

Master in Advanced European and International Studies

European Integration and Global Studies

Academic Year 2020/2021



ANNUAL REPORT



1 OVERVIEW

The 2020/2021 European Integration and Global Studies programme of CIFE's Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS) was composed of a diverse group of 19 students from 13 different nationalities. The itinerant programme offered students intensive courses in Berlin, Nice and Rome/Istanbul over three terms extending from 14 October 2020 to 28 June 2021. Afterwards, students were given the option of continuing their training with an internship of 2.5 to 6 months with a compulsory report upon completion. The following table represents the timetable of the programme:

Dates	Location
14/10/2020 – 18/12/2020	BERLIN* Institut für Europäische Politik
07/01/2021 – 30/03/2021	NICE* Institut Européen · European Institute
08/03/2021 – 12/03/2021	VIRTUAL STUDY TRIP* Strasbourg, Brussels
30/03/2021 – 28/06/2021	ROME/ISTANBUL* in cooperation with Istanbul Bilgi University
28/06/2020	End of the Academic Year
28/09/2020	Graduation Ceremony
Until 31/12/2021	Optional Internship

The programme focused on the role of the EU in a changing world. In a transversal way, the modules helped understand how the European integration process led the EU to become a global actor on the international scene.

The programme aimed at preparing students for professional life in a challenging context. The academic curriculum was designed in order to enable students to develop an overarching and all-encompassing understanding of internal and external EU policies, as well as how the EU interacts with other global actors in a multipolar world.

Following the leitmotif “Learning and living Europe”, the students rotated each term, moving their place of study from Berlin to Nice and then to Rome or Istanbul. 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.

* Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, classes were held solely online. Students were able to travel to Nice, Rome and Istanbul. Due to increased restrictions in place, some of them stayed in Nice for the third trimester. The study trip to Strasbourg and Brussels was maintained in a virtual format for the same reasons.

2 ORGANISATION OF THE PROGRAMME

THE MODULES

The curriculum was composed of five compulsory modules:

- A** Conflict and Cooperation in the International System
- B** European Integration and External Action
- C** Federalism, Multi-Level Governance and Conflict Resolution
- D** Economic Globalisation and Sustainable Development
- E** Professional Skills Workshops

University teachers from across Europe, 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.

A Conflict and Cooperation in the International System (99 hours)

Module Director: George TZOGOPOULOS

Senior Fellow at CIFE and BESA, Lecturer at the Democritus University of Thrace, Athens

This module offered students a unique learning environment with its highly interdisciplinary approach that combined traditional international relations approaches with courses on conflict management and resolution. In the beginning, there was an introduction to international relations from a theoretical and an empirical perspective. Subsequently, the courses dealt with different perspectives on conflict management and resolution, such as for example the political scientist's view or a more sociological approach. Students also became acquainted with the history of conflicts in international relations with a regional focus on conflicts in the Middle East and the Balkans. Furthermore, students analysed some international regimes and successful interstate cooperation in order to develop a comprehensive understanding about how coexistence, cooperation and tolerance can play an important role in society.



TRIMESTER 1: BERLIN (28 hours)

George TZOGOPOULOS

- An Introduction to International Relations
- Understanding China
- Oral Presentations
- The Belt and Road Initiative and International Relations

Susann HEINECKE *Director of the MAEIS European Policy and Governance – Trilingual Studies*

- The EU's Largest Neighbourhood: Russia and the Post-Soviet Space

Dagmar RÖTTSCHES-DUBOIS *Administrative Staff, Heidelberg University, Germany*

- Theories of International Relations

TRIMESTER 2: NICE (41 hours)

George TZOGOPOULOS

- The Belt and Road Initiative
- The Question of World Order
- Technology, Politics and the World Order
- Social Media and Democracy

Anna DIMITROVA *Lecturer and Researcher in International Affairs, ESSCA Ecole de Management, Paris*

- Foreign Policy Analysis: Theory and Study of US Foreign Policy
- Understanding the Bush Doctrine
- Obama's Foreign Policy Record and the Place of EU-US Relations
- Trump's "America First" Foreign Policy and Transatlantic Relations

Steve LEE *Chief Parliamentary Advisor, Team Leader, EU Support to Parliamentary Oversight of the Security Sector in Georgia*

- Values, Historiography and International Relations: The Building Blocks of Renewed European Unity?

Matthias WAECHTER *Director General of CIFE*

- The Paradox of the 20th Century
- Face-to-Face Group Work
- Closing Session with Presentations from the Group Work

TRIMESTER 3: ROME AND ISTANBUL (30 hours)

George TZOGOPOULOS

- The Greek Economic Crisis and the Future of the EU

Francesca ASTENGO *Lecturer IES*

- The Mediterranean Basin: A Bridge or a Border?

Emre ERŞEN *Associate Professor at Marmara University, Turkey*

- Central Asia: Understanding the Region
- Geopolitical Rivalry in Central Asia

Gencer ÖZCAN *Professor, Member of the Faculty at Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey*

- From Monarchies to Republics in the Middle East and the Road to Arab Uprisings
- The Tahrir Revolution of Egypt
- The Crisis in Syria and its Regionalisation
- Fallouts of the Syrian Crisis and Civil War in Libya

B European Integration and External Action (114 hours)

Module Director: Mathias JOPP

Head of International Programmes, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

The process of European integration was launched in the 1950s with the promise of achieving an “ever closer union” between European states. Since then, important achievements like the single market, the common currency and open borders between the member states have been accomplished. However, a deep feeling of crisis is dominating the member states, with citizens feeling alienated from the European institutions and putting the blame for domestic problems on the EU.

The module explored the challenges which the European Union is currently facing, by tracing first its evolution from the origins until today and then proposing perspectives for its future development. A special focus was on the role of the European Union in international politics. Since the accession of 13 new countries, it is no longer a community limited to Western Europe, but a union reaching from the Atlantic to the Black Sea. By the same token, its neighbourhood has extended to countries reaching from Russia over the Southern Caucasus to the Maghreb. Furthermore, the Lisbon Treaty has provided the European Union with institutions which should ensure the efficiency of its foreign and security policy.

The module examined the challenges remaining in order to achieve coherence among 27 member states with different geopolitical priorities, historical experiences and national preferences. The enlargement policy of the EU, its approach to its neighbourhood, its role in international trade as well as in climate change policies has been analysed.



TRIMESTER 1: BERLIN (68 hours)

Mathias JOPP

- The Political System of the European Union
- Competences and Policies of the European Union
- Economics of the EU (CAP, Trade Policy, Single Market & EMU)

Frank BURGDÖRFER Head of Polyspektiv, Germany

- European Integration Workshop

Magdalena GÓRA Academic Teacher, Institute of European Studies, Jagiellonian University, Krakow

- Learning the Rules of the Game: Europeanisation of Central and Eastern European Countries Before and After the EU Accession

Hartmut MARHOLD Senior Research Fellow at CIFE

- History of European Integration

TRIMESTER 2: NICE (10 hours)

Mathias JOPP

- Foreign Policy of the EU

TRIMESTER 3: ROME AND ISTANBUL (36 hours)

Mathias JOPP

- EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy

Ayhan KAYA Professor, Jean Monnet Chair, Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey

- EU-Turkey Relationships
- Refugee Debate EU-Turkey
- Islamisation of the State in Turkey
- Populism, Islamism and Radicalism in Europe

Harrison Kalunga MWILIMA Lecturer, Consultant and Journalist

- Europe-Africa Relations



C Federalism, Multi-Level Governance and Conflict Resolution (62 hours)

Module Director: Frédéric LÉPINE *Deputy General Director, CIFE*

For the last fifteen years, federalism has known a revival as an international field of studies. In this framework, three major developments can be considered.

The first is the study of the European Union, not analysed any more as a process of integration but in terms of a federal institutional comparative approach.

The second development is multi-level governance, that can be conceived as an extension of federalism as it deals with any form of multi-tier institutional system. This cooperative / competitive approach has appeared to understand the institutional consequences of the process of globalisation in post-industrialised societies, and of the subsequent changing of nature of sovereignty in the relevant states.

Eventually, federalism has become a tool of conflict resolution, in order to resolve violent conflicts all over the world. Examples include Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ethiopia, Iraq, and Nepal. It is also perceived as a solution for Syria, Cyprus, Ukraine, Libya... In addition, new federal discourses have emerged in historically centralised countries.

It appears that all these developments share a common multi-tier conceptual framework, referred to as federalism. As such, they add themselves to older federal questions, such as political co-operation, democratic representation, minority issues and economic coordination. However, understanding the contemporary evolution of the federal meaning and of its main uses requires an innovative analytical thinking. This module brought together these new approaches and highlighted the changing nature of federalism in an ever more complex world.



TRIMESTER 1: BERLIN (24 hours)

Frédéric LÉPINE

- Introduction to Federalism
- Theory of Federalism (1): Definitions of Federalism
- Theory of Federalism (2): Approaches to Federalism
- Principles of Federalism (1): Federal Structures and Autonomy
- Principles of Federalism (2): Subsidiarity and Participation
- Principles of Federalism (3): Cooperation and Guarantees

Sören KEIL *Reader in Politics and International Relations at Canterbury Christ Church University*

- Introduction to Federalism and Federation
- The Anglo-American Tradition of Federalism
- The Continental European Tradition of Federalism
- Federalism and Conflict Resolution: Theoretical Perspectives
- Federalism and Conflict Resolution: Selected Case Studies
- Federalism and Conflict Resolution: The Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina

TRIMESTER 2: NICE (38 hours)

Frédéric LÉPINE

- Principles of Federalism
- Federalism and Values: Personalist Federalism at the Origin of CIFE
- Provisional Conclusions on Comparative Federalism

Elisabeth ALBER *Senior Researcher and Programme Head at the EURAC Research Institute for Comparative Federalism*

- Federalism and Minority Protection: Principles, Standards and Expectations
- Federalism and Minority Protection: Domestic Approaches and Constitutional Models
- Moldova's Conflicts Stuck Between the EU and Russia
- Governing the Pluralism in Overseas France: Federalism Through the Back Door
- Independence Referendums: New Caledonia's "Three-Act Structure"
- Institutionalising Peace Through Power-Sharing
- Making Power-Sharing Work: Lessons from South Tyrol
- Making Power-Sharing Adaptable Through Deliberative Democracy

Sören KEIL

- Federalism in the European Union
- Federalism and Secession: Evidence from Belgium and Spain
- Federalism in Africa: Ethiopia, South Africa and Nigeria
- Federalism, Conflict Resolution and a New Federal Tradition: Evidence from Myanmar and Syria
- Simulation: Territorial Autonomy in a Divided Society

Nicolas SCHMITT *Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Federalism of the University of Fribourg*

- From Merkel to Trump: Federalism in the German-Speaking World... With an Unavoidable Glimpse at the USA Unity?

D Economic Globalisation and Sustainable Development (92 hours)

Module Director: **Laurent BAECHLER** *Director of the MAEIS European Integration and Global Studies*

The main goal of this module was to shed a light on the key forces shaping economic globalisation processes in their various dimensions: international trade, financial markets, currency issues, etc. Without going into the details of economic theory, the module helped students understand the contribution of these fundamental driving forces to long term economic development as well as major economic crises. Beyond a broad overview of the current state of the world economy, the objective was to understand how globalisation refers to the problem of international economic governance and to describe the institutions, actors and processes at work when it comes to cooperation challenges, in order to solve economic public goods management problems such as trade dynamism, financial stability or monetary cooperation.

The module put a specific focus on the role of the EU as an economic actor on the global stage, with its opportunities and challenges driven both by European specific evolutions and globalisation trends.

Finally, the module proposed an introduction to global sustainable development issues (climate change, access to water, etc.), as they are among the most decisive challenges that will shape the future of the world economy.

TRIMESTER 1: BERLIN (37 hours)

Laurent BAECHLER

- Reading Graphs in Economics
- Introductory Course to International Economics
- How to Write a Master's Thesis
- Overview of the World Economy
- The Role of Emerging Countries in the World Economy
- Thesis Interview
- The World Economy in the Long Run
- Economic Globalisation: Characteristics and Challenges
- International Trade
- International Financial Markets
- International Monetary System

Ryszard PIASECKI *Professor at the University of Lodz, Former Polish Ambassador to Chile*

- Economic Globalisation



TRIMESTER 2: NICE (30 hours)

Laurent BAECHLER

- International Financial Markets
- Unemployment Policies
- Q/A Session
- Income Inequalities
- Covidonomics
- Eurozone Governance Issues

Jacques LE CACHEUX *Professor of Economics, Paris*

- Economics of the European Union: Single Market and Competition Policies
- Economics of the European Union: External Trade Policy
- Economics of the European Union: The ECB and Monetary Policy
- Economics of the European Union: External Public Finance

Willem NOË *Policy Officer at the European Commission, DG COMM*

- The European Union: Dynamics of Integration and Crisis – An Overview of Historical, Political and Economic Fundamentals

TRIMESTER 3: ROME AND ISTANBUL (25 hours)

Laurent BAECHLER

- Sustainable Development: Concepts and Challenges
- Climate Change Issues
- Energy Issues
- Water Issues
- Oral Presentations

Ekaterina VLADIMIROVA *Senior Research Associate at the Institute of Sociological Research, University of Geneva*

- Sustainable Consumption and Production
- Sustainable Cities



E Professional Skills Workshops (52 ½ hours)

Module Director: Mehmet Emre GÜR

CIFE Representative in Turkey, Alumni Relations Manager

In an ever more globalised world, the government and the private sector are asked to provide more services with less. Moreover, the movement of peoples across borders has created challenges for an increasingly multicultural world. By default, there is more competition for resources, goals and interests at local, state and regional levels. In order to be credible, governments, business organisations and individuals must be able to deal with new challenges professionally and efficiently and maximise the potential of any given situation. If we want to have an impact on and participate in the development of certain policies, we also need to open ourselves to consensus building, conflict management and negotiations.

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. During the workshops, students acquired skills in Project Cycle Management, Intercultural Communication, Negotiation and the tracking and analysis of EU law proposals. We prepared our students at the crossroads of theory and practice for a professional life in challenging times.

TRIMESTER 1: BERLIN (16 hours)

Paul CULLEY *EU Policy Advisor, Tutor and Trainer*

- Policy Making at Work

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

- Negotiation Workshop

TRIMESTER 2: NICE (36 ½ hours)

Paul CULLEY

- Policy Making at Work

Nina FRAUENFELD *Executive Director, SuccessAcross*

- Cross-Cultural Communication

Mehmet Emre GÜR

- Introduction to Project Cycle Management (PCM) / Analysis Stage
- Presentations of Analysis Stage by Groups, Transition to Logframe & Objectives
- Planning Stage Activities & Results Chain, Separate Teamwork
- Assumptions & Risk Analysis, Indicators and Sources of Verification
- Sustainability & Gender Mainstreaming in Projects, Resource Plan and Budgeting, Templates and Forms for Project Preparation Analysis of Different Project Funding Forms
- Final Presentation of Projects and Feedbacks, Fundraising and Monitoring, Evaluation and Closing

3 INTERMODULAR COURSES

Conferences, Speeches and Discussions

- Opening Speech of the Academic Year: The Union in Corona and Post-Corona Times by **Herman VAN ROMPUY** *President of CIFE, Former President of the European Council and Former Prime Minister of Belgium*
- CIFE Special Lunchtime Debate: Major European Issues with **Jean-Claude JUNCKER** *Honorary President of CIFE, Former President of the European Commission*

4 STUDY TRIP – VIRTUAL VISITS

The annual study trip to the European and international organisations was held virtually this year due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The following virtual visits took place in March, April and May 2021:

- International Women's Day Event – with speakers from the **European Ombudsman's Office**, the **EU Council of Ministers** and the **Schwarz Group**
- EU Climate Law Update – with speakers from the **European Parliament**, the **EU Council Secretariat** and the **DG Climate at the European Commission**
- Working for the EU: How to Get In – with **Johannes DE BERLAYMONT**
- Presentation of the Venice Commission and Visit of the **Council of Europe**
- The Post-Brexit Situation of the EU-UK Relationship and Visit of the **European Council**
- The European Commission in the 2020s: Which Changes, Which Challenges? – with **Gilles GANTELET**, European Commission

Other Visits

BERLIN

- Video Bus Tour of Berlin with **zeit.reisen** on 20 October 2020



5 MASTER'S THESIS RESEARCH TOPICS

Arlinda BERISHA (Kosovo)

Kosovo's Statehood and its Path towards the European Union

Thesis supervisor: Mathias JOPP

Blanca CASAMORT VILA (Spain)

The Strategy of the Catalan 'Independence' Movement to Stay Within the European Union

Thesis supervisor: Frédéric LÉPINE

Paul COUTARD (France)

Rewilding Europe and the European Union's Environmental Policy

Thesis supervisor: Laurent BAECHLER

Celina DÖRING (Germany)

The Impact of Climate Change on Agriculture: Case Study of the Colombian Coffee Sector and Current Policies

Thesis supervisor: Laurent BAECHLER

Diana DUSHI (Kosovo)

Peace, Justice and Institutions: The Case of Kosovo

Thesis supervisor: Mathias JOPP

Eduard ELSHANI (Kosovo)

EU Enlargement and the Western Balkans: The Role of Domestic Actors in EU Member States

Thesis supervisor: Mathias JOPP

Jonathan FOSTER (United Kingdom / Spain)

'Pandemic Othering' during the Covid-19 Pandemic in Japan: How has the Covid-19 Pandemic Affected the Japanese Public's Perceptions of Foreigners, and What Role has the Discourse from the Government of Japan and the Japanese Mass Media Played?

Thesis supervisor: Dagmar RÖTTSCHE-S-DUBOIS

Michaela KUPFNER (Austria)

Open Arms or Closed Minds? Changing Migration Policies in EU Institutions vs Member States after the European Migration Crisis in 2015

Thesis supervisor: Mathias JOPP

Morgane LAVIGNE (Belgium)

Conflict and Cooperation between QUAD and China: To What Extent do the Security Interests of QUAD Countries (USA-Japan-India-Australia) in Local and International Affairs Influence their Willingness to Cooperate Economically with the People's Republic of China (PRC)?

Thesis supervisor: George TZOGOPOULOS

Isha MANDAL (Nepal)

The Impact of Domestic Gender Equality in Foreign Policy: Assessment of Conflicts in India and South Africa during 2014-2018

Thesis supervisor: Dagmar RÖTTSCHE-S-DUBOIS

Renata MOGÎLDEA (Romania)

Future Perspectives of Cooperation between the EU and China over the Human Rights Dialogues

Thesis supervisor: George TZOGOPOULOS

Rachele MORO (Italy)

The 'Conspiracy Outbreak': (Dis)information Contagion during the Pandemic

Thesis supervisor: Dagmar RÖTTSCHE-S-DUBOIS

Matteo NENCIOLINI (Italy)

Unaccompanied Minors' Challenges and Possible Ways to Improve their Conditions in Italy and Greece

Thesis supervisor: Matthias WAECHTER

Mariana PLATON-GROSSU (Moldova / Romania)

The Impact of the Digital Revolution on the Public Services Sector: EU Member States' Perspective

Thesis supervisor: Laurent BAECHLER

Eleni Natalie PRANGL (Germany)

Big Data: A Global Frontier. Technological Power and Data Governance

Thesis supervisor: George TZOGOPOULOS

Malka SAHOULBA (France)

An Analysis of Rape as a Weapon of War in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Thesis supervisor: Dagmar RÖTTSCHE-S-DUBOIS

Mohammad SHATAT (Jordan)

The Effect of EU-Funded Programmes on Syrian Refugees in Jordan and the Jordanian Economy

Thesis supervisor: Matthias WAECHTER

Oribi TIMOTHY (Nigeria)

Federalism and Conflict Resolution in Nigeria

Thesis supervisor: Soeren KEIL

Juliet UGWU (Nigeria)

Post Conflict Reconstruction: The Role of Transitional Justice. The Case of Sierra Leone

Thesis supervisor: George TZOGOPOULOS



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