

European Studies & German Language Class Vienna – Prague - Munich

‘Identity Politics in Europe’

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Vienna

Arrival: 17 July

Sessions: 18 – 27 July

Departure: 28 July

Sessions will take place at:

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General course content – Globalization and the EU

The sessions in Vienna introduce students to the historical trajectory of the European integration process as well as the policy-making system in the EU. Further, the course analyses Europe's role as an international political and economic actor and its relations with different countries and regions of the world. Franco Algieri of the Webster University Vienna has published several contributions on the European Union and its foreign political stance and international relations. Together with the summer academy participants he will discuss the EU's role in international affairs and analyse the European cooperation in the context of globalization.

Time	9.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	afternoon
Mon, 18	<p>Introduction to the program Mind-Mapping the EU in the 21st century In this first session, participants' associations with the EU and the world of the 21st century are collected in a MindMap. This Map will be further elaborated in light of the specific topics discussed in the subsequent sessions.</p> <p>In the morning you will be picked up by your tutor who will bring you to the class room. Meeting point: 08:30 a.m. in the lobby of the accommodation.</p>		<p>City Tour Vienna Students will be picked up in the Hotel Lobby at 5 p.m.</p>
Tue, 19	<p>International relations in the 21st century: of actors, power and sovereignty</p> <p>Since the end of the Cold War, debates in international relations rank around the distribution of power among old and new actors. How is power is defined, which role do states play and what about sovereignty? This session and the following one will outline the overarching international environment in which the EU as an international actor can be analysed.</p>	<p>International relations in the 21st century: what kind of polarity?</p> <p>Besides the debate about the distribution of power, a structural order for international relations in the 21st century is still disputed. Is the world to be considered as a unipolar, bipolar, multipolar or nonpolar one? Is international law an essential point of reference for the regulation of the behaviour of states? How important is international law and does it reflect changes in today's globalised world?</p>	
Wed, 20	<p>European history matters</p> <p>Developments in the first and second half of the 20th century had a strong influence on the European integration process. This session will focus on that period and ask why explanations for the EU of today need to understand the past.</p>	<p>Actors and policy-making in the EU</p> <p>Based on the evolution of the European integration, the EU has developed a unique systemic form. The competences of actors and the procedures for interaction are clearly determined and regulated. For the understanding of the functioning of the EU it is therefore necessary to consider the complexity of a multi-level system of governance.</p>	
Thu, 21	<p>The strategic concept of the EU</p> <p>Closely linked to foreign, security and defence policy is the strategic concept of the EU. The European Security Strategy of 2003 and its follow-up will be focused upon in this session. Furthermore, the European strategy needs to be compared to the strategic concepts of other international actors and security political challenges of today.</p>	<p>Multilateralism and the United Nations</p> <p>Multilateralism is a core concept for European foreign policy as well as in the framework of the United Nations. Against the background of the earlier sessions the term effective multilateralism needs explanation. Apart from the EU and the UN, further multilateral organizations will be taken into consideration.</p>	
Fri, 22	Visit to the United Nations, Vienna (tbc)		
Sat, 23			
Sun, 24			

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Mon, 25	<p>The Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)</p> <p>Looking at the EU's external relations, a mismatch between the economic dimension and the foreign and security political dimension can be observed. This session will look at the evolution from European Political Cooperation (EPC) to the CFSP.</p>	<p>The Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)</p> <p>An essential part of the EU's external profile is determined by the Union's military capabilities. Looking at institutions, instruments, missions and operations, the perspectives of the CSDP and the EU as a military power will be discussed in this part. Particular attention will be paid to the civil-military dimension.</p>	
Tue, 26	<p>Looking West: Transatlantic relations and EU-NATO relations</p> <p>After the end of the Cold War and especially due to establishment of the CFSP and CSDP, the EU's relations with the US as well as NATO experienced important changes. In this session the US and NATO dimension will be discussed as well as the prospects and challenges for transatlantic relationships in the future.</p>	<p>Looking East: Eastern Europe and Russia</p> <p>The immediate Eastern neighbourhood of the EU is an area of utmost importance and interest for the EU, especially in terms of stability of the European continent. This part will be devoted to developments in Eastern Europe with an emphasis on Russia. Against that background and in light of current conflicts, the EU's policy towards Eastern Europe will be examined.</p>	
Wed, 27	Written exam, summary and outlook		
Thu, 28	<p>Departure to Prague</p> <p>MISU staff will pick you up at 8 a.m. and bring you to Wien Hauptbahnhof. MISU staff (Petr) will pick you up at the Prague train station</p>		City tour in Prague

Prague

Arrival: 28 July

Sessions: 29 July – 1 August

Departure: 2 August

Session will take place at:

Anglo-American University, Letenská 5, room 1.32

Lecturer

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Dan Marek is Associate Professor of European Politics at the Department of Politics and European Studies, Palacký University, Czech Republic.

He has studied at Palacký University (Czech Republic), University of Umea (Sweden), UCLA (USA) and Hull University (UK). He taught Central European and EU politics at universities in the Netherlands, the UK and USA.

His teaching and research interests include European Union politics, policies and Central European politics. He is a co-author of *Cohesion Policy in the European Union* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014) and *The Czech Republic and the European Union* (Routledge, 2011) and co-editor of *EU Cohesion Policy after Enlargement* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2008) and *The New Member States and the European Union: Foreign Policy and Europeanization* (Routledge, 2013).

His other publications include articles on European and Czech politics in the *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Publius*, the *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Perspectives on European Politics and Society* and the *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*. He also worked as an advisor to the Czech government on the preparations for the Czech EU Presidency (2007-09).

General course content – Europeanization of Member States

The sessions Prague are devoted to Europeanization, i.e. the question in how far the EU changes the political system, politics and policies of its Member States. In this regard and given Prague as venue, the course will especially take into account the perspective of an Eastern European Member State that joined the EU rather recently. Dan Marek of the Palacký University Prague will motivate students to reflect on Member States' different preferences on how to proceed with European integration and why Eastern European Member States currently hold divergent ideas on the EU than Western neighbours with regard to migration-related issues or domestic political reform.

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Fri, 29	<p>Transformation processes in Eastern Europe since 1989: a historic overview</p> <p>The end of communist rule in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) was fast, unexpected and unplanned process. This session will look at the unique political and economic transition of CEE countries to democracy and market economy.</p>	<p>Central and Eastern European states and their interests in European integration: the political, economic and societal dimension</p> <p>For CEECs, EU membership marked the end of an almost 15-year effort to “return to Europe” after more than four decades of communist rule and Soviet domination. This session will look at the political, economic and societal dimension of EU’s eastward enlargement.</p>	
Sa, 30	Cultural field trip		
Sun, 31			
Mon, 1	<p>The Czech Republic as an EU member state</p> <p>As a candidate state, the Czech Republic was forced to accept EU rules and policies that it had no role in making. As a member state, however, it has a formal role in EU institutions and an opportunity to influence the EU decision-making process. In this session we will discuss how the Czech Republic copes with her role as an EU member state.</p>		
Tue, 2	<p style="text-align: center;">Departure by bus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MISU staff (Petr) will pick you up at and bring you to the bus station</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arrival in Munich</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MISU staff will pick you up at Munich’s bus station (ZOB)</p>		

Munich (German Language Class)

Arrival: 2 August

Sessions: 3 – 26 August

Departure: 27 August

Session will take place at:

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LMU Munich has long been recognized as a center of excellence for the study and teaching of German as a foreign language. Language teaching at the Summer German Language Course as part of the MISU is proficiency-based and aims to develop four basic skills: speaking, reading, writing, and listening. Each course is designed to teach the language within its academic, cultural and social context, so that students deepen their knowledge about Germany, whilst simultaneously developing their language skills.

For the schedule, please consult the website of the Summer German Language Course:

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