

National University of Singapore - European Studies Programme in Munich, Prague and Vienna

“Approaching the European Union” ***[June 4 – 22, 2012]***

We are pleased to welcome students from National University of Singapore to the Munich International Summer University (MISU) in Germany and Austria.

The European Studies Programme takes place in Munich and Vienna under the patronage of the Center for Applied Policy Research (CAP) at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU Munich). CAP is the largest university-based institution in Germany for political advising and research on European affairs. The cooperation partner of CAP in Vienna will be the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy.

The European Union is the most prominent example of how regional integration works. For 27 European states, supranational policy-making determines not only their political and economic systems; the global challenges of the 21st century illustrate the limitations of power of individual governments, thus requiring common approaches. As a consequence, integration is also considered important for European security policy.

The objective of this summer academy is to provide students with a broad understanding of the historical development, the economic, societal, political and philosophical dimensions of the European integration process. Furthermore, the course analyses Europe's role as an international political and economical factor and its relations with different countries and regions of the world.

Based on an interdisciplinary approach, the course combines different methodologies such as lectures, round-table discussions, group-work and students' presentations along with excursions to meet politicians as well as professionals.

In addition to the academy, we encourage you to engage in a vibrant international student life on the campus of LMU Munich during the summer of 2011.

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Programme Director

Programme

Munich June 04 - 09 / Prague June 10 – 13 / Vienna June 14 - 23

Sun, 3	Arrival in Munich		
<p>Mo, 4</p>	<p>10:00 am Welcome Meeting at LMU Programme Introduction at C.A.P.</p> <p>Europe seen from the outside</p> <p>The aim of this introductory session is to collect the participants' perspectives on Europe and to identify questions to be dealt with throughout the seminar.</p>	<p>Approaching a continent: A history focused perspective</p> <p>In this session, an overview on European history and the history of ideas will be given as the basis for understanding Europe.</p>	<p>Sightseeing Tour of Munich by bus, 08:00 p.m. Meeting Point: LMU main building</p>
<p>Tue, 5</p>	<p>From the European Community (EC) to the European Union (EU)</p> <p>This session will give an overview over the historical development of European integration from the 1950s until 2000. A closer look will be taken at the protagonists, ideas and processes that guided the initial phase and shaped the further development of the integration process.</p>	<p>The EU's institutional structure after Lisbon</p> <p>The Treaty of Lisbon has been the latest reform of the EU's institutional structure. In this session we will analyse the functioning of the European institutions after Lisbon and assess their effectiveness and problem solving capacities.</p>	<p>Visit of the Representation of the European Commission in Munich (1.30 pm)</p>
<p>Wed, 6</p>	<p>The Political Economy of European Integration (I): The Single Market</p> <p>This session will discuss one of the major economic projects of the European integration: the creation of the single market. The single market is a central element of Europe's political architecture and has a tremendous impact on economic activities in Europe. Its functioning and impact will be discussed in this session.</p>	<p>The Political Economy of European Integration (II): European develop- ment cooperation and external trade policy</p> <p>The EU is the biggest donor of development aid worldwide and a heavy weight in international trade. This session will discuss the functioning of European development cooperation and external trade policy and their impact on different regions of the world.</p>	<p>Visit of "Okto- berfest"- Museum Mu- nich, Meeting at 02:45 p.m. at the fish-fountain on Marienplatz</p>
<p>Thu, 7</p>	<p>The Political Economy of European Integration (III): The Euro and the global financial crisis</p> <p>The common currency is of major economic and political importance for the European integration project. However, despite various "rescue packages", "umbrellas" and "stability facilities" the Euro is still in crisis. In this session we will look at the economic challenges the EU is facing and discuss the proposed mechanisms and measure to tackle these problems.</p>	<p>Germany in the European Union: The end of the "permissive consen- sus"?</p> <p>Building on the previous session we will assess how the Euro-crisis has impacted on the attitude about European integration in Germany. Particular emphasis will be on German public opinion about Europe and we will analyse how Germany's role in the EU is changing as a result of the crisis.</p>	<p>Study and Re- search in Germany</p> <p>Study Informa- tion lecture</p> <p>International Office LMU</p>
<p>Fr, 8</p>	<p>A Europe of the regions?</p> <p>In some of Europe's member states political autonomy and cultural identity are traditionally linked to the region. On EU level this is taken into account with the concept of "A Europe of the Regions" as well as the principle of subsidiary. This session will discuss what role the regions actually play in European politics, how they are represented and which competences they hold.</p>	<p>South East Asia and Germany / Europe: Images and perceptions</p> <p>This session will address the issue of perception and misperceptions of South East Asia held in Germany/Europe and vice versa. The impressions of the participants will be particularly important.</p> <p><i>German students will be invited to join the discussion.</i></p>	<p>Lunch with German Students</p>
Sat, 9	Trip to Castle Neuschwanstein		

Sun, 10	Departure to Prague by train		
Mon, 11	<p><i>The East Enlargement of European Union</i></p> <p>The East Enlargement of the EU fundamentally changed Europe's political landscape. We will assess the political and economic <i>transformation</i> processes that took place in the Central and Eastern European countries after the end of the Cold War and as a result of their EU membership.</p>	<p><i>The EU's new member states and the Euro crisis</i></p> <p>In this session we will discuss how the international financial crisis has impacted on the EU's new member states in Central and Eastern Europe. In particular we will analyse their perspective on the EU's crisis management and the role Germany, France and other "old" members of the EU played in this regard.</p>	<i>Sightseeing Tour in Prague</i>
Thu, 12	<p><i>Special Session: Methodology and academic writing</i></p> <p>In this special session we will discuss the requirements for the essays. In particular we will look at the requirements of academic working, the structuring of papers and discuss possible topics for the essays.</p>	<p><i>Wrap up of the Munich and Prague programme:</i></p> <p>Europe's Future – Challenges and perspectives for a community based on diversity</p>	
Wed, 13	Departure to Vienna		
Thu, 14	<p><i>Welcome and introduction Austria in the European Union.</i></p> <p>Neutrality and diplomatic flexibility has long been characteristic for Austrian foreign policy. In this session we will assess how this has changed as a result of Austria's membership in the EU and we will discuss how a small country like Austria can influence the development of the European foreign and security policy</p>	<p><i>The Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the European Security Strategy (ESS)</i></p> <p>Looking at the EU's external relations a mismatch between the economic dimension and the foreign policy dimension can be observed. In this session the evolution from European Political Cooperation (EPC) to the CFSP as well as the ESS will be analysed.</p>	
Fri, 15	<p><i>The Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)</i></p> <p>An essential part of the EU's external profile is determined by the Union's civil-military dimension. Looking at institutions, instruments, missions and operations, the perspectives of the CSDP will be discussed.</p>	<p><i>Transatlantic relations – The EU and the United States</i></p> <p>After the end of the Cold War the EU's relationship with the US went through different phase's agreement and disagreement. This session we will assess transatlantic relations and discuss the prospects and challenges for future EU-US relations.</p>	
Sat 16	Boat trip to Bratislava (Capital of Slovakia)		
Sun, 17			

Mo 18	<i>The Eastern Partnership and EU-Russia relations</i> The EU's relations with its Eastern neighbourhood are of particular interest for the stability of the European continent. In this session the specificity of the EU's policy towards Eastern European countries and in particular to Russia will be examined.	The Southern Neighbourhood and EU-Africa Relations Similarly important as the Eastern neighbourhood is the Southern neighbourhood for the EU. In this session it will be analyzed how different parts of Africa are of specific interest for the EU.	<i>Sightseeing Tour Vienna</i>
Tue, 19	<i>European Asia Policy: EU relations with ASEAN</i> The EU has long-standing relations with different regions and states of Asia. EU-Asian relations are a particular example of inter-regional relations and will be analyzed in this session, looking at the development process, prospects and challenges,	European Asia Policy: EU relations with China, India, Japan and other Asian countries Apart from ASEAN there are a number of Asian countries that matter for the EU. This session will be devoted to the specific features of EU relations with selected Asian countries in a comparative view.	<i>Classical Concert</i>
Wed, 20	Europe and the United Nations / Visit of the UN City in Vienna <i>10:30 Guided Tour UN City / 11:30 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)</i> <i>12:45 CTBTO Preparatory Commission</i>		
Thu, 21	<i>The EU's global role in the 21st century: superpower or marginalized power?</i> Since the end of the bipolar world in 1989/1990 the debate about a new global structure is ongoing. Whether the pattern of international relations will be multipolar or not is disputed. Against that background this session will discuss possible scenarios for the future of international relations, asking which role the EU will play.		
Fri, 22	Final Wrap-up Session Course Evaluation		
Sat, 23	Departure from Vienna		
Sun 19			

Students have to inform us if they want to go back to Munich from Vienna. We will help to book individual or group tickets for the transfer tickets and accommodation,

General Information

Arrival / Departure

- Arrival: Munich June 04 – 09
- Arrival: Prague June 10 – 13
- Arrival: Vienna June 14 - 23

Housing

LMU Munich is able to offer accommodation for the participants in student residential halls of the Studentenwerk München.

In Prague all students stay in a 2-star hotel include breakfast.

In Vienna all students stay in shared apartments.

All housing facilities are located close to the centre and close to public transportation stations. Frequently operating buses and subways provide a fast connection to the class rooms, which are located near downtown areas.

In Munich each student is accommodated in their own private room. In Prague and Vienna we offer double and triple rooms.

Almost every apartment is equipped with a small kitchen where students can prepare meals.

Students will be provided with sheets and blankets, which can be cleaned at one of the laundry rooms in the building. Towels will not be provided. We ask that you acquire these items according to your own personal needs.

Subway, Bus, Tram

Students can use public transportation during your stay. Every student gets a ticket at the day of the arrival in Munich, Prague and Vienna.

Board

During your stay, you will be responsible for providing meals for yourself. Lunch can be purchased for € 5-7 everywhere.

Kitchens can also be used for the preparation of meals. You will also have a fridge to store food in.

Academic Information

Grade / Credit / Transcript

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
- preparation for and active participation in seminars
- attendance and contribution to lectures
- participation in and contribution to class excursions
- self study and homework assignments
- written assignments; essay with 3500-4000 words, sent by email; deadline will be August 10th, 2012

Course Contact Hours: 60 contact hours* to be worth up to 6 ECTS credits

Class Time Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
+ Extracurricular Activities

Class Location All classes will take place at:
Center for Applied Policy Research (C.A.P.)
Maria Theresia Street 21, Munich

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.

Grading Scale

Grades are defined from the Academic Board of LMU Munich according to the general grading system of LMU.

MISU Grade Point	Grade ECTS*	NUS Grade Point	NUS Grade
1.0	A	5,0	A +
1.3	A	5,0	A
1.7	B	4,5	A -
2.0	B	4,0	B +
2.3	B	3,5	B
2.7	C	3,0	B -
3.0	C	2,5	C +
3.3	D	2,0	C
3.7	E	---	---
4.0	E	1,5	D +
NA	F	1,0	D
NA	F	0	F

* ECTS - European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is a standard for comparing the study attainment and performance of students of higher education across the European Union

Grading Procedure

There are three grading sections in this course:

- Essay (approx. 3500-4000 words) = 55 %
- Presentation = 25 %
- Active participation in class = 20 %

Patronage

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Werner Weidenfeld;
LMU Munich, Head of CAP

The Center for Applied Policy Research (CAP) at LMU Munich was founded in 1995 in order to bring together the privately funded, practice-oriented research work attached to the professorship held by Prof. Werner Weidenfeld. Today, the Center is the largest university policy research institute on European and international questions in Germany.

Research Group

The research group on European Affairs focuses its work on strategies for the future of the European Union. The group also concentrates on the current process of European integration and on specific regions and countries like the Black Sea, the Middle East or the United States and Russia. Especially important and characteristic for the group is the combination of research on both institutional processes and developments in policies like energy or research and development, justice and home affairs, foreign policy or transatlantic relations. Furthermore, the Research Group is in charge of two standard works on European Integration (Yearbook on European Integration and "Europe from A-Z").

Cooperation Partner in Vienna

The Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy / AIES is a private non-partisan research institute established in September 1996. The institute was founded by Austrian security experts as well as individuals involved in politics, economics and academia. As a research institute and think tank the AIES contributes to the enhancement of the knowledge and awareness of European and international policies and security issues in Austria. The institute cooperates regularly with similar European and international institutions.

General Information

VISA

After successful application and payment of fees, the applicant receives an invitation letter from the MISU program. This letter entitles the student to apply for German visa for the duration of the program if they need.

Health Insurance

During your stay in Europe and maybe for visa application students need to be covered by a German-approved health insurance policy. The MISU program is able to buy the insurance for the participants. The costs are 27 € for 1 month and is valid in all Europe.

Tuition includes the following:

- Participation in class
- Participation in all excursions
(Castle Neuschwanstein, sightseeing tours, boat trip, concert e.g.)
- Course reading materials
- Transfer Munich – Prague - Vienna by train

- Welcome package with LMU bag and information material, maps e.g.
- Airport transfers by bus (only for group arrival)
- Public transportation ticket Munich, Prague and Vienna (subway, bus, tram)
- Accommodation

- Library access
- Internet access in room
- Tutors and 24h emergency hotline

Registration

Deadline

March 1st, 2012:

Application deadline and final payment of course and housing fee

Program Costs

Each student have to pay in total **1.550,00 €**

- € 150,00 MISU registration fee
- € 850,00 course fee
- € 550,00 housing fee

Cancellations

The contractual partner can cancel the course booking subject to the following conditions.

- In case of withdrawal no later than the registration deadline March 1st, 100% of all payments will be refunded.
- In case of withdrawal before April 9th, 150 € registration fee will be refunded.
- In case of withdrawal after April 9th another 550 € will be not refunded.
 - Housing fee (550 Euro) and MISU registration fee (150 Euro) -

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