

Master in Advanced European and International Studies

*European Policy and Governance –
Trilingual Studies*

Academic Year 2021/2022



ANNUAL REPORT



1 OVERVIEW

The 2021/2022 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 7 different nationalities. The itinerant programme offered students intensive courses in Nice, Canterbury and Berlin over three terms extending from 5 October 2021 to 6 July 2022. 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
05/10/2021 – 14/01/2022	NICE Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE)
17/01/2022 – 08/04/2022	CANTERBURY University of Kent
10/04/2022 – 14/04/2022	STUDY TRIP Brussels
21/04/2022 – 06/07/2022	BERLIN Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE)
06/07/2022	End of the academic year & graduation ceremony
Until 30/09/2022	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.

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** Federalism, Governance and Democracy
- D** The European Economy and Globalisation
- 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 (65 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 (36 hours)

Susann HEINECKE

- Introduction to Politics and International Relations: Terms, Concepts, Methodology
- Theories of International Relations
- Information on the Module Assignment "The EU in a Multipolar World"



Silvia COLOMBO *Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome*

- European Neighbourhood Policy: The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (Euromed)

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

- The US Foreign Policy in the Middle East

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

- Histoire des migrations

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

TRIMESTER 3: BERLIN (29 hours)

Susann HEINECKE

- Russland und der postsowjetische Raum

Mathias JOPP *Head of International Programmes, Institut für Europäische Politik, Honorary Professor at the University of Tübingen and the University of Passau*

- The EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy

Khatia KIKALISHVILI *Programme Director for the Eastern Partnership at the Centre for Liberal Modernity (LibMod)*

Rebecca HARMS *Senior Advisor for the Eastern Partnership Plus Project at the Centre for Liberal Modernity (LibMod)*

- Nachbarschaftspolitik der EU: Die Östliche Partnerschaft

Harrison Kalunga MWILIMA *Lecturer, Consultant, Journalist*

- EU-Africa Relations

Sarah SPORYS *Doctoral Candidate, Albert Ludwigs University of Freiburg*

- Transatlantic Relations



B Policy-Making in the EU (51 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

Hartmut MARHOLD *Senior Research Fellow at CIFE*

- Histoire de l'intégration européenne

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

- The Dynamic Architecture of European Institutions

TRIMESTER 3: BERLIN (22 ½ hours)

Emil ANDERSEN *Head of the Communications and IT at the DG Environment, European Commission*

- Political Communication in the EU

Florent MARCIACQ *Deputy Secretary General and Research Fellow, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe (ÖFZ, Vienna) and Senior Research Fellow at CIFE*

- EU Enlargement Policy

Hartmut MARHOLD

- Die deutsche Europapolitik – Einführungskurs, Rundgang durch das politische Berlin und Expertenbriefings



C Federalism, Governance and Democracy (47 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 multi-level 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 (26 hours)

Frédéric LÉPINE

- Fédéralisme

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

Matthias WAECHTER

- Démocratie et populisme en Europe

TRIMESTER 3: BERLIN (21 hours)

Frédéric LÉPINE

- Concepts of Multi-Level Governance
- Personalism, Source of Federalism for CIFE

Sören KEIL

- Federalisation and Decentralisation in Europe: Spain, Italy and Cyprus
- The European Union as a Federal System
- New Federal Models in the Post-Cold War Era

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

- Shared Rule and Multi-Level Governance



D The European Economy and Globalisation (50 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 européenne

TRIMESTER 2: CANTERBURY (10 hours)

Jean-Claude VÉREZ
■ Économie mondiale

TRIMESTER 3: BERLIN (10 hours)

Jean-Claude VÉREZ
■ Économie mondiale

E Professional Skills Workshops (60 ½ 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 (38 ½ hours)

Paul CULLEY *EU Policy Advisor, Tutor & Trainer, Former Director at the EU Council*
■ EU Policy-Making at Work

Nina FRAUENFELD *Executive Director, SuccessAcross*
■ Intercultural Communication
■ Careers in the EU

Anne TOPENOT *Director of Speaking Academy, Nice*
■ Speak with Impact

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

TRIMESTER 2: CANTERBURY (2 hours)

Paul CULLEY
■ EU Policy-Making at Work

TRIMESTER 3: BERLIN (20 hours)

Mechthild BAUMANN *Project Consultant*
■ Project Cycle Management

Paul CULLEY
■ EU Policy-Making at Work

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



3 INTERMODULAR COURSES

Simulation Game: European Council Summit

Alexander KUSCHEL, Tabea BÖKER *Europe Department, Planpolitik, Berlin*

■ 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

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*
- Inaugural Lecture: Current Challenges for the European Union by **Michael KAEDING** *Jean Monnet Chair ad personam at the University Duisburg-Essen*
- Le XIXe Forum de l'Énergie : L'Europe et la transition énergétique dans le nouveau contexte mondial : Hydrogène et nucléaire : Énergies concurrentes ou complémentaires ?
- Building Security in Iraq: Challenges After the Election, Conference supported by the NATO Public Diplomacy Division (PDD)

Research Methodology

- Master Thesis Colloquium (6 sessions)
- Individual Research Consultations

Language Courses

- French (Nice) with **Anne TOPENOT**
- German (Nice & Canterbury) with **Helena BECKER** *Volunteer, Franco-German Youth Office (FGYO)*
- German (Berlin) with **Katja SCHWARZBACH** *Language Trainer*



4 STUDY TRIP TO BRUSSELS

The annual study trip to the European and international organisations in Brussels took place from 10 to 14 April 2022:

- The European Parliament (EP)
 - Presentation of the work of the European Parliament in the legislative procedure of the European Union
 - Visit to the Plenary Chamber of the EP
- The Committee of the Regions (CoR) and the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
 - Visit with **Klaus HULLMANN** *Administrator, Unit for Protocol and Institutional Correspondence, Visitors Centre*
- European Quarter Walk with **Hajo FRIEDRICH** *Freelance Journalist, Brussels*
- The European External Action Service (EEAS)
 - Briefing on EU-Africa Relations with **Nicole MEIJER** *Visits Coordinator, Communication Policy and Public Diplomacy Division*, and **Asad BEG** *Senior Expert and Team Leader, Pan-African Affairs Division*
- The House of European History
- The European Policy Centre (EPC)
 - Democratic Backsliding, the Rule of Law Mechanism and the Conference on the Future of Europe – What Future for Democracy in Europe? with **Perle PETIT** *Junior Policy Analyst*
- The European Commission
 - The European Commission: The Political Executive of the European Union with **Mesut DEMIR** *Directorate-General for Communication*
 - EU Climate Change Policy: A Brief Overview with **Johannes ENZMANN** *Directorate-General for Climate Action*
- The Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the European Union
 - The Work of a Regional Representation in Brussels with **Gert JAUERNIG** *Deputy Head of Unit 65, Public Diplomacy Division for EU Matters*



5 OTHER VISITS

NICE

- Guided tour of Nice (Promenade des Anglais and Colline du Château) on 12 October 2021 with **Maëva PEGLIASCO** Tour Guide, Association Vu pas Vu, Nice
- Study visit to the Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilisations (MUCEM), Marseille on 3 November 2021

VIRTUAL VISIT TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE ON 6 DECEMBER 2021

- Introduction to the work of the Council
- Virtual visit to the Palais de l'Europe
- Presentations on "Human Trafficking" and "Human Rights and Migration"

EXCURSION TO LONDON ON 16 MARCH 2022

- **Hanns Seidel Foundation**
Project and Foundation's Work in Post-Brexit UK with **Anja RICHTER** Country Director UK, Hanns Seidel Foundation
- **Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)**
UK-EU Relations: Current Challenges and Future Scenarios with **Nathaniel COPSEY** Head of Future of Europe Department
- **The EU Delegation to the United Kingdom**
UK after Brexit and Challenges of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement with **Catherine BARNARD** Professor at the University of Cambridge and Deputy Director at UK in a Changing Europe, **Bart VODDERIE** Counsellor, EU Delegation to the UK, **Elias CENTELLAS** Counsellor, EU Delegation to the UK and **Cyril ROBIN-CHAMPIGNEUL** First Counsellor – Research and Innovation, EU Delegation to the UK
- City of London Walk

BERLIN

- City tour with Stattreisen on 22 April 2022
- Visit to the German Spy Museum on 3 June 2022
- Visit to the Bundestag in Berlin on 10 June 2022
- Walking Tour: Tourist Development in Kreuzberg on 1 July 2022



6 MASTER'S THESIS RESEARCH TOPICS

Youssouf AKINLOYE (Côte d'Ivoire/Nigeria)

L'impact de l'aide étrangère sur la stabilité socio-politique : Une évaluation de l'aide au développement de l'Union européenne à la Côte d'Ivoire

Thesis supervisor: Jean-Claude VÉREZ

Mélia KNOBLOCH (France)

Les relations entre l'Union européenne et la Turquie

Thesis supervisor: Matthias WAECHTER

Laura LLAMAS SANTOS (Spain)

The Member States' Role to Promote Gender Equality for Immigrants in the European Union: More Relevant than European Policy? The Case of Italy and Germany

Thesis supervisor: Susann HEINECKE

Olamide OGUNBANJO (Nigeria)

A Comparative Study of Eurosceptic Right-Wing Parties: A Case of Hungary, Denmark and the Netherlands

Thesis supervisor: Frédéric LÉPINE

Dominik RESSLER (Germany/Canada/Hungary)

'Cry Havoc': The Unconditional US Withdrawal from Afghanistan

Thesis supervisor: Matthias WAECHTER

Uchenna David UGBOAJA (Nigeria)

Cryptocurrencies in Advanced and Emerging Economies: A Comparative Study

Thesis supervisor: Jean-Claude VÉREZ

Astrid VARGAS HERNANDEZ (United States/Colombia)

The Right to Immigrate?

Thesis supervisor: Susann HEINECKE

Fleur VONK (The Netherlands)

The Agricultural Lobby in the European Union

Thesis supervisor: Frédéric LÉPINE

Siméon Nathanael ZADRE (Côte d'Ivoire)

Terrorism in the EU: An Analysis of the European Strategy vis-a-vis Rampant Danger

Thesis supervisor: Susann HEINECKE



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