

Master in Advanced European and International Studies

Mediterranean Studies

Academic Year 2022/2023



ANNUAL REPORT



1 OVERVIEW

The 2022/2023 Mediterranean Studies programme of CIFE’s Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS) was composed of a diverse group of 7 students from 6 different nationalities. The itinerant programme offered students intensive courses in Nice, Tunis and Istanbul over three terms extending from 5 October 2022 to 28 June 2023. 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
05/10/2022 – 08/01/2023	NICE Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE)
08/01/2023 – 11/03/2023	TUNIS in cooperation with the Université Mahmoud el Materi
11/03/2023 – 01/04/2023	DAKAR in cooperation with Groupe Ecole Supérieure de Commerce (Sup de CO) de Dakar
01/04/2023 – 27/06/2023	ISTANBUL in cooperation with Istanbul Bilgi University
28/06/2023	End of the Academic Year & Graduation Ceremony
Until 30/09/2023	Optional Internship

The Arab Spring, the post-Arab Spring period 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. Between the second and third terms, students also benefitted from a study trip to Dakar to discover, understand and analyse the challenges of African development. This was also an opportunity to discuss future relations between Europe and Africa.

2 ORGANISATION OF THE PROGRAMME

THE MODULES

The curriculum was composed of five compulsory modules:

- A** Conflict Management and Peace Making
- B** Economics, Sustainable Development, Inequalities and Forms of Poverty
- C** Regional Integration and Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation
- D** Mediterranean Societies and Cultures
- 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 (81 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 (30 hours)

Anna DIMITROVA *Lecturer and Researcher at the ESSCA School of Management, Paris*
■ The US Foreign Policy in the Middle East

Susann HEINECKE-KUHN *Director of the MAEIS Applied European Policy and Governance 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 (39 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

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)

Gencer ÖZCAN *Professor at Bilgi University, Istanbul*

- Modern Middle East and the Arab Uprisings



B Economics, Sustainable Development, Inequalities and Forms of Poverty (84 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 Dakar and then 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 et européenne

TRIMESTER 2: TUNIS & DAKAR (21 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 and Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation (67 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 (40 hours)

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

- EU Institutions and Decision-Making

Frédéric LÉPINE *Deputy Director General of CIFE*

- Dynamics of European Integration

Matthias WAECHTER *Director General of CIFE*

- Historical Aspects of European Integration

TRIMESTER 2: TUNIS (15 hours)

Philippe MARCHESIN *Professor at Université Paris I*

- Intégration régionale et coopération

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 Societies and Cultures (69 hours)

Mediterranean societies are shaped by specific social, political and legal structures, inter-related 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 (33 hours)

Gilles FERREOL *Professor Emeritus*

- Analyse sociologique

Yvan GASTAUT *Professor of History at Université Côte d'Azur*

- Histoire des migrations

TRIMESTER 2: TUNIS (27 hours)

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

- Histoire du Maghreb contemporain

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

- Transition démocratique

TRIMESTER 3: ISTANBUL (9 hours)

Yvan GASTAUT

- Histoire des migrations



E Professional Skills Workshops (64 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 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 (27 hours)

Paul CULLEY

- EU Policy-Making at Work

Nina FRAUENFELD *Executive Director, SuccessAcross*

- Intercultural Communication

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

Philippe GRUCA *Psychological and Intercultural Language Coach, Founder of the Atelier Français*

- Negotiation Skills Workshop

TRIMESTER 2: TUNIS (4 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** 5–6 December 2022
Article 1 Forming EU Social Policy
Article 2 Re-Designing EU Migration Policy

Language Courses

- **NICE** French classes with **Anne TOPENOT** *Director of Speaking Academy, Nice*
- **NICE** English classes with **Elaine CUNNINGHAM** *EC Formations*
- **TUNIS** Arabic classes with **M. BEN AMOR**

Conferences, Speeches and Discussions

- Inaugural Lecture: What is the Place of the EU in the New World?
by **Herman VAN ROMPUY** *President of CIFE, President Emeritus of the European Council and Former Prime Minister of Belgium*
- Expert Briefing: The Current EU Policy Agenda
with **Jim CLOOS** *Secretary General of TEPSA*
- Conference with **Kamel BEN HASSINE** *General Consul of Tunisia*



4 STUDY TRIP TO DAKAR

From 11 March to 1 April 2023, a study trip to Dakar, Senegal was organised in cooperation with Groupe Ecole Supérieure de Commerce (Sup de CO) de Dakar.

Cultural Visits

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

Lectures

- Techniques de négociation diplomatique with Ambassador **Amadou DIOP**
- Géopolitique et panorama des conflits with **Gorgui DIOUF**
- Les défis du développement with **Jean-Claude VEREZ**



Institutional Visits

- Round Table organised in cooperation with the EU Delegation in Senegal and Sup de CO
- The EU Delegation in Senegal and Meeting with the European Ambassador
- NGO “Action contre la faim”





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 7 October 2022
- Study visit to the Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilisations (MUCM), Marseille on 10 November 2022

TUNIS

- Guided tour of the Medina of Tunis on 13 January 2023
- COVID-19 awareness-raising campaign in Sidi Bouzid and Kairouan on 18 to 22 January 2023
- Cinema club on the theme of war and peace on 9 February and 8 March 2023
- Visit to the Tunisian Academy of Sciences, Letters and Arts, Beïtal-Hikma on 15 February 2023
- Visit to the Tunisian Ministry of Women's Affairs, Family and Children on 28 February 2023

ISTANBUL

- Visit to AKOM – Disaster Coordination Centre in Istanbul on 12 May 2023
- Visit to the Red Crescent Istanbul on 12 May 2023



6 MASTER'S THESIS RESEARCH TOPICS

Ali ETOUBASHI (Canada / Libya)

Divided and Conquered: How an Incohesive EU Missed Its Chance to Play a Role in Libya

Thesis Supervisor: Sören KEIL

Najat FTOUNI (Lebanon)

Le partenariat UE-Afrique : Analyse des atouts, des défis et de l'asymétrie relationnelle en vue d'une collaboration renouvelée

Thesis Supervisor: Jean-Claude VÉREZ

Isa GHAZILA (France)

Les accords UE-Turquie sur l'immigration

Thesis Supervisor: Yvan GASTAUT

Giorgia MASET (Italy / France)

China in the Mediterranean: The Cases of Italy and Tunisia

Thesis Supervisor: Jean-Claude VÉREZ

Rocco SCAGGIANTE (Italy)

Thesis Supervisor: Sören KEIL

Cassandra VIEL (France)

Les défis d'une éducation accessible et qualitative en zone de conflit : Le Mali

Thesis Supervisor: Jean-Claude VÉREZ

Wally ZOGBO (Côte d'Ivoire)

Politique de décentralisation et gestion numérique des territoires en Côte d'Ivoire

Thesis Supervisor: Jean-Claude VÉREZ





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