

Master in Advanced European and International Studies

Mediterranean Studies

Academic Year 2020/2021



ANNUAL REPORT



1 OVERVIEW

The 2020/2021 Mediterranean Studies programme of CIFE’s Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS) was composed of a diverse group of 12 students from 7 different nationalities. The itinerant programme offered students intensive courses in Nice, Tunis and Istanbul over three terms extending from 5 October 2020 to 2 July 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
05/10/2020 – 11/01/2021	NICE Institut Européen • European Institute
12/01/2021 – 02/04/2021	NICE* in cooperation with the Université Centrale de Tunis
07/04/2021 – 30/06/2021	ISTANBUL* in cooperation with Istanbul Bilgi University
30/06/2021	End of the academic year & graduation ceremony
Until 31/12/2021	Optional Internship

The Arab Spring and Europeanisation, climate change and migration – the Mediterranean region with a population of more than 500 million people is faced with unprecedented challenges. In our bilingual programme (English-French), we seek to address the next generation of Euro-Mediterranean decision-makers and offer unique educational experiences at the crossroads of theory and practice.

The programme aims to prepare 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 Mediterranean region.

Following the leitmotif “Learning and living the Mediterranean”, the students rotated each term, moving their place of study from Nice to Tunis* and then to Istanbul. During the second trimester with Tunisian professors, special emphasis was placed on the transformation of the Arab world, especially the Maghreb. On the other hand, during the third trimester, the focus was directed towards Turkey and its neighbouring countries and partners, as well as climate change issues.

* Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, classes were held solely online from November and throughout the whole second trimester. Students were unable to travel to Tunis due to the restrictions in place; many of them stayed in Nice for the second trimester. The study trip was replaced with virtual visits to institutions in Strasbourg and Brussels for the same reasons.

2 ORGANISATION OF THE PROGRAMME

THE MODULES

The curriculum was composed of five compulsory modules:

- A** Conflict Management and Peace Making
- B** Globalised Economy in the 21st Century
- C** Regional Integration Policies
- D** Mediterranean Politics and Societies
- E** Professional Skills Workshops

University teachers from various European, Tunisian and Turkish 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.

A Conflict Management and Peace Making (90 hours + 12 hours optional)

The Mediterranean is a case study par excellence for Peace and Conflict Studies. Understanding and explaining questions of war and peace has been at the heart of International Relations as an academic discipline - from its very beginning after the First World War. In the last two decades, Mediterranean societies have been significantly affected by inter-group violence and inter-state conflicts: from the Western Balkans to Cyprus, from Israel to Palestine, from Syria to Libya. Mediterranean conflicts are partly characterised by external interventions. This module focussed on the causes and dynamics of both escalation and de-escalation, including international law and peace making with a multi-perspective approach. Theories of International Relations also helped in analysing the various case studies used in class.



TRIMESTER 1: NICE (42 hours + 12 hours optional)

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

- Barack Obama's Foreign Policy in the Middle East: Rightsizing the US Role
- Donald Trump's 'America First' Foreign Policy and the Middle East

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

- Introduction to Politics and International Relations
- Theories of International Relations

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

- Introduction to Federalism and Federation
- The Anglo-American Tradition of Federalism: Case Studies of the USA and Canada
- The Continental European Tradition of Federalism: Case Studies of Germany, Switzerland and Austria
- Federalism and Conflict Resolution

Frédéric LÉPINE *Deputy General Director, CIFE (classes optional)*

- État moderne, gouvernance et fédéralisme
- Vers une définition du fédéralisme
- Les principes et les mécanismes du fédéralisme
- Le fédéralisme personnaliste aux origines du CIFE

TRIMESTER 2: ONLINE (36 hours)

Wadii BEN AISSA *Lawyer and University Teacher in Tunisia*

- La gestion des crises et conflits régionaux

Sören KEIL

- Power Sharing and Federalism in the Mediterranean Region

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

- Geopolitical and Geoeconomic Dynamics in the Mediterranean

TRIMESTER 3: ISTANBUL (12 hours)

Andreas HEINEMANN-GRÜDER *Senior Researcher at Bonn International Centre for Conversion (BICC), Professor of Political Science, University of Bonn*

- Theories of Violence and Civil Wars



B Globalised Economy in the 21st Century (82 hours)

The module analysed the economic issues of the 21st century, taking care to dissociate industrialised countries like those in the EU, emerging countries such as Turkey and developing countries such as Tunisia.

In Nice, after a reminder of the fundamentals of economics, there was a focus on the European economy: its assets and challenges, as well as the future of the eurozone. In Tunis, students concentrated on Mediterranean economies, including the Tunisian economy. In Istanbul, the challenges of human development (hunger, demographics, education, health) and sustainable development (climate change, energy policy, access to water) were introduced.

TRIMESTER 1: NICE (30 hours)

Jean-Claude VÉREZ *Director of the MAEIS Mediterranean Studies and Professor of Economics at Université d'Artois*
■ Économie mondiale

TRIMESTER 2: ONLINE (12 hours)

Abderrazak ZOUARI *University Professor; Economist and Former Minister of Regional Development*
■ L'économie tunisienne

TRIMESTER 3: ISTANBUL (40 hours)

Laurent BAECHLER *Director of the MAEIS European Integration and Global Studies*
■ Sustainable Development: Concept and Challenges
■ Climate Change Issues
■ Energy Issues
■ Water Issues

Jean-Claude VÉREZ
■ Défis de développement, pauvretés et inégalités



C Regional Integration Policies (85 hours)

The European Union and its member states have become a 'model' of regional integration. European nation states have agreed to transform their sovereignty into a multi-level governance system with the goal of ensuring regional peace, fostering welfare for their citizens and increasing their interdependent economic power. How is the dynamic architecture of the European institutions functioning – including the European neighbourhood policy? How can we explain the transitions and differences in the Southern Mediterranean region since the Arab Spring?

This module offered insights into current dynamics in the Mediterranean from the standpoints of international relations, literature, European studies and the field of area studies devoted to exploring this complex and multifaceted region. Its complexity has been reconstructed and assessed with a view to providing students with fresh, critical tools to analyse and deal with it.

International guest lecturers were invited to present emerging patterns of international politics, European and area studies.

TRIMESTER 1: NICE (46 hours)

Oliver HÖING *Lecturer and Researcher at the University of Cologne*
■ The Dynamic Architecture of European Institutions

Sebastian KRAPOHL *Associate Professor of International Relations, University of Amsterdam*
■ Regionalism and Regionalisation

Hartmut MARHOLD *Senior Research Fellow at CIFE*
■ Histoire de l'intégration européenne

Matthias WAECHTER *Director General of CIFE*
■ International History of the 20th Century

TRIMESTER 2: ONLINE (27 hours)

Messaoud BOUDHIAF *Professor Emeritus at the University of Tunis El Manar, Faculty of Economic Sciences and Management*
■ Intégration régionale

Silvia COLOMBO *Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome, Italy*
■ Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation at Twenty-Five: Past, Present and Future

TRIMESTER 3: ISTANBUL (12 hours)

Gencer ÖZCAN *Professor at Bilgi University, Istanbul*
■ Modern Middle East and the Arab Uprisings



D Mediterranean Politics and Societies (93 hours)

Mediterranean societies are shaped by specific social, political and legal structures, interrelated discourses, institutions and actors. In the light of an unprecedented information revolution, interdependencies are growing. The module focused on the similarities and differences in Mediterranean societies, starting with a historiographical introduction, in order to approach several policy fields and social phenomena: migration, gender, religion and youth.

Both the current refugee crisis and the representation of youth in the Mediterranean are unprecedented. The Mediterranean and the European Union are challenged by an extraordinary refugee crisis. At the crossroads of theory and practice, this module identified challenges the Mediterranean societies are faced with.

Democratic transitions were analysed from a comparative perspective between the Arab Spring and the fall of the communist regimes.

TRIMESTER 1: NICE (20 hours)

Yvan GASTAUT *Lecturer at Université Côte d’Azur, Nice*

- Histoire des migrations – L’Europe et la question des « autres » au XIX^e siècle
- Histoire des migrations – La naissance des « réfugiés » après 1918
- Histoire des migrations – Politiques d’immigration depuis 1945
- Histoire des migrations – Colonisation, décolonisation et immigration
- Histoire des migrations – Les contours du racisme et de l’intégration entre la fin du XX^e siècle et le début du XXI^e siècle

TRIMESTER 2: ONLINE (57 hours)

Karima DIRECHE *Research Director CNRS at Maison méditerranéenne des sciences de l’Homme, University of Aix-Marseille*

- Histoire du Maghreb contemporain

Yvan GASTAUT

- Histoire des migrations

Mohamed KERROU *Professor of Political Science at the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Université de Tunis El Manar*

- Transition démocratique

Pinar SELEK *Researcher and Lecturer at Université Côte d’Azur, Sociology Department, URMIS*

- Apport des études sur le genre aux analyses de la société et du champ politique : mobilités, migrations et division des sexes

TRIMESTER 3: ISTANBUL (16 hours)

Ayhan KAYA *Professor of Politics and Jean Monnet Chair of European Politics of Interculturalism at the Department of International Relations, Istanbul Bilgi University; Director of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, Turkey*

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

E Professional Skills Workshops (78 hours + individual coaching)

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 to 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, conflict and risk management. During the workshops, students acquired skills in Project Cycle Management, Intercultural Communication, Negotiation, Persuasive Storytelling and the tracking and analysis of EU law proposals. In individual coachings, we try to prepare our students at the crossroads of theory and practice for a professional life in challenging times.

TRIMESTER 1: NICE (29 hours)

Paul CULLEY *EU Policy Advisor, Tutor & Trainer, Former Director at the EU Council*

- EU Policy-Making at Work

Nina FRAUENFELD *Executive Director, SuccessAcross*

- Intercultural Communication
- Careers in the EU

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

- Negotiation Skills Workshop

TRIMESTER 2: ONLINE (11 hours)

Paul CULLEY

- EU Policy-Making at Work

Mark YOUNG

- Persuasive Storytelling

TRIMESTER 3: ISTANBUL (38 hours + individual coaching)

Nazan CÖMERT *Lecturer and Researcher at the University of Marmara, Istanbul*

- Risques collectifs, catastrophes et société

Paul CULLEY

- EU Policy-Making at Work

Nina FRAUENFELD

- Individual Career Coaching Session (45 minutes per student)

Mehmet Emre GÜR *CIFE Representative in Turkey, Alumni Relations Manager*

- Project Cycle Management

3 INTERMODULAR COURSES

Simulation Game: European Council Summit

- **The Future of the European Union** 3–4 December 2020
Article 1 Harmonisation of Social Policy
Article 2 EU Migration Policy

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
- Le XVIII^e Forum de l'Énergie : Perspectives de l'hydrogène au niveau européen
- CIFE Special Lunchtime Debate: Major European Issues with **Jean-Claude JUNCKER** Honorary President of CIFE, Former President of the European Commission
- Conference: Quel bilan tirer de la transition démocratique en Tunisie ? De l'effervescence à la désillusion with **Riadh JAIDANE** Lecturer in Law at Université Côte d'Azur, Former MP of the ARP (2014–19)

4 STUDY TRIP AND OTHER VISITS

Virtual Study Trip

The annual study trip was held virtually this year due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The following virtual visits took place:

- 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**

Other Visits

ISTANBUL

- Visit to AKOM – Disaster Coordination Centre in Istanbul on 31 May 2021
- Visit to the Red Crescent in Istanbul on 31 May 2021



5 MASTER'S THESIS RESEARCH TOPICS

Ghita AKETTAB (France/Morocco)

Energies renouvelables et développement durable au Maroc – Projet Noor Ouarzazate

Thesis supervisor: Laurent BAECHLER

Simon BUERGERS (Germany)

The Turkish LGBTQ+ Community in the Nexus Between the AKP and the EU

Thesis supervisor: Sören KEIL

Massimiliano CASALE (Italy)

EU Facilitating Democratic Transition in Tunisia: A Case Study on the NGO Al Bawsala in the Post-Arab Spring Scenario

Thesis supervisor: Karima DIRECHE

Rachel DANCRADE (France)

Vers une nouvelle façon de faire la guerre : Les rapports entre Iran et Israël

Thesis supervisor: George TZOGOPOULOS

Safaa DJELASSI (France)

La restitution des œuvres d'art africaines par la France

Thesis supervisor: Matthias WAECHTER

Pauline EVEN (France)

L'économie européenne, révélatrice des inégalités entre Palestiniens et Israéliens mais potentielle pourvoyeuse d'une résolution du conflit

Thesis supervisor: George TZOGOPOULOS / Jean-Claude VÉREZ

Marienne GACHELIN (France)

La diplomatie sportive de l'Union européenne

Thesis supervisor: Yvan GASTAUT

Annissa HAMED (France)

Le nouveau pacte migratoire européen sur la migration et l'asile : Entre renforcement des frontières et création de nouvelles procédures d'asile, le pacte européen sur la migration et l'asile, permet-il l'instauration d'une politique d'asile unique ?

Thesis supervisor: Yvan GASTAUT

Marwa KHELIF (Tunisia)

L'autonomisation de l'Union européenne en matière de maintien de la paix

Thesis supervisor: George TZOGOPOULOS

Anaëll LE BRIS (France)

Libye et puissances étrangères dans l'engrenage

Thesis supervisor: George TZOGOPOULOS

Lisa RENIER (Belgium)

La paix positive au sein des missions de la Politique de sécurité et de défense commune de l'Union européenne au Mali : Les missions de la Politique de sécurité et de défense commune garantissent-elles la construction de la paix positive dans un Mali déchiré entre manque de gouvernance, volontés indépendantistes et islamisme radical ?

Thesis supervisor: Karima DIRECHE

Karoline VOGLAUER (Austria)

Reconsidering the Mediterranean through Culture, Art and Dialogue – The Anna Lindh Foundation as an Example of Soft Power

Thesis supervisor: Karima DIRECHE



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