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of Europe: understanding the EU today'

Module 1: The Member States of the European
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Munich

Arrival: 2 August

Sessions in Munich: 3 – 28 August

Sessions in Vienna: 5 - 8 August

Departure: 29 August

Sessions in Munich will take place at:

Geschwister-Scholl-Institut

Oettingenstraße 67



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: 5 August
Sessions: 6 – 7 August
Departure: 8 August
Session will take place at:
Erzherzog Johann Platz 1, 1140 Vienna



Lecturer

Sebastian Schäffer

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Sebastian Schäffer is the founder of SSC Europe, a competence network for Seminars, Simulations, and Consulting, and managing director at the Institute for the Danube region and Central Europe (IDM) in Vienna as well as Secretary General of the Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC). He is founding member of MEIA Research e.V. and member of the Academic Council of the Munich European Forum e.V..

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 in Vienna 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	9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	afternoon
Mon, 3	<p>Introductory lecture by Prof. Dr. Klaus H. Goetz</p> <p>Room: BU101 , Oettingenstraße 67</p>	<p>Program Introduction by lecturer</p> <p>Room 057, Oettingenstraße 67</p>	<p>MISU Welcome Summer Event 5:30 p.m. Schellingstr. 3, on the terrace</p>
Tue, 4	<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.</p>	<p>2h City Tour by bus 5.00 p.m. Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1</p>
Wed, 5	Departure to Vienna		Guided City Walk
Thu, 6	<p>Austria in the European Union</p> <p>The rationale of Austria's foreign policy has since its membership to EU 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 recapitulate how the EC developed into the EU with a special focus on Austria.</p>	<p>The CEE member states with a focus on the Visegrad Four</p> <p>We will analyse the historical relationships in the region and the reasons for the rise of populism in these countries. 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 (Daniela Neubacher)</p>	
Fri, 7	Visit "Haus der EU" (tbc)	<p>Energy and Security</p> <p>Energy and 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. (Fabian Kümmeler)</p>	<p>European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and EU-Russia relations</p> <p>ENP and especially its 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>
Sat, 8	Departure to Munich		
Sun, 9	<p>Trip to Castle Neuschwanstein Meeting Time: 7:45 am Departure Time: 8:00 Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1</p>		

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Mon, 10	Day off		
Tue, 11	<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>	
Wed, 12	<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>	
Thu, 13	<p>Germany and the EU</p> <p>In this sessions we will analyse how European integration impacted on the political system and culture in Germany and how Germany, on the other hand, shaped the European integration process.</p>	<p>The United Kingdom and the EU</p> <p>Britain has always had a special relationship with the EU. This session will assess how membership in the EU has influenced the political system of the UK and where Britain has left its mark on the EU. Lastly, we will analyse the UK's decision to leave the EU.</p>	
Fri, 14	Day off		
Sat, 15	<p>Day trip to Nuremberg Meeting point: 8.15 a.m. at Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1</p>		
Sun, 16			

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Mon, 17	<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>	
Tue, 18	<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>	
Wed, 19	<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>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, 20	<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>	
Fri, 21	Day off		
Sat, 22			
Sun, 23			

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Mon, 24	Day-off		
Tue, 25	<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>	
Wed, 26	Presentations of students' essay topics Part 1		
Thu, 27	Presentations of students' essay topics Part 2	<p>Wrap-up Session</p> <p>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.</p>	
Fri, 28	<p>Group presentations in front of all summer academy participants</p> <p>Students of each module will give a talk on a self-selected topic out of their respective module specialization.</p>	<p>Farewell Event</p> <p>Food and beverages will be available in the lobby and participants and lecturer have the chance to farewell.</p>	
Sat, 29	Departure from Munich		