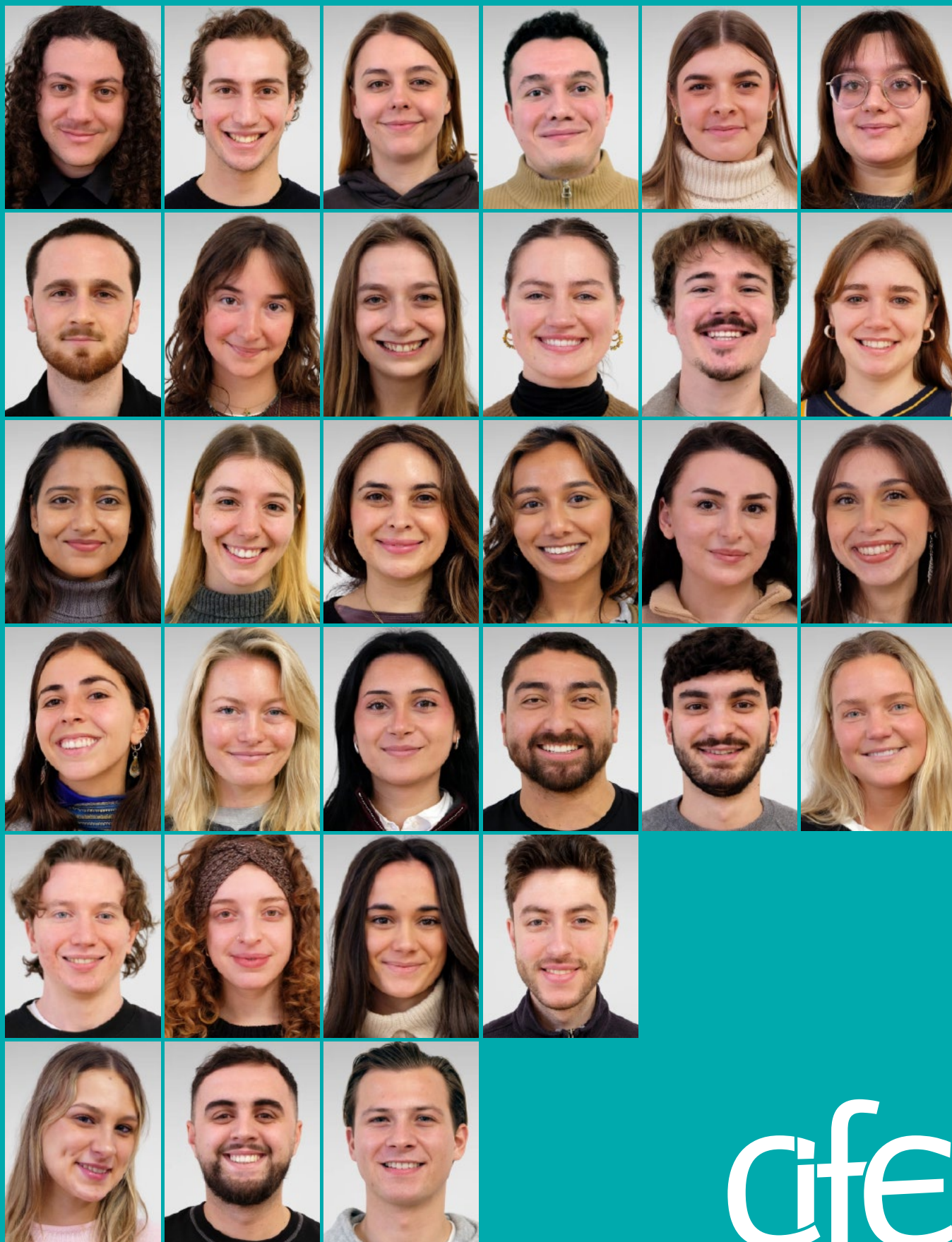
Samuray TUREDİ (United Kingdom)
Türkiye's Expanding Global Ties and the Future of Its Relationship with the EU
Thesis Supervisor: Christian MANAHL

Elena UDERZO (Italy / Germany)
The Geopolitical Enlargement Trap: Institutional Unpreparedness and Geopolitical Urgency in EU Enlargement
Thesis Supervisor: Maria Elena CAVALLARO

Blerton VEHAPI (Kosovo)
To What Degree Does Kosova's Public Administration Reform Strategy (PARS) 2022–2027 Capture and Implement the SIGMA Principles of Public Administration as Criteria for EU Accession?
Thesis Supervisor: Frédéric LÉPINE

Charlie WIJN (Netherlands)
Zambia's Copper Sector After the Washington Consensus: Privatisation, Foreign Ownership and Neo-Colonial Value Extraction
Thesis Supervisor: Chigozie NWEKE-EZE





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