

Master in Advanced European and International Studies

Mediterranean Studies

Academic Year 2021/2022



ANNUAL REPORT



1 OVERVIEW

The 2021/2022 Mediterranean Studies programme of CIFE's Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS) was composed of a diverse group of 14 students from 8 different nationalities. The itinerant programme offered students intensive courses in Nice, Tunis and Istanbul over three terms extending from 5 October 2021 to 29 June 2022. Afterwards, students were given the option of continuing their training with an internship of maximum 3 months with a compulsory report upon completion. The following table represents the timetable of the programme:

Dates	Location
05/10/2021 – 08/01/2022	NICE Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE)
08/01/2022 – 19/03/2022	TUNIS in cooperation with the Université Centrale de Tunis
19/03/2022 – 09/04/2022	DAKAR in cooperation with Groupe Ecole Supérieure de Commerce (Sup de CO) de Dakar
09/04/2022 – 29/06/2022	ISTANBUL in cooperation with Istanbul Bilgi University
29/06/2022	End of the academic year & graduation ceremony
Until 30/09/2022	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.

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 (95 hours)

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 (32 hours)

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

- The US Foreign Policy in the Middle East

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

- Introduction to Politics and International Relations – Terms, Concepts, Methodology
- Theories of International Relations

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

- 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 2: TUNIS (47 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

Sören KEIL

- Power Sharing and Federalism in the Mediterranean Region

Mohamed SOUFERGI *Director of the Faculty of Law and Political Science at the Central University*

- Droit international humanitaire

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 (16 hours)

Sören KEIL

- Power Sharing and Federalism in the Mediterranean Region

Gencer ÖZCAN *Professor at Bilgi University, Istanbul*

- Modern Middle East and the Arab Uprisings

B Globalised Economy in the 21st Century (81 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 (33 hours)

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

- Économie mondiale

TRIMESTER 2: TUNIS & DAKAR (18 hours)

Jean-Claude VÉREZ

- Economie du développement, pauvretés et inégalités

TRIMESTER 3: ISTANBUL (30 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

- Economie du développement, pauvretés et inégalités



C Regional Integration Policies (70 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 does the dynamic architecture of the European institutions function – 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 (31 hours)

Hartmut MARHOLD *Senior Research Fellow at CIFE*

- Histoire de l'intégration européenne

Matthias WAECHTER *Director General of CIFE*

- Ethnic Violence in the 20th Century and Beyond
- Decolonisation in the 20th Century and the Traces Colonialism Leaves in Today's International System
- Démocratie et populisme en Europe

Jens WÄCKERLE *Doctoral Researcher, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Cologne*

- The Dynamic Architecture of European Institutions

TRIMESTER 2: TUNIS (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, Regional Integration and Conflicts: Actors, Processes and Results

TRIMESTER 3: ISTANBUL (12 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*

- 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

D Mediterranean Politics and Societies (68 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 (34 hours)

Yvan GASTAUT Lecturer at Université Côte d'Azur, Nice

- Histoire des migrations

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 divisions des sexes

TRIMESTER 2: TUNIS (43 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
- Boutheina kouki Assistant Professor in International Law and CIFE Programme Coordinator in Tunis
- La Tunisie à la croisée des chemins : Présentation générale de la Tunisie

TRIMESTER 3: ISTANBUL (9 hours)

Yvan GASTAUT

- Histoire des migrations



E Professional Skills Workshops (65 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 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 (23 hours)

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

- EU Policy-Making at Work

Nina FRAUENFELD Executive Director, Success Across

- Intercultural Communication

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

Ziad HOLATHEL Business Development Consultant, Melius Consultancy, Lebanon

- Negotiation Skills Workshop

TRIMESTER 2: TUNIS (9 hours)

Paul CULLEY

- EU Policy-Making at Work

TRIMESTER 3: ISTANBUL (33 hours)

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

- Risques collectifs, catastrophes et sociétés

Volkan ERKAN Engineer

- Introduction to Project Cycle Management

3 INTERMODULAR COURSES

Simulation Game: European Council Summit

- **The Future of the European Union** 2–3 December 2021
 - Article 1 Forming EU Social Policy
 - Article 2 Re-Designing EU Migration Policy
 - Article 3 Reforming the EU Institutions

Language courses

- **NICE** French classes with **Anne TOPENOT** Director of Speaking Academy, Nice
- **TUNIS** Arab classes with **Lamia TAKTAK** University Professor at the Central University, Tunis

Conferences, Speeches and Discussions

- Opening Speech of the Academic Year: Values Matter in Europe and in the World by **Herman VAN ROMPUY** President of CIFE, President Emeritus of the European Council and Former Prime Minister of Belgium
- Round Table: The Impact of the Covid-19 Crisis on EU Economic Policies with **Jean-Claude VÉREZ**, **Arnaud LECONTE**, **Laurent BAECHLER**
- Le XIXe Forum de l'Énergie : L'Europe et la transition énergétique dans le nouveau contexte mondial : Hydrogène et nucléaire : Energies concurrentes ou complémentaires ?
- Building Security in Iraq: Challenges After the Election, Conference supported by the NATO Public Diplomacy Division (PDD)
- 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 TO DAKAR

From 19 March to 9 April, a study trip to Dakar, Senegal was organised in cooperation with Groupe Ecole Supérieure de Commerce (Sup de CO) de Dakar.

Cultural Visits

- The Town of Dakar
- Kermel Market
- Renaissance Monument
- Museum of Black Civilisations
- IFAN Museum
- Gorée Island



Lectures

- Grands problèmes contemporains with Ambassador Saliou CISSE
- Techniques de négociation diplomatique with Pape Moussa Saliou GUEYE
- Géopolitique et panorama des conflits with Gorgui DIOUF
- Les défis du développement with Jean-Claude VEREZ

Institutional Visits

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- The National Assembly
- The EU Delegation in Senegal and Meeting with the European Ambassador
- NGOs

Round Table organised in cooperation with the EU Delegation in Senegal and Sup de CO



5 OTHER VISITS

NICE

- Guided tour of Nice (Promenade des Anglais et Colline du Château) with Maëva PEGLIASCO, Tour Guide, Association Vu pas Vu, Nice, on 14 October 2021
- Study visit to the Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilisations (MUCEM), Marseille on 3 November 2021



TUNIS

- Guided tour of Medina of Tunis on 26 January 2022

ISTANBUL

- Visit to AKOM – Disaster Coordination Centre in Istanbul on 23 May 2022
- Istanbul City Lab Experience Center – Zemin Istanbul on 23 May 2022



6 MASTER'S THESIS RESEARCH TOPICS

Zeineb AYARI (Tunisia/The Netherlands)

L'importance des mots : Médias français et représentation des populations immigrées maghrébines du milieu du XXème siècle à nos jours

Thesis supervisor: Yvan GASTAUT

Mathilde DARD (France)

Islam and Religious Diplomacy in France in the Post-War Era

Thesis supervisor: Ayhan KAYA

Jade ESCRIVA (France)

Visibilité médiatique du combat politique et social des femmes kurdes dans l'espace de l'Union européenne

Thesis supervisor: Pinar SELEK

Ikram JABRI (Belgium/Tunisia)

L'éducation au service de la paix en Tunisie

Thesis supervisor: Jean-Claude VÉREZ

Francesco LATINI (Italy)

Relations UE-Sahel : quel espoir pour l'avenir ?

Thesis supervisor: Jean-Claude VÉREZ

Camille LETEXIER-ROUX (France)

Grandir au Sénégal : l'approche holistique de l'éducation préscolaire comme priorité

Thesis supervisor: Jean-Claude VÉREZ

Michele RATTOTTI (Italy)

Decarbonisation in the Mediterranean. Case Study: The Impact of CBAM on Turkey

Thesis supervisor: George TZOGOPOULOS

Andréa REZGOUN (France)

De l'émigration des Maliens à leur accueil en Algérie : Un désenchantement sur fond d'influence médiatique

Thesis supervisor: Karima DIRECHE

Ylenia ROMANAZZI (Italy)

La diplomatie du Saint-Siège au Liban

Thesis supervisor: Matthias WAECHTER

Sofía RUIZ (Costa Rica)

Making Better Men: Christian Masculinity as a Key Component of French Colonisation in West Africa in the 19th Century

Thesis supervisor: Matthias WAECHTER

Rachel RULLIER (France)

La violence dans le processus migratoire en Afrique

Thesis supervisor: Yvan GASTAUT

Sonia RUMONGI (France/Rwanda)

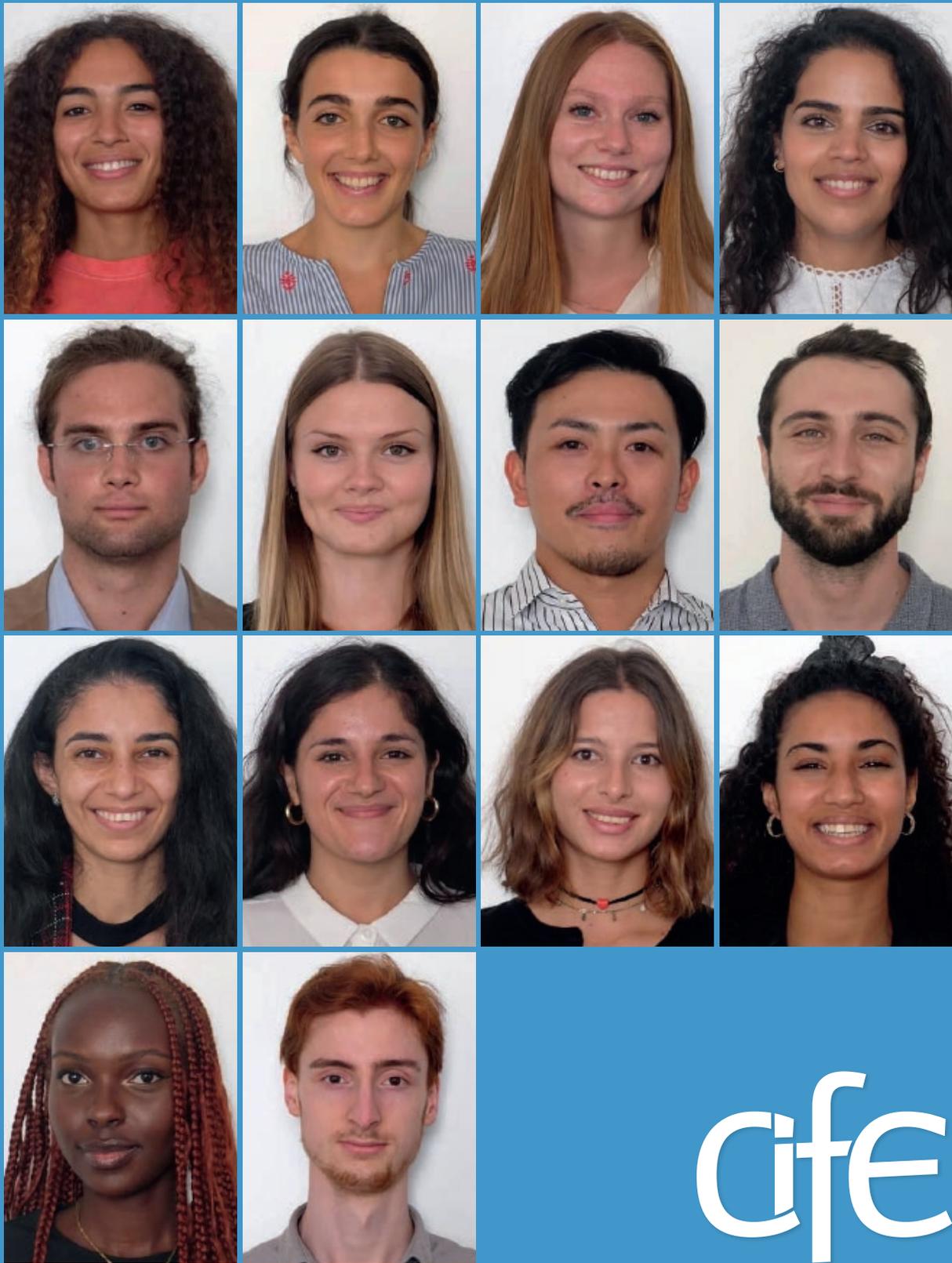
L'économie du pardon entre le Rwanda et les pays européens

Thesis supervisor: Jean-Claude VÉREZ

Lucas SWINNEN (France/Belgium)

The Syrian Civil War: A Never-Ending Story?

Thesis supervisor: Sören KEIL



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