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Module 1: The Member States of the
European Union

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Munich

Arrival: 3 August

Sessions in Munich: 5 – 28 August

Sessions in Vienna: 7- 10 August

Departure: 29 August

Sessions in Munich will take place at:
Edmund-Rumpler-Straße 12



Lecturer

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Veronika Ohliger is a research fellow at the Chair of Political Systems and European Integration of the Geschwister Scholl Institute of Political Science. She is a member of the Schumpeter research group “What do parliaments actually do?” led by Dr. Michael Koß.

Between 2009 and 2014 Veronika passed her Master's degree in Political Science and her Bachelor's degree in Political Science in combination with Law as a minor subject at the University of Munich.

Her Bachelor's thesis was on the topic: “Representation of interests of local authorities in the European system of multi-level governance”. In her Master's thesis she analyzed democratic-theoretical implications of state surveillance practices in the 21st century.

Veronika completed internships in the fields of political communication and public relations, in the Landtag of Bavaria and in the European Office of Bavarian local authorities in Brussels. In spring 2016 Veronika stayed as Visiting Scholar at Columbia's European Institute in New York City. In May 2017 she was a guest lecturer at the University of Amsterdam, funded by the Erasmus+ teaching staff mobility program. Her research focus is on parliamentary institutions on the transnational level – with special focus on the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the European Parliament.

Module 1: The Member States of the European Union

This module analyses how member states operate within the multi-level system of the European Union. Specifically, it assesses how the political, economic and societal systems of EU member states are affected by the European level and conversely exercise influence on it. Moreover, it will also be discussed how member states try to further their interests internationally through the EU.

Vienna

Arrival: 7 August
Sessions: 8 – 9 August
Departure: 10 August
Session will take place at:
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Lecturer

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Sebastian Schäffer is the founder of SSC Europe, a competence network for Seminars, Simulations, and Consulting, and researcher at the Institute for the Danube region and Central Europe (IDM) in Vienna. He is member of the Academic Council of the Munich European Forum e.V. and Associate Researcher at the Center for Applied Policy Research (C•A•P) at Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich (LMU).

Prior to that, Mr. Schäffer held positions as lecturer and research fellow at the Institute for Political Science, Georg-August-University Göttingen and at the Institute for Political Science and Communication Studies, Ernst-Moritz-Arndt-University Greifswald. In addition, Mr. Schäffer worked as a research fellow in the research group on European Affairs at the C•A•P and as a lecturer at LMU's Geschwister-Scholl-Institute for Political Science.

Mr. Schäffer holds an Honor's Master's degree in East European studies (major: legal studies, minor: history) from the University of Regensburg and an M.A. degree from LMU, where he studied political science, European law, and Slavonic studies.

General course content

The sessions Prague are devoted to Austria as a member state of the European Union, the EU's strategy in the Danube region and the EU's energy security policy.

Time	9.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	afternoon
Mon, 5	<p>Introductory lecture by Prof. Dr. Klaus H. Goetz</p> <p>Room: BU101 , Oettingenstraße 67</p>	<p>Program Introduction by lecturer</p> <p>Room 151, Oettingenstraße 67</p>	<p>MISU Welcome Summer Event</p>
Tue, 6	<p>From EC to EU</p> <p>This session will give an overview over the political development of the integration process from the 1990s until today. A closer look will be taken at the emergence of a European political identity.</p>	<p>The institutions of the EU and legislation</p> <p>Although the Lisbon Treaty introduced the so called ‘ordinary legislative procedure’, decision-making procedures vary across policy areas. This session deals with the different decision-making procedures in the EU and the role of EU institutions therein.</p>	
Wed, 7	Departure to Vienna		Vienna City tour
Thu, 8	<p>Austria and the CEE member states in the European Union</p> <p>The rationale of Austria's foreign policy has since it's membership to the European Union been to foster the integration of the Central and Eastern European countries. However, in light of recent events euroscepticism is on the rise in the CEE member countries and also a growing number of politicians in Austria are questioning the benefits of the EU. We will analyse the historical relationships in the region and the reasons for the rise of populism in these countries..</p>	<p>Case Study: A strategy for the Danube region</p> <p>The European union Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) is the second macro-regional strategy proposed and implemented by the European Commission. In this session we will discuss the benefits and challenges of regionalisation and if the Danube can function as a new narrative - the second river - for European Integration</p>	
Fri, 9	<p>European Neighbourhood Policy and EU-Russia relations</p> <p>European Neighbourhood Policy and especially it's Eastern dimension - the Eastern Partnership - are a cornerstone of the EU's foreign policy. We will analyse the concepts and tools especially towards the countries Moldova and Ukraine and put the findings into the wider perspective of EU-Russia relations.</p>	<p>Energy and Energy Security</p> <p>Energy and Energy Security are two major issues for the future of Europe and Europe's economy. In this session we will discuss how the EU tries to secure energy supply and how it responds to the growing demand for oil and gas and the resulting (inter)dependency of its suppliers, especially the Russian Federation.</p>	
Sat, 10	Departure to Munich		
Sun, 11	Trip to Castle Neuschwanstein		

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Mon, 12	<p>Europeanization: Concept, Theory and Method</p> <p>This session will provide an introduction to the concept of and theories on Europeanization: in how far to EU rules change national political systems?</p>	<p>Europeanization and national institutions</p> <p>Europeanization means widening and deepening EU rules across Europe. How does this challenge nation states? This session will focus on the interplay between EU and national institutions.</p>	
Tue, 13	<p>The European Economic and Monetary Union</p> <p>This session will discuss one of the major economic projects of the European integration: the creation of the common currency. The economic and political reasons behind this project will be explained and discussed.</p>	<p>The Euro Crisis</p> <p>After years of banking- and sovereign-debt crisis the financial markets seem to regain confidence in the Eurozone's economy. In this session we will discuss the EU's management of the Eurocrisis and analyse how it has changed the political, economic and social balance of the EU</p>	
Wed, 14	<p>Freedom, Security and Justice</p> <p>As one of the biggest issues at the moment, the EU is struggling to develop a common policy on migration. This session explores the policy domain 'Area of Freedom, Security and Justice' and the main obstacles and chances of a European approach to migration and crime.</p>	<p>Migration and asylum policy: refugee crisis</p> <p>As one of the biggest issues at the moment, the EU is struggling to develop a common policy on migration. This session explores the main obstacles and chances of a European approach to asylum policies.</p>	
Thu, 15	<p>Parliamentarism on the transnational level – a Parliament for Europe?</p> <p>This session will focus on the EP and its unprecedented pioneer role of institutionalising parliamentary representation on the transnational level.</p>	<p>Transnational Parliamentarism beyond the European Parliament</p> <p>This session will give an overview of other parliamentary assemblies, which were integrated into the institutional design of International Organisations (e.g. the Council of Europe, NATO, OSCE) in order to increase the legitimacy of IO decision-making.</p>	
Fri, 16	<p>Transparency and lobbying in the EU</p> <p>Brussels is considered the global capital of lobbying. This session will analyse how lobbying is organized in the EU, which safeguards are in place to avoid undue influence on policy makers and to counter corruption within the administration</p>	<p>Case studies lobbying in the EU</p> <p>In this session we will look at lobbying in specific policy fields of the EU in order to investigate: What are the different players and their strategies?</p>	
Sat, 17			
Sun, 18			

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Mon, 19	<p>Public Opinion and the Rise of Euroscepticism</p> <p>Populist movements have risen all across the EU, mostly to the disadvantage of pro-European parties. How does the EU face those shifts in public opinion? Are Euroscepticism and nationalism a real threat to the EU?</p>	<p>Democratic backsliding in the EU</p> <p>The EU's conditionality approach in enlargement negotiations was said to be a decisive factor in democratizing Eastern European Member States to the EU. Yet, we observe that some of these states experience a development that is called 'democratic backsliding' in the literature. We will discuss this development in this session.</p>	
Tue, 20	<p>The Role of Crisis in the EU integration process</p> <p>What is the role of crises in the European integration process? Do "productive" crises help the European integration process by resolving blockages or do "destructive" crises provoke political discontent and start a downward spiral? This session looks at the historical development of the integration process and the role of crises and discusses current challenges</p>	<p>Political Science Methods: bringing theory and empirics into dialogue</p> <p>In this special session, we will discuss the requirements for the essays and the presentations. In particular, we will look at the requirements of academic working, the structuring of papers, the development of pertinent questions, the presentation of findings as well as issues like literature and internet research etc.</p>	
Wed, 21	<p>Policy-making on external affairs</p> <p>Following the Lisbon Treaty the EU itself is increasingly present at international bargaining tables. We will analyse in this session how policy-making on external affairs takes place and in how far supranational actors shape the EU's foreign policies.</p>	<p>Coherence and the role of Member States</p> <p>One line of argument holds that the more coherent the EU and its member states present themselves internationally, the more the EU will be able to shape international outcomes. We will discuss in how far the EU has strengthened coherence and in how far this has made the EU an more effective actor.</p>	
Thu, 22	<p>Transatlantic relations</p> <p>The United States supported European Integration from the very beginning whereas especially France was interested in limiting the American footprint on European politics. Though united in a strategic community, the US and EU Member States often are in disagreement over crisis management and trade matters. We will discuss the transatlantic relationship in this session.</p>	<p>The EU and emerging powers</p> <p>Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) are increasingly joining forces in international fora. These emerging powers have formulated their ambition to increasingly shape the international order and to challenge 'Western' dominance in international organizations. We will have a look at the EU's relations with these emerging powers.</p>	
Fri, 23	Day off		
Sat, 24			
Sun, 25			

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Mon, 26	Presentations of students' essays Part 1		
Tue, 27	Trip to the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, Salzburg		
Wed, 28	Presentations of students' essays Part 2	Wrap-up Session Europe faces many political, economic, and societal challenges. In this session we will speak about what Europe is affected by and which solutions could be the right ones – institutionally but also with regard to certain policies.	
Thu, 29	Departure from Munich		