

Master in Advanced European and International Studies

European Integration and Global Studies

Academic Year 2023/2024



ANNUAL REPORT



1 OVERVIEW

The 2023/2024 European Integration and Global Studies programme of CIFE's Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS) was composed of a diverse group of 26 students from 14 different nationalities. The itinerant programme offered students intensive courses in Berlin, Nice and Rome/Istanbul over three terms extending from 16 October 2023 to 26 June 2024. Afterwards, students were given the option of continuing their training with an internship of 2.5 to 3 months with a compulsory report upon completion. The following table represents the timetable of the programme:

Dates	Location
16/10/2023 – 21/12/2023	BERLIN
11/01/2024 – 30/03/2024	NICE Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE)
10/03/2024 – 15/03/2024	Study Trip to Strasbourg, Luxembourg and Brussels
03/04/2024 – 20/06/2024	ROME in cooperation with Luiss University
03/04/2024 – 26/06/2024	ISTANBUL in cooperation with Bilgi University
31/05/2024	End of the Academic Year
20/06/2024	Graduation Ceremony in Rome
26/06/2024	Graduation Ceremony in Istanbul
Until 30/09/2024	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.

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 and Multi-Level Governance
- 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 (132 hours)

Module Director: George TZOGOPOULOS

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

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. At 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 (33 hours)

George TZOGOPOULOS

- Introduction to the Module
- Understanding International Relations
- Understanding China
- US-China Relations
- The Taiwan Question

Dagmar RÖTTSCHE-S-DUBOIS *Administrative Staff, Heidelberg University, Germany*

- Theories of International Relations



TRIMESTER 2: NICE (39 hours)

George TZOGOPOULOS

- Student Presentations
- The Roots of the Crisis in Ukraine
- The Ukraine Crisis and The Role of the Media in a Changing World
- New Technologies and Conflict: The Chip War
- Artificial Intelligence and Conflict

Francesca ASTENGO *Lecturer and Researcher, IES*

- Actors and Factors in the Age of Migrations
- The Mediterranean Basin: A Bridge or a Border for Migration?
- How the EU Deals with Migration: Asylum Law and Policy

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

- Foreign Policy Analysis: Definitions and Schools
- Factors and Actors Influencing US Foreign Policy
- US Foreign Policy from Obama to Trump to Biden
- Transatlantic Relations: Opportunities and Challenges

Matthias WAECHTER *Director General of CIFE*

- The Rise and Fall of European Imperialism in the Modern and Contemporary Period
- The Challenge of Populism and Elections in 2024



TRIMESTER 3: ROME (24 hours)

George TZOGOPOULOS

- Energy Developments in the Mediterranean
- Maritime Security in the Mediterranean and Beyond
- The Israel-Palestine Conflict
- The War in Syria
- The War in Libya
- The Greek Economic Crisis and Geopolitical Repercussions

Silvia MENEGAZZI *Junior Assistant Professor at Luiss University*

- China's Presence in the Middle East: The Political Dimension
- China's Presence in the Middle East: The Economic Dimension
- China's Presence in the Middle East: The Belt and Road Initiative

TRIMESTER 3: ISTANBUL (36 hours)

Mitat ÇELIKPALA *Academics/Professor of International Relations, University of Kadir Has, Istanbul, Turkey*

- The Caucasus: Security, Challenges and Opportunities

Emre ERŞEN *Associate Professor at Marmara University, Turkey*

- The Crisis in Ukraine: Root Causes
- The Crisis in Ukraine: Regional and Global Implications
- Central Asia: Understanding the Region
- Central Asia: Geopolitical Rivalry

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

- The Modern Middle East and Arab Uprisings
- The Crisis in Syria and Its Regionalisation

B European Integration and External Action (134 hours)

Module Directors:

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

Kai OPPERMAN *Professor of International Politics, University of Technology, Chemnitz*

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 (65 hours)

Mathias JOPP

- The Political System of the European Union

Susann HEINECKE-KUHN *Director of the MAEIS Applied European Policy and Governance Studies*

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

Hartmut MARHOLD *Senior Research Fellow at CIFE*

- Introduction to the History of European Integration
- History of European Integration



TRIMESTER 2: NICE (12 hours)

Kai **OPPERMANN**

- The EU's Foreign and Security Policy: EU Actorness in International Affairs

TRIMESTER 3: ROME (36 hours)

Kai **OPPERMANN**

- EU Foreign and Security Policy: Case Studies and Student Presentations

Maurizio CARBONE *Professor at the University of Glasgow*

- The European Union and Africa: From the Treaty of Rome to the Global Gateway

Fabrizio LOBASSO *Diplomat, Deputy Director General for the Economic Internalisation and Promotion of Italy*

- Europe and Africa: Strategic Partnership, Intercultural Approach

Marco MASSONI *"African Politics and Society" Adjunct Faculty – Department of Political Sciences, Luiss, Italy*

- Africa's New Role in International Relations

Harrison Kalunga MWILIMA *Lecturer, Consultant and Journalist*

- EU-Africa Relations

TRIMESTER 3: ISTANBUL (21 hours)

Kai **OPPERMANN**

- The EU's Foreign and Security Policy: EU Actorness in International Affairs

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

- Turkey-EU Relations: Past, Present and Future
- Governance of Mass Migration in Turkey: Syrian Refugees
- Islamisation of Turkey Under the AKP Rule: From Conservative Democracy to Conservatism
- Islamist and Nativist Forms of Radicalisation in Europe



C Federalism and Multi-Level Governance (60 hours)

Module Director: Frédéric **LÉPINE** *Deputy Director General of 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 anymore 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.

Finally, 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 a General Theory of Federalism

Sören KEIL *Academic Head of the International Research and Consulting Centre at the Institute of Federalism, University of Fribourg*

- Introduction to Federalism and Federation
- The Anglo-American Tradition of Federalism
- The Continental European Tradition of Federalism
- Federalism and Conflict Resolution: Theoretical Perspectives

TRIMESTER 2: NICE (36 hours)

Frédéric LÉPINE

- The Principles of Federalism

Elisabeth ALBER *Research Group Leader at the EURAC Research Institute for Comparative Federalism, Italy and Lecturer at the University of Innsbruck, Austria*

- Federalism and Ethnic Relations: Constitutional Models Compared
- Power-Sharing and the Search for Participatory Governance: A Comparison of Subnational Cases
- Simulation Game Let's Go Federal!

Sören KEIL

- Simulation Exercise
- Federalism and Conflict Resolution: Selected Examples
- Federalism and Conflict Resolution Today: New Trends in Theory and Practice

D Economic Globalisation and Sustainable Development (93 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 (21 hours)

Laurent BAECHLER

- Presentation of the Programme and Introduction to Economics
- How to Read Graphs in Economics
- How to Write a Master Thesis
- Overview of the World Economy
- Emerging Economies
- The World Economy in the Long Run
- Economic Globalisation

TRIMESTER 2: NICE (30 hours)

Laurent BAECHLER

- Debt Crisis
- Unemployment Policies
- Inflation
- Demography and the World Economy
- Income Inequalities in the World
- 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: European Public Finance

TRIMESTER 3: ROME (21 hours)

Laurent BAECHLER

- Sustainable Development: Concepts and Challenges
- Climate Change Stakes
- Climate Change Strategies
- Energy Transition
- Access to Water
- Oral Presentations

TRIMESTER 3: ISTANBUL (21 hours)

Laurent BAECHLER

- Sustainable Development: Concepts and Challenges
- Climate Change Stakes
- Climate Change Strategies
- Energy Transition
- Access to Water
- Oral Presentations

E Professional Skills Workshops (61 hours)

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 (25 hours)

Paul CULLEY *EU Policy Advisor, Tutor and Trainer*

- Practical Workplace Skills for Policymakers

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

- Negotiation Workshop

TRIMESTER 2: NICE (36 hours)

Paul CULLEY

- Practical Workplace Skills for Policymakers

Volkan ERKAN *Engineer*

- Introduction to Project Cycle Management
- Project Design: The Logical Framework Approach (LFA)
- LFA Analyses (Problem, Stakeholder, Goal and Strategy Analysis)
- Developing Log-Frame Matrix
- Developing Activity / Resource Schedules and Implementation
- Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation of Projects

Nina FRAUENFELD *Executive Director, SuccessAcross*

- Cross-Cultural Communication

3 INTERMODULAR COURSES

Conferences, Speeches and Discussions

- Inaugural Lecture: Europe in a Dangerous World
by **Herman VAN ROMPUY** *President of CIFE, President Emeritus of the European Council
and Former Prime Minister of Belgium*



4 STUDY TRIP

The annual study trip to the European and international organisations took place in Strasbourg, Luxembourg and Brussels from 10 to 16 March 2024. The following discussions and debates were held:

STRASBOURG

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

- Guided Visit of the Palais Building of the Council of Europe, including a Q&A session

EUROPEAN YOUTH CENTRE

- The Rise of Populism and Authoritarianism: How Can Young People Revitalise Democracy in Europe?
Tobias FLESSENKEMPER *Head of Department, Directorate of Democratic Participation, Council of Europe*

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

- Presentation on the Values, Roles and Functioning of the Legislative Process of the European Parliament and Visit to the Hemicycle

EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

- Presentation on the Role and Work of the Court Followed by Q&A Session
Bjorka DUKA *Lawyer at ECHR, CIFE Alumna 2019–20, MAEIS Global Studies*

LUXEMBOURG

COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

- Guided Tour of the Court's Buildings
- General Presentation of the Court of Justice
J. ZAMMIT *Press Officer, Communication Directorate*
- Presentation on the Work of a Lawyer-Linguist
C. VELLA *Lawyer Linguist, Maltese Translation Unit*

EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK

- Presentation on the Roles and Activities of the European Investment Bank
Hellen MEIJER *Event Marketing Officer, EIB*

BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE

- The Role and Political Priorities of the EEAS, the EU's Diplomatic Service and Strategic Communication
Luca KADAR *Deputy Head of Division for Communication Policy and Public Diplomacy*
- EU Security and Defence and the Strategic Compass
Leyla DASKIN *Policy Officer, Security and Defence Policy Directorate*

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

- Working in Social Media
Andreana STANKOVA *Head of Sector, DG Communication, CIFE Alumna 2011–12 MAEIS Trilingual Studies*
- The Work of the Legal Service
Gilles GANTELET *Resources and Performance Management, Legal Service, CIFE Alumnus, Aoste Programme*

NATO (SHAPE, MONS)

- Presentation of NATO SHAPE

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

- An Introduction to the Council and the Council of the EU
Emanuela AGOZZINO *Political Administrator, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union*

Other Visits

BERLIN

- Video Bus Tour of Berlin on 26 October 2023

NICE

- Guided Walking Tour of Nice with **Nathalie Bricout** on 16 January 2024

ROME

- Visit to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) on 17 April 2024
- Visit to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation on 9 May 2024

ISTANBUL

- Visit to the Association for Solidarity with Asylum-Seekers and Migrants (ASAM) on 9 May 2024



5 MASTER THESIS RESEARCH TOPICS

Olivia ANTAL (United States)
NATO's Response to Cyber Threats: Strategies, Effectiveness and Challenges
Thesis Supervisor: George TZOGOPOULOS

Matilde BAGGIO (Italy)
Framing the Israel-Hamas War: A Comparative Analysis of the BBC and AJE Coverage of the First Two Weeks of Conflict
Thesis Supervisor: George TZOGOPOULOS

Doortje BATEMA (Netherlands)
An Exploration of Democratic Promises for the EU: Assessing the Viability of Citizens Assemblies in Addressing Asylum and Migration Challenges at the European Level
Thesis Supervisor: Matthias WAECHTER

Simon BIOTTEAU (France)
EU Envicrime: Challenges and the Path Forward with the New Directive
Thesis Supervisor: Mathias JOPP

William DE WOLF (Belgium)
Sustainable Finance in the Euro Area Banking Sector: A Critical Analysis of the ECB's Banking Supervision Practices
Thesis Supervisor: Laurent BAECHLER

Flavia DELLO IACONO (Italy)
The Dynamics of EU Asylum Policy: Italy's Regional Approach and the Call for Decentralisation
Thesis Supervisor: Frédéric LÉPINE

Irem DENIZERI (Turkey)
Migration Diplomacy: The EU-Türkiye Migration Deal and Its Implications on Foreign Policy
Thesis Supervisor: Ayhan KAYA

Louise ELLIOTT (United Kingdom)
Innovative Governance and the Just Transition: A Case Study on Bristol
Thesis Supervisor: Laurent BAECHLER



Linda EZENWATA (Nigeria)

Impact and Effectiveness of European Union Support in Facilitating Energy Transition Initiatives in West Africa

Thesis Supervisor: Laurent BAECHLER

Nuria FERRER VILELLA (Spain)

The Problem of Domestic Violence in The Hague Convention: Are Fleeing Mothers Protected?

Thesis Supervisor: Dagmar RÖTTSCHES-DUBOIS

Celia FUENTES SCHMITTE (Spain/Germany)

Collaborative Migration Management: EU, Spain, Morocco and the European Neighbourhood Policy

Thesis Supervisor: Mathias JOPP

Benedicta GAPPER (Ghana)

The Impact of the United Nations on Social Protection in Ghana: Achievements, Challenges and Implications

Thesis Supervisor: Dagmar RÖTTSCHES-DUBOIS

Ine GERLOFF (Germany)

Empowering Resilience: The European Union's Climate Policy in Times of Crises

Thesis Supervisor: Laurent BAECHLER

Sara GHERARDI (Italy)

'Crimmigration' in the European Union and in Italy: Policy Recommendations on Immigration Detention

Thesis Supervisor: Francesca ASTENGO

Patricia GOMEZ MARTI (Spain)

European Union Democracy Promotion in the Mediterranean: The Case Study of Tunisia

Thesis Supervisor: Matthias WAECHTER

Valentin KETTERER (Germany)

Analysing the Impact of the Russo-Ukrainian War on European Enlargement: A Case Study of Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina

Thesis Supervisor: Sören KEIL

Felix LECHLER (Germany)

China's Attitude Towards International Law and Climate Protection Law in Particular: A New Challenge for the International Order?

Thesis Supervisor: George TZOGOPOULOS

Beatriz MARIN MIRO (Spain)

Lessons Unlearned: Examining Greece's Role in Shaping the EU's New Pact on Migration and Asylum

Thesis Supervisor: Francesca ASTENGO

Parami NALAWANA VITHANAGE (Sri Lanka)

The EU and IMF's Relationship with Sri Lanka Regarding the Country's Economic Crisis

Thesis Supervisor: Mathias JOPP

Marnix NIEUWENHUIJS (Netherlands)

The European Union and Drug Trafficking: Policy Analysis and Implications from the Perspectives of Ecuador and the Netherlands

Thesis Supervisor: George TZOGOPOULOS

Nigel NYANGAU (Kenya)

European Union-Africa Climate Partnership

Thesis Supervisor: Laurent BAECHLER

Camilla PAVIA (Italy)

Is Europe Fit for AI? An Analysis of the Adherence of the European Commission's Work on AI to the Ethical Concerns of the European Group of Ethics in Science and New Technologies

Thesis Supervisor: Frédéric LÉPINE

Robert ROMEIJNDERS (Netherlands)

Hierarchy, or: How European Governance Was Shaped on the Benchmark of the Public Administration Paradigms

Thesis Supervisor: Frédéric LÉPINE

Carla RUSSOW (Germany)

Analysing South Korea and Japan's 'History Problem': Will Memory Always Matter?

Thesis Supervisor: George TZOGOPOULOS

Jasper WITTIG (Germany)

The Danger of Populism in the EU: An Analysis of the EU Rule of Law Toolbox Using the Example of Hungary

Thesis Supervisor: Matthias WAECHTER

Anna Maria ZHIVOTIKOVA (Kyrgyzstan)

The Franco-German Tandem in EU Foreign Policy: On the Way to a Transnational European Identity?

Thesis Supervisor: Matthias WAECHTER



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