

Master in Advanced European and International Studies

*European Policy and Governance –
Trilingual Studies*

Academic Year 2019/2020



ANNUAL REPORT



1 OVERVIEW

The 2019/2020 European Policy and Governance – Trilingual Studies programme of CIFE’s Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS) was composed of a diverse group of 12 students from 9 different nationalities. The itinerant programme offered students intensive courses in Nice, Canterbury and Berlin over three terms extending from 7 October 2019 to 9 July 2020. Afterwards, students were given the option of continuing their training with an internship of 3 to 6 months with a compulsory report upon completion. The following table represents the timetable of the programme:

Dates	Location
07/10/2019 – 19/12/2019	NICE Institut Européen-European Institute
13/01/2020 – 03/04/2020	CANTERBURY* University of Kent
08/03/2020 – 13/03/2020	STUDY TRIP* Luxembourg, Strasbourg, Brussels
06/04/2020 – 09/07/2020	BERLIN* Institut für Europäische Politik
09/07/2020	End of the academic year & graduation ceremony
After the academic year	Optional Internship

In our trilingual programme (English-French-German), we seek to address the next generation of European decision-makers and offer unique educational experiences at the crossroads of theory and practice.

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 internal decision-making dynamics of the European Union, as well as introductory courses to Economics, International Relations and Federalism. In Canterbury, students chose their area of interest amongst the offerings of the Politics and International Relations department at the University of Kent. During the third trimester, students further developed what had been started in Nice and delved further into today’s EU challenges, including Brexit, EU enlargement and neighbourhood policy, the Common Foreign and Security Policy and German EU politics.

* Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, classes were held online from mid-March and throughout the whole final trimester. Most students therefore had to return home from Canterbury in mid-March and were unable to travel to Berlin for the final trimester. The study trip to Luxembourg, Strasbourg and Brussels also had to be cancelled for the same reasons.

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** The EU in a Multipolar World
- B** Policy-Making in the EU
- C** Democracy, Federalism and Governance
- D** Economic and Monetary Integration
- E** Professional Skills Workshops
- F** University of Kent

University teachers, namely from French, German and British 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 The EU in a Multipolar World (49½ hours)

Module Director: Susann HEINECKE

Director of the MAEIS European Policy and Governance – Trilingual Studies

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 the 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".

The students of the 2019/20 MAEIS European Policy and Governance – Trilingual Studies, MAEIS Mediterranean Studies and Master in Global Energy Transition and Governance programmes.



TRIMESTER 1: NICE (42 hours)

Yvan GASTAUT *Lecturer at Université de Nice - Sophia Antipolis*

- Histoire des migrations en Europe et en Méditerranée

George TZOGOPOULOS *Begin Sadat Centre for Strategic Studies (BESA) Research Associate, Lecturer at the Democritus University of Thrace, Senior Research Fellow at CIFE*

- Theories of International Relations

Matthias WAECHTER *Director General of CIFE, Director of IE·EI*

- International History of the 20th Century

TRIMESTER 3: ONLINE (7½ hours)

Susann HEINECKE

- Russland und der postsowjetische Raum

Anna DIMITROVA *Lecturer and Researcher in International Relations at the ESCE International Business School, Paris*

- US Foreign Policy: Bush vs Obama vs Trump
- Trump's 'America First' Foreign Policy and the State of the Transatlantic Relationship

George TZOGOPOULOS

- China's Rise in a Multipolar World



B Policy-Making in the EU (63 hours)

Module Director: Susann HEINECKE

Director of the MAEIS European Policy and Governance – Trilingual Studies

This module familiarised students – the next generation of European and international decision-makers – with an expert knowledge of the structures, institutions, law and policies of the European Union. The module departed from the historical development of European integration, the analysis of the Union’s institutions and the basics of EU law. It further covered different policies of the EU and current developments and challenges.

TRIMESTER 1: NICE (43 hours)

Oliver HÖING *Researcher and Scientific Director at the University of Cologne*

- The Dynamic Architecture of European Institutions

Hartmut MARHOLD *Senior Research Fellow at CIFE*

- Histoire de l’intégration européenne

TRIMESTER 3: ONLINE (20 hours)

Katrin BÖTTGER *Director of the Institut für Europäische Politik*

- The European Neighbourhood Policy and the Eastern Partnership

Helgard FRÖHLICH *Programme Director, CIFE*

- Die EU und der Brexit

Mathias JOPP *Head of International Programmes, Institut für Europäische Politik*

- Common Foreign and Security Policy

Hartmut MARHOLD

- Deutsche Europapolitik



C Democracy, Federalism and Governance (24 hours)

Module Director: Sören KEIL *Reader in Politics and International Relations,*

Canterbury Christ Church University, United Kingdom

Representative democracy is challenged all over the world by political movements and populist leaders who claim to represent the interests of the “real people”. Against this background, the module provided an original perspective on democracy, by analysing its intellectual roots and examining the different political systems it has engendered. Particular attention was paid to federalism as a means to accommodate differences and to solve internal conflicts within states.

TRIMESTER 1: NICE (12 hours)

Sören KEIL

- Introduction to Federalism and Federation
- The Anglo-American Tradition of Federalism
- The Continental European Tradition of Federalism
- Federalism as a Tool of Conflict Resolution

TRIMESTER 3: ONLINE (12 hours)

Sören KEIL

- Regionalism in Europe
- The EU as a Federal Political System
- New Federal Models

Sean MÜLLER *Senior Lecturer, Institute of Political Science, University of Berne*

- Multi-Level Governance in Action

D Economic and Monetary Integration (49 hours)

Module Director: Jean-Claude VÉREZ *Director of the MAEIS Mediterranean Studies*

and Professor of Economics at Université d’Artois, France

Never before have sovereign states achieved such a degree of economic integration as in the case of the EU. The module enabled students to understand the assets of the European single market in an increasingly interdependent world, the path to the Euro



and the unsolved problems of the common currency. It also looked at the EU's role in fostering social justice and promoting equal opportunities among citizens. Furthermore, the module covered the institutions and mechanisms of global economics and its current developments.

TRIMESTER 1: NICE (31 hours)

Jean-Claude VÉREZ

- Principes économiques fondamentaux
- Économie mondiale
- Économie européenne

TRIMESTER 3: ONLINE (18 hours)

Jean-Claude VÉREZ

- Économie mondiale

E Professional Skills Workshops (41¾ hours)

Module Director: Paul CULLEY *EU Policy Advisor, Tutor and Trainer*

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. During the workshops, students acquired skills in Project Cycle Management, Intercultural Communication, Negotiation and the tracking and analysis of EU law proposals. Students were prepared for a professional life in challenging times, particularly in the context of the European and international organisations.

TRIMESTER 1: NICE (29¾ hours)

Paul CULLEY

- EU Policy-Making at Work

Nina FRAUENFELD *Executive Director, SuccessAcross*

- Intercultural Communication
- Tips for Job Search
- Individual Career Coaching Session (45 minutes per student)



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

- Negotiation Skills Workshop

TRIMESTER 3: ONLINE (12 hours)

Paul CULLEY

- EU Policy-Making at Work

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

- Project Cycle Management

Mark YOUNG

- Negotiations Exercise: Job Market and Salary Negotiations

F University of Kent (44 hours)

In Canterbury, the students are enrolled at one of CIFE's most renowned partners, the University of Kent. Having registered online from Nice for the Spring Term at the University of Kent, the students were allowed to choose and register for classes in two different modules that kept them busy throughout the entire term. Here the students were integrated into the University of Kent as regular students and were thus required to respect all of the university's rules, such as regular attendance in classes. At the end of the term, the grades received by the students in these modules were then integrated into CIFE's grading system. The modules taken by the students were the following:

- PO828: Theories of Conflict and Violence
- PO831: The European Union in the World
- PO848: Negotiation and Mediation
- PO917: Terrorism and Crimes of the State
- PO936: Resistance in Practice
- PO951: States, Nations and Democracy
- PO956: Public Opinion: Nature and Measurement
- PO8100: Quantitative Methodology for Political Science



3 INTERMODULAR COURSES

Simulation workshop

- **The Future of the European Union** 9–10 December 2019
 - Article 1 Economic Policy in the EU and its Member States
 - Article 2 Harmonisation of Social Policy in the EU
 - Article 3 EU Migration Policy
 - Article 4 Institutional Reform

Conferences, Speeches and Discussions

- Opening Speech of the Academic Year: The EU and the World in the Storm by **Herman VAN ROMPUY** *President of CIFE, Former President of the European Council and Former Prime Minister of Belgium*
- Le XVIIe Forum de l'Énergie : La transition énergétique et les financements européens
- Conférence de l'OTAN : L'importance du Sud : l'OTAN et les questions de sécurité
- Conférence sur la Méditerranée by **Prof Robert ESCALLIER** *Former Professor at Université de Nice – Sophia Antipolis*
- Session de Questions-Réponses : Les défis de la société tunisienne with **Kamel BEN HASSINE** *Consul General of Tunisia in Nice*
- Master Thesis Colloquium with **Susann HEINECKE**

Language Courses

- French (Nice) with **Anne TOPENOT** *Communication and Leadership Trainer*



4 STUDY TRIP AND OTHER VISITS

A study trip to Luxembourg, Strasbourg and Brussels from 8 to 13 March 2020 was planned. However, due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic in Europe in March 2020, the study trip unfortunately had to be cancelled. The following visits were planned:

LUXEMBOURG

- Court of Justice of the European Union
- European Investment Bank

STRASBOURG

- Council of Europe
- European Court of Human Rights
- European Parliament

BRUSSELS

- European External Action Service (EEAS)
- Talk on Careers in the EU
- Council of the European Union
- European Commission

A replacement virtual visit to the **European Commission** was organised for students of the 3 MAEIS programmes online on 2 June 2020. Students were given presentations on the EU budget and the European recovery by **Andreana STANKOVA** (Strategic Communications Officer, DG Budget) and the EU's Green Deal by **Gilles GANTELET** (Director, Directorate A, DG Environment).

Other Visits

NICE

- Guided tour of Nice with **Yvan GASTAUT** on 5 November 2019
- Guided tour of the Museum of Fine Arts in Nice on 27 November 2019



5 MASTER'S THESIS RESEARCH TOPICS

Maryam ACHIBA (Morocco)

Quels sont les avantages de l'engagement européen dans le cadre des énergies renouvelables au Maroc pour lutter contre le changement climatique ?

Marcela CIOBANU (Moldova)

EU-Russia Relations in the Shared Neighbourhood: A Constructivist Perspective

Jacques DECOCQ (Belgium)

The EU at Crises

Silja ELMINGER (Switzerland)

From Saint-Malo to Brexit: A Political Discourse Analysis of British-French Security and Defence Cooperation

Noémie HAMILIUS (Germany/Luxembourg)

Resisting Intervention: The Social Movement in Hong Kong

Verena HANKO (Austria)

Das bedingungslose Grundeinkommen – ein soziales Modell für Europa?

Josephine KUHLMANN (The Netherlands)

Strengths and Weaknesses of Latin America's Regional Trade Agreements: A Comparative Study of Mercosur and the Pacific Alliance

Sophia KUSKE (Germany)

China and the United States in World Power Order: Is China the Leading Power in the Upcoming World Order? A Comparison Between the United States of America and the People's Republic of China Based on Three Dimensions of Power

Mégane LACERTE (Canada)

Les territoires glacés convoités : une étude de la gestion territoriale et maritime de l'Arctique et de l'Antarctique

Julia LOHSE (Germany)

The Final Frontier – The Role of the European Union in the Security of Outer Space

Fabienne MOSER (Austria)

The Role of International Mediators in the Havana Peace Process (2011–2016)

Lisa UNTERLERCHNER (Austria)

United Against: How the 2015 Migration Crisis Influenced the Integration of the European Union's External Migration Policies



