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## ACTIVITY REPORT 2022



*European and  
International Studies*

## Preface

2022 has been a challenging year for all actors in European higher education and in politics. Since 24 February and the large-scale attack of Russia on Ukraine, war is back on our continent. Young citizens as our students, who for the great majority have grown up under the conditions of peace, are struggling to come to terms with this new reality, after the Covid-19 pandemic had already left a feeling of anxiety in their generation. Educators have to respond to this new reality, not only by teaching our students how such circumstances came about, but also by insisting on the values that we have acquired in more than 70 years of European integration: unity in diversity, tolerance and respect for diversity, peaceful resolution of conflicts through ever closer cooperation between states.

CIFE has reacted very quickly to this new reality, not only by adapting the curricula of our programmes, but also by reaching out to the academic world in Ukraine, now under enormous pressure. In summer 2022, we concluded a memorandum of understanding with Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, in view of developing common activities.

However, 2022 was not only a challenging, but also a very successful year for CIFE. In February, the French state re-accredited our Master-level qualification “Chargé de mission en organisations européennes et internationales”. 150 students proudly received it in the summer of 2022, after having graduated from our Master programmes, and 161 students enrolled for the academic year 2022/2023. Never before has CIFE been able to show such a high number of Master students.

We thank our partners, faculty members, students and friends for their support and loyalty over the past year.



**Matthias WAECHTER**  
*Director General CIFE*

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# Master in Advanced European and International Studies

## European Policy and Governance – Trilingual Studies

**NICE CANTERBURY BERLIN**

**PARTNER INSTITUTION** University of Kent, Canterbury, UK

**WORKING LANGUAGES** English, French, German

### About the Programme

The European Policy and Governance – Trilingual Studies programme of CIFE's Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS) seeks to address the next generation of European decision-makers and aims to prepare students for professional life in a challenging context. The academic curriculum has been designed to enable students to develop an overarching and all-encompassing understanding of the political, social, economic and cultural challenges of today's world with a particular focus on the European Union.

The Master addresses issues related to EU structures, processes and policies. Key topics are the institutional architecture and policymaking, the history of EU integration, core EU policies such as migration, climate and sustainability, the Single Market, and the EU's external relations and neighbourhood policy. The lectures and seminars are supplemented by a significant number of professional skills workshops, for instance on EU policy tracking, negotiation skills and project cycle management. Following the leitmotif "Learning and Living Europe", the students rotate between the three study locations Nice, Canterbury and Berlin.

### Teaching Modules

- The EU in a Multipolar World
- Policy-Making in the EU
- Democracy, Federalism and Governance
- The European Economy and Globalisation
- Professional Skills Workshops

### Programme Highlights

- An EU Council simulation on "The Future of Europe", addressing 1) the forming of an EU Social Policy, 2) the redesigning of an EU Migration Policy, 3) Reforming the EU Institutions.
- A study excursion to London on "Perspectives of Post-Brexit UK-EU Relations".
- A four-day study trip to Brussels, including visits and briefings at EU institutions, a European quarter walk with journalist Hajo Friedrich and a discussion on "Democratic backsliding, the rule of law mechanism and the Conference on the Future of Europe – what future for democracy in Europe?" at the European Policy Centre (EPC).
- Extracurricular visits in Berlin, such as a to the German Parliament (Bundestag).
- Inaugural Lecture by CIFE President Herman Van Rompuy on "Values Matter in Europe and in the World".  
*Watch the recording.*

**For a more detailed description, read the *Academic Report*.**



# Master in Advanced European and International Studies

## Mediterranean Studies

NICE TUNIS DAKAR ISTANBUL

**PARTNER INSTITUTIONS**    Université Centrale Tunis, Tunisia  
Groupe Sup de Co, Dakar, Senegal  
Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey

**WORKING LANGUAGES**    English, French

### About the Programme

The Mediterranean Studies programme seeks to educate the next generation of Euro-Mediterranean decision-makers and aims to prepare students for professional life in a challenging context. The academic curriculum has been designed to enable students to develop an overarching and all-encompassing understanding of the political, social, economic and cultural challenges of today's world with a particular focus on the Mediterranean region and EU-Mediterranean relations.

The Master addresses the EU as a role model of regional integration, European Neighbourhood Policy, the political transition processes in Southern Mediterranean countries, historical, social and cultural diversity challenging Mediterranean societies, questions of poverty and inequality in a globalised economy, human development and sustainable development challenges, migration issues, conflict management and peacekeeping and risk management.

The lectures and seminars are supplemented by a significant number of professional skills workshops, for instance on intercultural communication, real-time tracking of EU policies, negotiation skills and project cycle management. Following the leitmotif "Learning and Living the Mediterranean", the students rotate between the three study locations Nice, Tunis and Istanbul. They also benefit from a 3-week study trip to Dakar.

### Teaching Modules

- Conflict Management and Peacemaking
- Globalised Economy in the 21st Century
- Regional Integration Policies
- Mediterranean Politics and Societies
- Professional Skills Workshops

### Programme Highlights

- An EU Council simulation on "The Future of Europe", addressing 1) the forming of an EU Social Policy, 2) the redesigning of an EU Migration Policy, 3) Reforming the EU Institutions.
- Visit to the EU Delegation in Senegal and Meeting with the EU Ambassador
- Round Table organised in cooperation with the EU Delegation in Senegal and Sup de CO
- Visits to AKOM, the Disaster Coordination Centre of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, and the representation of the Turkish Red Crescent in May 2022.
- Inaugural Lecture by CIFE President Herman Van Rompuy on "Values Matter in Europe and in the World".  
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# Master in Advanced European and International Studies

## European Integration and Global Studies

BERLIN NICE ROME/ISTANBUL

**PARTNER INSTITUTIONS** European Stability Initiative, Berlin, Germany  
Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey  
Luiss Guido Carli, Rome, Italy

**WORKING LANGUAGE** English

### About the Programme

The European Integration and Global Studies programme seeks to educate the next generation of European decision-makers and aims to prepare students for professional life in a challenging context. The academic curriculum is designed in order to enable students to develop an overarching and all-encompassing understanding of internal and external EU policies and to gain a deep understanding of the role of the European Union in an ever more complex world.

The Master addresses issues related to how the EU interacts with other global actors in a multipolar international system. Key topics were the history of conflicts in international relations with a regional accent on conflicts in the Middle East and the Balkans, and a special focus on international regimes and successful interstate cooperation, current challenges for the European Union, the role of the EU in international politics, key European integration issues such as political cooperation, democratic representation, minority issues, migration issues and economic coordination analysed through the lens of federalist studies. Also part of the curriculum were the driving forces shaping the world economic system, with a special focus on EU economics and sustainable development challenges. During the third trimester, the programme in Rome focused on the EU and its relationship with the Mediterranean and sub-Saharan African countries, while in Istanbul the focus was on EU relations with Turkey, Central Asia, the Caucasus and Black Sea countries.

The lectures and seminars were supplemented by a significant number of professional skills workshops, for instance on the tracking and analysis of EU law proposals, intercultural communication, negotiation skills and project cycle management. Following the leitmotif “Learning and living Europe”, the students rotate each term, moving their place of study from Berlin to Nice and then to Rome or Istanbul.

### Teaching Modules

- Conflict and Cooperation in the International System
- European Integration and External Action
- Federalism and Multi-Level Governance
- Economic Globalisation and Sustainable Development
- Professional Skills Workshops

### Highlights of the Programme

- The study trip to EU institutions resumed in 2022 after a year of exclusively online teaching. The trip took place exclusively in Brussels over 3 days (all EU institutions being closed to visits). Students had the opportunity to meet various EU experts during seminars taking place at the Fondation universitaire.
- Extracurricular visit of Berlin by bus.
- One day study trip to Monaco to discover the political institutions of the Principality.
- Inaugural Lecture by CIFE President Herman Van Rompuy on “Values Matter in Europe and in the World”.  
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# Master in Global Energy Transition and Governance

## Understanding the Complexity of Current Energy Transformations in Europe and Worldwide

NICE BERLIN NICE

WORKING LANGUAGE English

### About the Programme

The Master in Global Energy Transition and Governance aims to give a deep understanding of the complexity of the current energy transformations in Europe and worldwide. The programme analyses the links between the different levels of energy governance, from an international to a local level, offering problem-focused learning at the crossroads of theory and practice.

The objective of the Master is to enable the students to comprehend and analyse:

- 1) International energy governance, the various political changes in different states and the numerous conflicts addressing energy management, supply and distribution;
- 2) The EU's energy challenges and governance both in terms of fossil and renewable energies;
- 3) The transformations of national energy strategies towards low carbon economies;
- 4) Energy market evolutions; and
- 5) Regional and local low-carbon energy strategies.

These issues are at the crossroads of different disciplines of social sciences: political economics, economics, sociology and geography. They are tackled both from a theoretical and empirical perspective. Moreover, learning how to negotiate in a multilateral context and how to handle project cycle management answering a European call are part of the learning journey of the students. The students conclude the year by delivering a research work on an energy topic they chose. Because of the uncertainties generated by the different restriction rules, some trips had to be organised online.

### Teaching Modules

- International Energy Governance and Conflicts
- Economic Energy Governance and Markets
- Clean Energy Transitions in the European Union
- Cities and Citizens in the Energy Transition Process
- Professional Skills Modules

### Highlights of the Programme

- Visits to New Energy Forum Feldheim, a village that runs 100% on renewable energies and Welzow, a mining region.
- Virtual one-week study trip to Brussels with contributions and debates with nine energy specialists from the European Commission, European Parliament, private and public sector and advocacy groups. A virtual visit of the European Parliament was also organised.
- Simulation of negotiations on the East Mediterranean gas conflict with Mark Young, Rational Games.
- Study trip to Pôle Yvon Morandat, a former mining region in Gardanne Meyreuil, to Enedis in Marseille and to ITER project in Saint-Paul-lez-Durance.
- Inaugural Lecture by CIFE President Herman Van Rompuy on “Values Matter in Europe and in the World”.  
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# Joint Master in Global Economic Governance and Public Affairs

## Governance for the Common Good

ROME BERLIN NICE

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| <b>ACADEMIC PARTNER</b>      | Luiss School of Government, Rome, Italy   |
| <b>CONTRIBUTING PARTNERS</b> | OECD in Paris<br>Potsdam Institute in Advanced Sustainability Studies<br>Sustainable Finance Geneva<br>Swiss Philanthropy Foundation, Geneva<br>United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Bonn |
| <b>WORKING LANGUAGE</b>      | English   |

### About the Programme

The Master is realised in cooperation with the Luiss School of Government in Rome. The programme is focused on how to assess, manage and enhance private and public institutions' governance with a wide range of economic and digital intelligence tools.

The Master started in Rome under the academic responsibility of the Luiss School of Government with the module **Global Economic Framework and Economic Governance**.

During the term in Berlin, the module of **Sustainable Development, the Way Forward?** was covered. The future of economic governance in the EU was reviewed in the perspective of new ideas to deal with complex long-term issues such as demographic and climate changes. It discussed and assessed the way towards an innovative experience of transnational and interregional governance. Meetings with seasoned experts in governance were organised.

The Nice term was devoted to the **Policy Intelligence** module. Students studied the aspects of enhanced economic governance offered in a digital society and learnt how to transform economic data into policy knowledge. Practical knowledge was offered during workshops with international experts on "The Circular Economy" and "Failed States and Weak Governance".

In the cross-semester **Applied Research** module, students acquired skills in Global Risk Management, Intercultural Communication, Negotiation and the tracking and production of country risk reports in workshops at the crossroads of theory and practice for professional life.

The **graduation ceremony** took place in Nice in July. *Watch the video.*

### Highlights of the Programme

- Case study: Laboratory, Professional Policymaking Skills in Global Risk with Michel-Henry Bouchet, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Finance at SKEMA Business School and Strategy Advisor of Investment Funds
- Case study: Sustainability Research Energy Transition and Water Management – including a visit to Cottbus in cooperation with the IASS (Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies), Potsdam
- Workshop "Failed States, Weak Institutions and Governance" with expert panelists
- Virtual day-long workshop on "The Circular Economy" with experts from the European Commission and the French Ministry of Finance
- Inaugural Lecture by CIFE President Herman Van Rompuy on "Values Matter in Europe and in the World". *Watch the recording.*

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# Joint Master in EU Trade and Climate Diplomacy

**Learn to Lead and Represent the EU's New Diplomacy**

ROME BERLIN NICE

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| <b>ACADEMIC PARTNER</b>          | Luiss School of Government, Rome, Italy                              |
| <b>CONTRIBUTING INSTITUTIONS</b> | European External Action Service, Brussels and Geneva<br>OECD, Paris |
| <b>WORKING LANGUAGE</b>          | English  |

## About the Programme

The Master is realised in cooperation with the Luiss School of Government in Rome. The programme focuses on how to act, reflect and participate in strategic trade and climate policy negotiations between Europe and other geopolitical powers, with a wide range of economic and digital intelligence tools.

The first term of the Master took place in Rome, under the academic responsibility of the Luiss School of Government and focused on the topic of **EU Governance**.

During the term in Berlin about **EU Climate Diplomacy**, critical EU diplomacy and sustainable development relations in the context of the EU Green Deal and the Paris Agreement were reviewed in the perspective of new international bilateral and multilateral investment and trade agreements with complex long-term issues such as common climate, health and biodiversity policy and actions. Students investigated to what extent the EU has a strong political voice and expresses its economic power through its support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Declaration and its political initiatives such as the Green Deal. Meetings with seasoned experts in EU economic diplomacy were organised.

In the Nice term about **EU Trade Diplomacy** students studied the new forms of cooperation agreements increasing connectivity and digital networks that may enable countries in their policy space to promote renewable energy, safeguard universal coverage of education and healthcare and pursue inclusive development goals. They discussed with EU experts how far digital services and networks, scientific knowledge and intellectual property rights in artificial intelligence and big data are the new frontier of globalisation and represent the most dynamically growing part of global exchanges. In practical case studies the students experienced the challenges of diplomatic negotiations on data, algorithms and AI within the context of the WTO.

In the cross-semester **Applied Research** module students attended specialised courses aimed at preparing them for their future professional engagement as well as the tracking and analysis of EU law proposals in workshops at the crossroads of theory and practice for a professional life.

The **graduation ceremony** took place in Nice in July. *Watch the video.*

## Highlights of the Programme

- Study trip to the EU institutions in Brussels from 21 to 24 March with visits of the EEAS, the European Council, the Council of the EU, the Directorate-General for Trade and lectures and workshops on topics such as Circular economy, EU Trade Policy, EU Laboratory Professional Policy-Making.
- Workshop on Climate Change and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change with a representative of the UNFCCC
- Workshop on Circular Economy with representatives of the European Commission
- Introduction to Innovative Forms of Collaborative Action in the Digital Society with speakers from Conscience Consulting
- Inaugural Lecture by CIFE President Herman Van Rompuy on "Values Matter in Europe and in the World".  
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# Executive Master in EU Studies

## EU Expertise for Professionals

ONLINE, WITH WEEKEND WORKSHOPS IN

BARCELONA, BERLIN, BRUSSELS, BUDAPEST, NICE, ROME, VIENNA

**WORKING LANGUAGE** English

### First Study Year

The Executive Master in EU Studies is a two-year part-time study programme for professionals who want to study while pursuing their careers.

It provides structured knowledge of EU fundamentals, focused on key issues for in-depth understanding and a future-oriented approach to EU integration. Students study in a blended learning format through interactive online courses, moderated fora, webinars, instructional videos, individual guidance and face-to-face workshops in various European cities.

**1<sup>st</sup> term** Focus on the fundamentals of European studies with introductions to the Institutional Architecture of the EU, Basics of EU Law and the History of European Integration.

**2<sup>nd</sup> term** Compulsory and elective courses on EU Law – Internal Market and Competition, the EU in World Politics, the Economic Dimension of EU Integration and the Political Economy of Energy Transitions.

**3<sup>rd</sup> term** Conclusion of the first study year with courses on EU Enlargement – Experiences, Processes, Impact, Sustainable Development in the EU and the European Green Deal, Lobbying and Advocacy in the EU, Justice and Home Affairs – Refugees and Migration in Times of Crisis and a Simulation of an EU Council Summit for all participants.

### Second Study Year

As the programme is designed for professionals, it offers a high level of flexibility and the opportunity for choice and specialisation to its students, even more so in the second study year.

Students choose either a research or a professional track in EU Law, Economics or Political Science.

After a common phase of advanced courses in EU Law (The Constitutional Framework of the EU), Economics (The EU Facing Global Economic Challenges) and Political Science (Institutional Evolution of the EU: Drivers and Barriers) and a course on Project Cycle Management & Logical Framework (Approach or Strategic Planning, Implementation and Evaluation of Development Programmes in the EU), students with the second phase of their second study year.

The students also profited from a range of professional skills courses in debating, presenting and public speaking, negotiating, drafting reports, legal memos, policy briefs, economic analyses, and more.

### Highlights of the Programme

- Virtual Weekend Workshops in Berlin, Rome
- Weekend Workshops in person in Vienna (October 2021), Barcelona (March 2022), Budapest (April 2022), Brussels (July 2022), Nice (July 2022)
- Additional evening courses on “Expectations of Germany as a Leader” with Matthias Waechter, Director General of CIFE, Wolfgang Wessels, Jean Monnet Chairholder, Centre for Turkey and European Union Studies, University of Cologne, and Professor of CIFE’s Executive Master in EU Studies, and Isabelle Maras, CIFE Research Associate.
- Inaugural Lecture by CIFE President Herman Van Rompuy on “Values Matter in Europe and in the World”. *Watch the recording.*





# Summer University Programme

CZECH REPUBLIC, GEORGIA, NORTH MACEDONIA, ROMANIA

## **Balkans Summer University**

*Environmental Protection: Practical or Virtual Answers*

**Partner:** University St Kliment Ohridski, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality

**4 to 10 July 2022**

**Location:** Ohrid (North Macedonia)

**Working language:** English

The Balkans Summer University took part in Ohrid, North Macedonia. It was once more organised in partnership with the Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality of St Kliment Ohridski University. The chosen topic “Environmental Protection: Practical or Virtual Answers” was an opportunity to analyse the European Green Deal in the context of enlargement to the Western Balkans.

## **Black Sea Summer University in Tbilisi, Georgia**

*Security Challenges and Democracy in the Black Sea Region*

**Partner:** Georgian Institute of Politics (GIP) and New Vision University

**14 to 20 July 2022**

**Location:** Tbilisi

**Working language:** English

This one-week seminar was devoted to the geopolitics of the Black Sea region, with a focus on security issues, which have become extremely salient with the war in Ukraine and the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

## **Université d’été de Roumanie**

*L’Europe en tant que communauté de droit : défis et opportunités en Europe*

**Partner:** Nicolae Titulescu University and Faculty of Political Science, Bucharest

**25 to 31 July 2022**

**Location:** Bucharest

**Working language:** French

The summer course highlighted the legal challenges of European integration, with a special focus on migration, refugees and security issues. It also offered a rich cultural programme of visits in Bucharest and the surroundings.

## **Summer University in Prague**

*The Role of Small States in the European Union*

**Partner:** CEVRO Institute

**18 to 23 September 2022**

**Location:** Prague, Czech Republic

**Working language:** English

The topic of “The Role of Small States in the European Union” was discussed using a variety of examples and case studies, analysing their opportunities and challenges in a community of 27 member states.

The summer university also offered a rich cultural programme of visits in Prague.



# CIFE EU Evening Course

## “Neuer Schwung für Europa”

### VIENNA

**PARTNER INSTITUTION** Akademie für Dialog und Evangelisation, Vienna

**WORKING LANGUAGE** German

#### About the Programme

The “EU Evening Course” stretches over two semesters and offers weekly evening lectures and debates with experts. It is addressed to students and young professionals and offers basic and enhanced knowledge of recent developments in the European integration process and up-to-date insights into procedures and policy areas, EU Institutions, EU Law and Economics. Part of the programme are also study trips to Brussels and Rome.

During the summer term 2022 some of the courses had to be organised online, due to the pandemic.

#### Course Highlights

- A study day at the Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs
- A study trip to Rome in September
- A study trip to Brussels in May
- Graduation ceremony in Vienna in June

# Overseas University Programme

## EU–China Winter School

### CHINA

**PARTNER INSTITUTION** Yunnan University

**WORKING LANGUAGE** English

#### About the Programme

The virtual CIFE EU–China Winter School took place from 14 to 18 February 2022. The focus of the Winter School was on “EU Climate Action: Taking Responsibility in the Anthropocene”. Students from CIFE’s institutional partner Yunnan University followed lectures on ethics behind the environmental sustainability discourse, the social justice aspects of sustainable development governance in the EU, the efficiency of the EU emissions trading system and EU–China cooperation in the area of sustainability. Virtual visits to the European Central Bank and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) provided the group with insights into the institutions’ approaches to sustainable development.



# Publications

## CIFE Policy Papers

### Short Essays on EU and Global Politics

- N°125 **Merve SAMALP** *Entre commercialisation et arsenalisation : l'émergence de nouveaux enjeux spatiaux*  
[Read the article](#)
- N°126 **Michel-Henry BOUCHET** *Protracted Pandemic Crisis = Risk of Great Collapse for Weak States? An Opportunity for Reassessing EU's Development Aid to Promote Good Governance*  
[Read the article](#)
- N°127 **Théophile GALLOY** *Arming Ukraine, Understanding the Benefits and Risks of Arms Transfers*  
[Read the article](#)
- N°128 **Martin FLEISCHER** *The Global Gateway*  
[Read the article](#)
- N°129 **András INOTAI** *The Consequences of a Decade-Long Systemic Trap: Personal Comments on the Parliamentary Elections in Hungary on 3 April 2022*  
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- N°130 **Matthias WAECHTER** *Three Takeaways from the French Presidential Elections*  
[Read the article](#)
- N°131 **Jeffrey LU** *Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Investment as a Means for Energy Security and New Political Alliances: A Policy Paper for the German G7 Presidency*  
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- N°136 **Philipp BRUGNER and Martin FLEISHER** *The European Political Community: Some Post-Meeting Thoughts*  
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- N°137 **Rudolf D'AVENNA** *Confronting a New Phase in Russia's Aggression*  
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- N°138 **George N. TZOGOPOULOS** *Whither Sino-European Relations?*  
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- N°139 **Laurent BAECHLER** *Bilan de la COP27 sur le climat*  
[Read the article](#)



**POLICY PAPER**  
**NOTE DE RECHERCHE**

**Short Essays on EU and Global Politics**

# Publications



## **L'Europe en formation**

The bi-annual journal *L'Europe en formation* (published since 1960) deals with European integration, international relations and federalism, with a transdisciplinary approach bringing together political philosophy, law, economics, sociology and culture.

In 2022, two issues were published.

The journal is available online at the scholarly journal distribution website *Cairn*.

N° 393 – Biannual 62<sup>nd</sup> year – 2021/2

### **DOSSIER – Green Priorities and EU Governance: The European Green Deal and the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Editors: Arnaud Leconte & Hartmut Marhold

N° 394 – Biannual 63<sup>rd</sup> year – 2022/1

### **DOSSIER - L'Administration Biden et les relations transatlantiques : enjeux et opportunités**

Editor: Anna Dimitrova & Kristian L. Nielsen



## **Robert Schuman: Political Realism and European Spirit**

In the book '*Robert Schuman: Politischer Realismus und Europäischer Geist*', CIFE together with its Austrian partners from the Leopold-Figl-Haus pay homage to this extraordinary statesman, whose personality found its roots both in Christianity and in the excruciating experience of the Franco-German conflict.

With contributions by Peter Becker, Pascale Joannin, Margriet Krijtenburg, Hartmut Marhold, Otto Neubauer, Matthias Waechter and Cesare Zucconi.



## **CIFEexpress**

Clear. Concise. Current. Started in 2021, CIFE's new series showcases short interviews with experts about topical issues of European and international interest.

### **CIFEexpress No. 3**

Jean-Claude Vérez *L'avenir des relations Europe-Afrique*

*Watch the interview*

### **CIFEexpress No. 4**

Eda Bülbül *Just Transition: A Challenge for the EU*

*Watch the interview*

### **CIFEexpress No. 5**

Laurent Baechler *The Economic Sanctions against Russia: Perspectives and Limits*

*Watch the interview*

### **CIFEexpress No. 6**

Michel-Henry Bouchet *An Outlook on the Upcoming Debt Crises*

*Watch the interview*

### **CIFEexpress No. 7**

Migena Pengili *PESCO and the EU Strategic Autonomy*

*Watch the interview*

### **CIFEexpress No. 8**

George Tzogopoulos *Shifting Balances of Power: The EU's Role in the New World Order*

*Watch the interview*

# Conferences and Seminars

## **CIFE Lunchtime Debates**

CIFE regularly organises lunchtime debates in Brussels on major questions that are at the centre of interest concerning the European Union.

CIFE Lunchtime Debate No. 52 “The EU Strategy for Strengthening the European Dimension in Higher Education and Research” with: Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth. Chaired by Herman Van Rompuy, President of CIFE, President Emeritus of the European Council.

15 November 2022

## **Energy Forum 2022 – Europe : Bouleversements géopolitiques et nouvelles donnes énergétiques**

The pandemic, the war in Ukraine, climate change: the major crises that have occurred since 2020 have confronted all players in the energy sector with largely unforeseen challenges. The world’s largest energy companies, in particular, have to adapt and redefine their strategies in an environment that is as uncertain as it is fluid. The Energy Forum 2022 tackled these major challenges and the geopolitical context.

1 and 2 December 2022

[Read the Report](#)

## **International Youth Programme**

**Escaping the Loop of Nationalism and Populism**

**Franco, German, Serbian project**

**PARTNER INSTITUTIONS**    crossborder factory, Germany  
Youth Initiative for Human Rights (YIHR), Serbia  
With the support of the OFAJ/DFJW

**LOCATIONS AND DATES:**    6 to 12 June 2022 in Berlin; 24 to 30 September in Belgrade

The project aimed to educate about the background of nationalism and populism and to raise awareness of the manifestations and consequences. Furthermore, it posed the question of how political youth education can counteract this dangerous trend.

The first and second of a series of three seminars took place in Berlin in June 2022 and in Belgrade in September 2022. The closing session will take place in Nice in Spring 2023.





# Online Events

## **Sustainable Finance: EU Taxonomy**

25 April 2022

**Sean KIDNEY** *CEO of the Climate Bonds Initiative*

## **Europe, the (Post-)Pandemic and the War**

6 May 2022

**Sergio FABBRINI** *Dean of the Political Science Department and Intesa Sanpaolo Chair on European Governance at the Luiss Guido Carli in Rome*

**Arnaud LECONTE** *Programme Director at CIFE*

## **Digital Cooperation: Europe and the Global Powers**

**Part 1** Digital Transatlantic Relations

**Part 2** China's Digital Silk Road

10 and 11 May 2022

**George TZOGOPOULOS** *Senior Research Fellow at CIFE*

## **CIFE Executive Training: Fragile States**

A one-day-long Executive Training on Fragile States, Weak Institutions and Governance

20 May 2022

Panelists

**Michel-Henry BOUCHET** *Distinguished Global Finance Professor*

**Arnaud LECONTE** *Programme Director*

**Thierry APOTEKER** *Founding Chairman of TAC ECONOMICS*

**Jean-Louis ARCAND** *Professor of International Economics*

**Sara BRIMBEUF** *Head of the Illicit Financing Flows programme*

**Jean-Charles GRAND** *Ph.D. candidate in Finance*

**Cynthia ROCAMORA** *Campaigner for climate justice*

## **Geopolitics: The End of History Postponed?**

Interpreting Geopolitical Challenges After the Peak of Globalisation

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## **Geopolitical Challenges of the European Union: The Double-Edged Sword of Interdependence**

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# International CIFE Alumni Meeting

7 to 9 October 2022 in Brussels

The eighth edition of the international CIFE Alumni Meetings was the biggest so far with over 140 former students of CIFE's various Master and short programmes gathering in the European capital for a weekend of catch-ups and networking.

## Highlights of the Alumni weekend

- Presentation and round table on Career Paths in European and International Affairs
- Keynote speech by Despina Spanou, Head of the Cabinet of the Vice-President of the European Commission Margaritis Schinas.
- Presentation of the new Alumni Mentoring scheme
- Guided walking tour of the European quarter

The weekend was rounded off by several networking events, a welcome cocktail and the traditional dinner.



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