

Master in Advanced European and International Studies

*European Policy and Governance –
Trilingual Studies*

Academic Year 2020/2021



ANNUAL REPORT



1 OVERVIEW

The 2020/2021 European Policy and Governance – Trilingual Studies programme of CIFE’s Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS) was composed of a group of 9 students from 6 different nationalities. The itinerant programme offered students intensive courses in Nice, Canterbury and Berlin over three terms extending from 5 October 2020 to 7 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 – 18/12/2020	NICE Institut Européen-European Institute
18/01/2021 – 09/04/2021	CANTERBURY* University of Kent
08/03/2021 – 12/03/2021	VIRTUAL STUDY TRIP* Strasbourg, Brussels
12/04/2021 – 07/07/2021	BERLIN* Institut für Europäische Politik
07/07/2021	End of the academic year & graduation ceremony
Until 31/12/2021	Optional Internship

In the trilingual programme (English-French-German), 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 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 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 Brexit, EU enlargement and neighbourhood policy and the Common Foreign and Security Policy.

* 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 Canterbury due to the restrictions in place; many of them stayed in Nice for the second trimester. The study trip to Strasbourg and Brussels was maintained in a virtual format 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** 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 The EU in a Multipolar World (61 hours)

Module Director: Susann HEINECKE

Director of the MAEIS European Policy and Governance – Trilingual Studies

The module aimed at enriching students' understanding of the similarities, differences and interactions of diverse players in a globalised world. It considered prevalent and emerging issues of international politics including migration, conflict resolution, globalisation and the future of transatlantic relations.

TRIMESTER 1: NICE (44 hours)

Susann HEINECKE

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

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

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

- Histoire des migrations – L'Europe et la question des « autres » au XIXe siècle
- Histoire des migrations – La naissance des « réfugiés » après 1918

Sebastian KRAPOHL *Associate Professor of International Relations University of Amsterdam*

- Regionalism and Regionalisation

Matthias WAECHTER *Director General of CIFE*

- International History of the 20th Century

TRIMESTER 3: BERLIN (17 hours)

Susann HEINECKE

- Foreign Policy Analysis
- Russland und der postsowjetische Raum

Anna DIMITROVA

- Transatlantic Relations

Funda TEKIN *Director of the Institut für Europäische Politik*

- Die Beziehung zwischen der EU und der Türkei

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

- China's Rise in a Multipolar World



B Policy Making in the EU (58 ½ hours)

Module Director: Susann HEINECKE

Director of the MAEIS European Policy and Governance – Trilingual Studies

This module familiarised students with an expert knowledge of the structures, institutions, challenges and policies of the European Union, as well as the historical development of European unification.

TRIMESTER 1: NICE (28 ½ hours)

Susann HEINECKE

- Introduction to Policy Making in the EU

Oliver HÖING *Lecturer and Researcher at University of Cologne*

- The Dynamic Architecture of European Institutions

Hartmut MARHOLD *Senior Research Fellow at CIFE*

- Histoire de l'intégration européenne

TRIMESTER 3: BERLIN (30 hours)

Emil ANDERSEN *Head of the Communications Team of the DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission*

- Political Communication in the EU

Katrin BÖTTGER *Director of the Institut für Europäische Politik*

- EU-Erweiterung, Nachbarschaftspolitik und Östliche Partnerschaft
- Scenario Building Exercise: EU Association Scenarios for Ukraine

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

- The Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)

Hartmut MARHOLD

- Does the EU Follow a Path towards Sustainable Development when Recovering from the Covid-19 Pandemic? The European 'Green New Deal' and 'Next Generation EU': Features, Relations, Governance

Funda TEKIN

- Differentiated Integration in the EU

C Democracy, Federalism and Governance (44 hours)

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

This module provided an original perspective on contemporary political institutions, domestic as well as international, through varied federal and multilevel governance analytical frameworks. It dealt with issues such as the diffusion and balance of power, sovereignty, minorities, democratic representation, economic coordination and European integration.

TRIMESTER 1: NICE (24 hours)

Frédéric LÉPINE

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

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

TRIMESTER 3: BERLIN (20 hours)

Frédéric LÉPINE

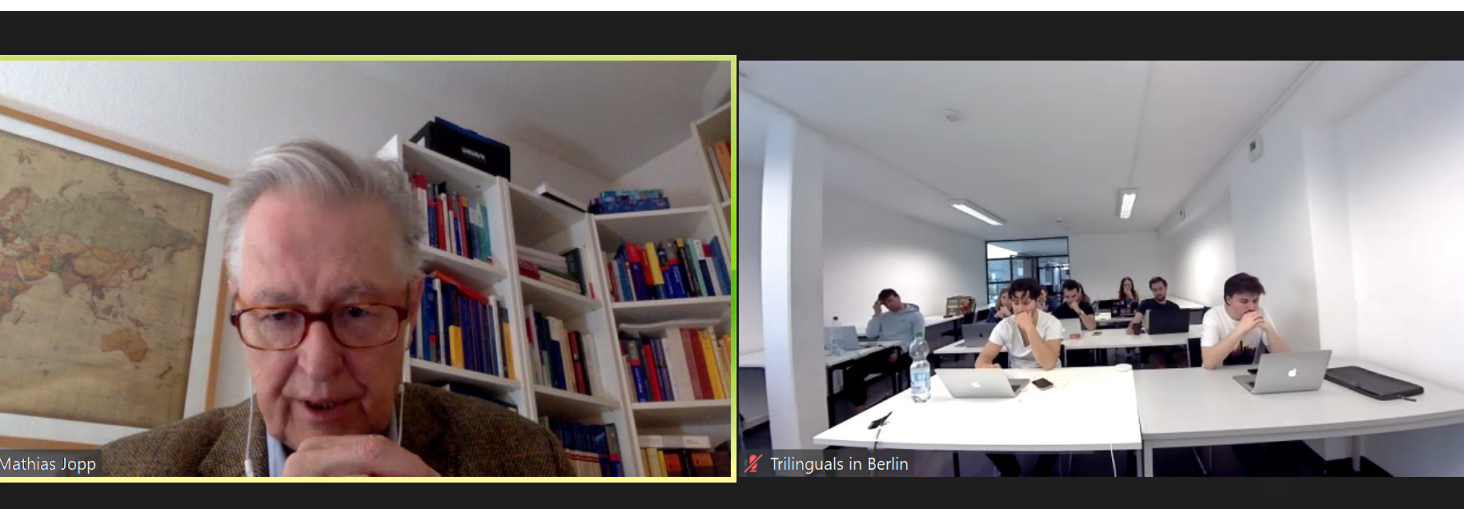
- Libéralisme et démocratie
- Aux origines du fédéralisme du CIFE : Denis de Rougemont

Soren KEIL

- The EU as a Federal Political System
- Federalism and Decentralisation in Europe
- Emerging Federal Systems

Sean MÜLLER *Assistant Professor Eccellenza, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Lausanne,*

- Multi-Level Governance in Action



D Economic and Monetary Integration (48 hours)

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

The main challenge for the European economy is to remain a key player in the production of goods and services and in the creation of wealth, given the context of globalisation and the rise of emerging economies. In addition, deepening the economic and social integration and the predominance of solidarity over national retreat remain crucial. Within this framework, the module analysed the strengths and limitations of globalisation and its key players, the European economy in the context of globalisation, the rise of emerging countries and regional cooperation.

TRIMESTER 1: NICE (30 hours)

Jean-Claude VÉREZ
■ Économie mondiale

TRIMESTER 3: BERLIN (18 hours)

Jean-Claude VÉREZ
■ Économie mondiale

E Professional Skills Workshops (45 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 (30 hours)

Paul CULLEY

■ EU Policy-Making at Work

Nina FRAUENFELD *Executive Director, SuccessAcross*

■ Intercultural Communication

■ Careers in the EU

■ Individual Career Coaching Session (1 hour per student)

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

■ Negotiation Skills Workshop

TRIMESTER 3: BERLIN (15 hours)

Paul CULLEY

■ EU Policy-Making at Work

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

■ Project Cycle Management

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 enlarge 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:

- PO831 The European Union in the World
- PO832 Conflict Resolution in World Politics
- PO848 Negotiation and Mediation
- PO917 Terrorism and Crimes of the State
- PO951 States, Nations and Democracy
- PO956 Public Opinion: Nature and Measurement
- PO8100 Quantitative Methodology for Political Science



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 XVIIe 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*

Research Methodology

- Research Methodology I and II
- Individual Research Consultations

Language Courses

- German (Nice) with **Priscilla CASSELL** *Language Trainer*
- German (Berlin) with **Katja SCHWARZBACH** *Language Trainer*



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

- Visit to the Bundestag in Berlin on 26 April 2021
- Visit to the German Spy Museum on 1 June 2021
- Boat tour on the River Spree on 11 June 2021
- Walking tour of Berlin on 29 June 2021
- Visit to the DDR Museum on 30 June 2021





5 MASTER'S THESIS RESEARCH TOPICS

Paul AZRAK (France/Germany)

Towards a Deepening of Economic Integration through the European Union's Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic

Thesis supervisor: Jean-Claude VÉREZ

Nina BALZER (France)

Pollution des eaux en Chine et en France

Thesis supervisor: Laurent BAECHLER

Roxanne CADENNE FEUILLETTE (France)

L'OTAN et les défis de défense et de sécurité de l'Union européenne

Thesis supervisor: Matthias WAECHTER

Calum FINDLAY (United Kingdom)

From Football to Film: Analysing the Intentions and Impact of the UK's Cultural Soft Power

Thesis supervisor: Susann HEINECKE

Rachel GAULTIER (France)

La politique européenne d'intégration des migrants depuis la crise de 2015

Thesis supervisor: Frédéric LEPINE

David GYORGY (Hungary)

Dedemocratisation Processes in Hungary

Thesis supervisor: Sören KEIL

Alexandre KINCHE (France)

Le monde vu du Kremlin

Thesis supervisor: Susann HEINECKE

Valeriya LAUWERS (Belgium)

La RSE et les chaînes d'approvisionnement : les STN dans les pays en développement

Thesis supervisor: Jean-Claude VÉREZ

Florian LHABITANT (France / Switzerland)

Saudi Arabian Foreign Policy in the Yemen War

Thesis supervisor: Sören KEIL



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