

# Online European Studies Summer School

'The European Union  
Challenges, Crises, and Solution Approaches'

## SYLLABUS

July 21 – August 8, 2025  
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# Foreword

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to invite international students to the Online European Studies Summer School organised by the Munich International Summer University (MISU) at LMU Munich.

The European Studies Program takes place under the patronage of the Chair of Political Systems and European Integration at Ludwig- Maximilians-Universität München (LMU Munich).

The European Union is the most prominent example of regional cooperation. Both historical lessons and today's global challenges spur European states to prefer cooperation over unilateral policy-making. Starting out as a peace project resting primarily on economic cooperation, the EU has developed into a supranational polity that does not fit neatly into the categories of a 'state' or an 'international organisation'. European integration resulted in ever expanding EU authority, the 'Europeanization' of national political and economic systems as well as increased foreign security policy cooperation.

At the same time, however, disagreement on how to deal with crises in Europe's eastern and southern neighbourhood, on the handling of refugee flows from the Middle East as well as the still looming sovereign debt crisis seem to show the limits of European consensus and solidarity. Time and again, national particularities appear at odds with the common interests. Domestically, public opinion has become less favourable with regard to European cooperation than it had been in the past, with the United Kingdom having decided to exit the Union. Internationally, the EU is triggered to re-consider its global role given the past US administration's isolationist tendencies and on the other hand security conflicts in the EU's neighbourhood as in Ukraine. Decades of European governance and most recent crises phenomena increased levels of politicization and societal mobilization in Europe. Citizens increasingly form political attitudes and enter into societal conflict along identity lines. Beyond the previous cleavage between left-wing socialist and right-wing neoliberal economic views, today cosmopolitan, green and alternative perspectives clash with traditional, authoritarian and nationalist groups thereby challenging the national and European political systems and decision-makers to organize compromise in society. Against this background, the Online Summer School analyses identity politics in Europe.

The Munich International Summer University is based on an interdisciplinary approach. It combines different methodologies such as lectures, group-work and students' written assignments. We are looking forward to meeting you.

# Academic Hosts

## **Prof. Dr. Klaus Goetz,**

LMU Munich, Chair of Political Systems and European Integration

One core interest of the Chair is the process of Europeanization of the political system of Germany and the role of Germany within Europe. Another focus relates to integration and migration in the European states as well as the relationship of politics, state and religion in Europe. Finally, neo-institutional perspectives on parliaments are part of the research.



## **Radu-Mihai Triculescu**

LMU Munich

Radu-Mihai Triculescu is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Chair of Political Systems and European Integration at LMU Munich, working on the ERC Advanced Grant SYNCPOL - Synchronized Politics: Multiple Times and Political Power. He studied International Affairs and Political Science at Florida State University, and earned an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in International Migration and Social Cohesion from the University of Amsterdam, Deusto University, and University of Osnabruck.

In 2021, Radu earned his PhD at the University of Twente in the Netherlands, where he researched the multi-level implementation of asylum policies in the European Union. Through his work, he analyzed how bureaucracies and administrative agencies in EU Member States interpret and implement the rules and norms of the Common European Asylum System.

Radu-Mihai Triculescu's research attempts to understand how national differences impact policy harmonization across different jurisdictions. Aside from academia, he has also spent time working as an Associate Policy Analyst at the Migration Policy Institute – Europe, where he worked on projects relating to return and reintegration, asylum, and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on migrant inclusion.



## **General course content**

### **The EU in Times of Crisis**

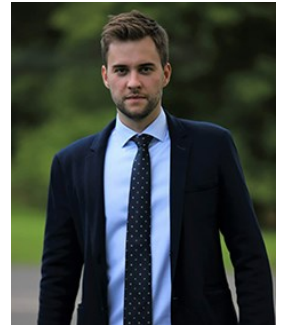
We will have another two weeks of engaging with EU matters. The sessions in Munich will center on current developments in the European Union and on how theory-guided empirical research by EU scholars is discussing current issues such as Brexit, increasing euroscepticism, the Euro crisis, the migration crisis and plans for further integration.

# Lecturer

**Dr. Vytautas Jankauskas**

**Research Fellow**

Vytautas Jankauskas is Post-Doctoral research fellow at the Chair of Public Administration & Public Policy at Zeppelin University. He is also Associate Research Fellow at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (Geschwister-Scholl-Institute of Political Science), where he obtained his PhD in Political Science (summa cum laude).



In his research, he examines International Organizations (IOs), mostly focusing on the United Nations. His work deals with IO performance, issues of trust and evidence-based policymaking. He is also part of the DFG-Research-Unit International Public Administration (ipa-research.com), working on evaluation in International Organizations.

## **Latest Publications (peer-reviewed)**

- Eckhard, S., Jankauskas, V. (2022): The Politics of Evaluation in International Organizations. *Oxford University Press*. Forthcoming.
- Jankauskas, V. (2021): Delegation and Stewardship in International Organizations. *Journal of European Public Policy*. Online First, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2021.1883721>
- Jankauskas, V., Eckhard, S., Ege, J. (2021): The Method of Structured, Focused Comparison (Book chapter in: Introduction to International Organization Research Methods, Eds. Fanny Badache, Lucile Maertens, Leah R. Kimber). *Michigan University Press*. Forthcoming.
- Heinkelmann-Wild, T., Jankauskas, V. (2020): To Yield or Shield? Comparing International Public Administrations' Responses to Member States' Policy Contestation. *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*. Online First, <https://doi.org/10.1080/13876988.2020.1822144>.

# Course Schedule

## EU Studies

(please see the schedule in detail on our website)

[www.european-study.eu](http://www.european-study.eu)

### European Studies seminars

Academic program: July 21 - 8, 2025

Course Contact 30 class hours (live) by 120 min sessions and self-study assignments (e-learning platform)

- 90min lecture/seminar (mandatory online presence )
- 30min consultation (voluntary online presence)

For students from Europe and Southeast Asia: Mon. – Fr., 1 – 3 pm  
(Munich time; UTC+2)

### Online Learning Tools

#### Live seminar sessions

As live online tool for the courses, we will use "Zoom". Please find a guide to the tool here:

- <https://support.zoom.us/hc/de>

More general information provided by LMU:

- <https://www.itg.uni-muenchen.de/service/zoom/index.html>

It is not mandatory to create a LMU Zoom account. You will receive an invitation by email for participation in class and the Zoom Client is usable in your browser.

#### Self-study and asynchronous teaching

As an online learning platform for self-study and asynchronous interaction with your lecturers, we will use Moodle. The LMU Munich has its own Moodle access which we will use for our program:

- <https://moodle.lmu.de/>

Please note that we will provide you with LMU access information in order to use both Zoom and Moodle without any problems.

# Course Requirements

## General course requirements

The Academic Board of the MISU defines the requirements and contact hours (1 contact hour comprises 45 minutes) for successful completion of the courses as follows:

- regular attendance (three contact hours max. absence)
- preparation for and active participation in seminars
- self-study and homework assignments
- written assignment (essay, max. 3.500 words; deadline: September 30, 2024)

## Literature

All participants receive introduction literature by email in advance. During the course, students will get online access to research papers and articles. Lecturers will upload relevant research papers and distribute a link to course participants for downloading relevant teaching material. Please make sure that you bring an electronic device in order to be able to download these resources. For a general introduction to the European Union we recommend the following volumes that comprise short chapters on the history, the Member States, institutions and policies of the European Union.

Jones, E., Menon, A. and Weatherhill, S. (eds.) (2012): *The Oxford Handbook of the European Union*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Lelieveldt, H. and Princen, S. (eds.) (2015): *The Politics of the European Union*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Wallace, H., Pollack, M. and Young, A. (eds.) (2015): *Policy-making in the European Union*, 7th edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

# Student Profile

## Target group

The LMU Munich's Online European Studies Program 2023 is open for students...

...who have an interest in the *European Union* as well as European history and culture

...who have different academic backgrounds and cultural interests

...who are looking for an *interdisciplinary learning environment*

...who are in their B.A. and M.A. and would like to engage in *peer-learning*

...who are awarded with *6 ECTS credits* for their performance

...who have read this information and follow this link:

[www.european-study.eu](http://www.european-study.eu)

## Achievements

Former participants have evaluated this program very positively and stressed the following benefits:

- profound introduction to the European Union through academic excellence
- intercultural and interdisciplinary exchange with fellow course participants
- consideration to apply for a Master Program in Europe

# Credits

Based on the number of contact hours, the overall program can be considered "intensive. To be awarded credits from home colleges/universities for this course, MISU recommends successful students to petition their faculty for the following:

## European Studies

- class teaching hours as well as asynchronous discussions and consultation: 40 contact hours
  - Course reading as well as preparation before and recapitulation after class: 60 contact hours
  - Written assignments: 50 contact hours
- ⇒ 6 ECTS credits

## European Credit Transfer system (ECTS) and ECTS Credits

The ECTS was developed in order to provide common procedures that may guarantee academic recognition for studies abroad. ECTS credits are based on the workload students need in order to achieve expected learning outcomes. The ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) is a standard for comparing the academic level and performance of students in Higher Education across the European Union.

Students will be awarded 1 ECTS credit for 30 hours of work, including attending classes, self-study, examinations and essays. The following chart provides grading information:

LMU Grade	Description	Grade ECTS	US	US	Percentage
1.0	excellent	A	A+	4,0	100 – 97
1.0	very good	A	A	3,9	96 – 93
1,3	very good	A	A-	3,7	92 – 90
1.7	good	B	B+	3,5	89 – 87
2.0		B	B	3,3	86 – 83
2.3		B	B-	3,0	82 – 80
2.7	satisfactory	C	C+	2,7	79 – 77
3.0		C	C	2,3	76 – 73
3.3		D	C-	2,0	72 – 70
3.7	sufficient	E	D+	1,3	69 – 67
4.0		E	D	1,0	66 – 60
> 4.0	insufficient	F	E	0,0	59 – 0
NG	not graded	F		0,0	0



# Grading

## Grading Scale

Grades are defined from the Academic Board of the LMU in Munich according to its general grading system. The LMU differentiates 6 levels (from 1 to 6), which cover everything from introductory course work to original research. This course is offered for students having successfully completed levels 2 and 3.

Level	Description
1	Introductory course with intensive supervision; no course prerequisites; generally first year courses
2	Introductory course, independent study techniques included; no specific course prerequisites; generally second year courses
3	For advanced students, course prerequisites: successful completion of level 1 or 2; examinations test the students' ability to apply knowledge and insights to new problems; generally third year courses
4	Specialized course, course prerequisites: successful completion of level 2 or 3; extensive use of scientific articles; examination may include a small research project, an oral report or written work. This is a third year Bachelor's or first year Master's level course
5	Scientifically oriented course; course prerequisites: successful completion of level 3 or 4; use of scientific advanced literature. This is a Master's level course
6	Very advanced scientific course; latest scientific developments included; examinations consist of a contribution to an unsolved problem with an oral presentation; Master's or PhD level course

## Grading Procedure

The grading sections in the program are broken down as follows:

- Essay (3.500 words) = 55 % (Essay deadline is Sept. 30 2025)
- Group Presentation = 25 %
- Active participation in class = 20 %

## Transcripts

Every student will receive an official transcript after the successful completion of all program requirements. The transcript will show the course name and contact hours, the number of acquired credits as well as the achieved grades.

# Costs

- € 100 Registration Fee Early Bird
- € 200 Registration Fee Regular
- € 650 Tuition

Students from Chinese partner universities of LMU Munich might be eligible for Waivers

Please contact the international office of your home university in order to enquire about nominations for participating at the Summer School. Please ask at the international office of your home university whether waivers are available and indicate your waiver eligibility in the online registration process.

## **For fee-paying students**

Students who are not enrolled at a LMU partner university as well as students of partner universities that are not eligible for waivers, may nevertheless apply for the Summer School.

## **Program includes the following services**

- 30 lectures (via Zoom)
- course reading material
- self-study online tool (via Moodle)
- homework assignments
- consultation time with lecturers
  
- **Cancellation\*:**
- Cancellation before the regular registration deadline:  
The registration fee will not be refunded.  
All other deposits will be fully refunded.
- Cancellation 3 weeks before commencement of the course:  
The registration fee will not be refunded.  
50% of the tuition will not be refunded.
- Cancellation 3 days before commencement of the course:  
The registration fee will not be refunded.  
80% of the tuition will not be refunded.

\* All bank charges are excluded from repayment.

# Registration

**Final application deadline: July 1, 2025**

[https://www.european-study.eu/en/content/es\\_registration\\_online](https://www.european-study.eu/en/content/es_registration_online)

Applicants will be informed soon after submitting their application whether or not they will be offered a spot in the program.

During the online application process the following supporting materials (pdf file) have to be uploaded:

Curriculum vitae (CV); Please use the Euro Pass format:

<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu> if you do not have your own form.

Statement of motivation; Applicants should write a short statement of no more than one typed page in English as to why they wish to take part in the summer program. We are interested in your academic life and your social and political interest. First of all - what do you expect from this course, the classes and the teachers.

Student ID in case of waiver application

# Contact

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