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FOREWORD

I would like to welcome you to this third 'World Meeting of EU Centres' which brings together Directors and outreach coordinators from EU centres in North America, Asia and Australasia, and Russia to exchange experiences and share ideas.

External relations are not just about international summits and meetings between government officials, but also about helping people in different countries to understand each other better. That is why in 1998 the European Commission launched a pilot project to establish a network of European Union Centres in North American universities. The aim was to provide information about the European Union and to encourage greater understanding of the EU and its policies. Since then, building on the success of this pilot project, the programme has grown into a wide network. Presently, 37 EU centres have been established across the world with the financial support of the European Union. Universities in the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Russia, Macao and Hong Kong have been selected in recognition of the high quality, variety and depth of their EU study activities.

EU Centres promote greater understanding of the EU and stronger relations between the EU and the partner country through teaching programmes and research. They are complementary to the outreach efforts of our Delegations with which they often work together. In addition, Centres reach out beyond the academic world to their local communities, offering a valuable source of information on the EU for local businesses, civil society, government officials and the media.

The aim of this third 'World Meeting of EU Centres' is to focus on the best practices in outreach and communication activities, and to improve EU Centres' networking and interaction to the benefit of all. It is therefore my pleasure to introduce this brochure, which provides information about each EU Centre, its structure and activities. I wish you all an enjoyable and fruitful meeting.



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Mission

The Australian National University (ANU) has a distinct national mission that differentiates it from other Higher Education institutions in Australia. It also has unique concentrations of research excellence, which have given it a reputation as the leading university in the country. Located in Australia's capital city, Canberra, a central part of the outreach role of ANU is engagement with government and building a critical mass of research and education excellence in public policy that will act as a resource for the nation and the Asia-Pacific region.

Oldest EU Centre in Australia

The ANU Centre for European Studies (ANUCES) was established to underscore the University-wide commitment to European Studies. The Centre is the oldest EU Centre in the country and operates at the interface between the EU, the Australian Government and academia. Located at the heart of diplomatic and political life in Canberra, ANUCES involves four of the University's seven Colleges: College of Arts and Social Sciences, College of Law, College of Business and Economics, and College of Asia and the Pacific.

ANUCES is committed to undertaking world-class research and research training, making a significant contribution to policy and influencing public debate.

Jointly funded by the ANU and the European Union, the Centre has an established record of leadership in EU Studies within the context of the wider Asia-Pacific.

Research and outreach activities

Research and outreach in the Centre is diverse, reflecting the input of the four Colleges. Research Platforms are designed to stage multi- and interdisciplinary collaborations across Colleges, and with external agencies. The Platforms relate to the priority areas identified in the treaty-level EU-Australia Agreement that is currently being formalised:

- people, movement and borders;
- defence and security;
- public policy, governance and citizenship;
- energy, environment and climate change.

ANUCES is the regional coordinator for the Oceania EU Centres' network of Australia and New Zealand.



AUSTRALIA

MONASH EUROPEAN
AND EU CENTRE (MEEUC)

Mission

Opened in 2006, the Monash European and European Union Centre (MEEUC) is a multidisciplinary academic centre of excellence working across the faculties of Arts, Business and Economics, and Law at Monash University, to provide teaching, research and community outreach programmes on European and EU matters.

Key Activities

Teaching

MEEUC offers teaching programmes from undergraduate major or minor European and EU Studies sequences, through to Honours level and graduate coursework programmes, including the Master of European and International Studies, and the joint Master of International Business/Master of European and International Studies. New units of study have been introduced since 2011, supported through the Jean Monnet stream of the Lifelong Learning Programme, focusing on the EU and the developing world, and research methodologies for EU study from a global perspective.

All students can choose to explore EU institutions and policies, as well as the role of the EU in the international system, through applied learning opportunities such as an internship in Europe, intensive study programmes based at the Monash Prato Centre in Italy (some with visits to EU institutions in Brussels) or a semester abroad at partner European universities.

Research

The Centre promotes top quality research and publications on Europe and the EU and encourages international research exchanges and collaborations between Australia and Europe, including as a member of the EU-Oceania Social Science Inter-regional Consortium (EUOSSIC), under the Erasmus Mundus programme. It offers domestic and international research fellowships and post-doctoral publication grants for visiting scholars, as well as research travel grants to Centre staff and graduate students. In addition to themes such as 'European, EU and international history' and 'The EU in the world', the Centre's research strengths include energy policy and environmental challenges.

Outreach

The Centre organises regular public seminars, symposia and international conferences on Europe and the EU. Academic staff members advise opinion leaders in business, government and the media through meetings and seminars with Australian officials, communities of European origin in Melbourne, European consulates and embassies, and media and business representatives.

An outreach programme for secondary school teachers and students is under development, including electronic and printed teaching materials.

Students, graduates, staff and affiliated scholars of European Studies may all publish in the new online 'Working Papers' series. Staff and associates regularly provide expert commentary on European current affairs, and the University's media team features Centre events and announcements in news articles and media releases.

MEEUC collaborates with partners within and outside academia to provide engaging and relevant outreach activities, and to promote awareness of Europe and the EU at Monash and to the wider community. Ambassadors, EU officials, business practitioners and professors from universities in Europe, the US and the Asia-Pacific region regularly participate in events.

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Operational from June 2010, the European Union (EU) Centre at RMIT University promotes a better understanding of EU-Australia relations and the significant role the EU plays as an actor in today's global environment.

As part of Australia's largest tertiary institution, RMIT University – a leader in technology, design, global business, communication, global communities, health solutions and urban sustainable futures – the Centre provides a focal point for teaching, research and outreach activities with the EU, Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.

One of only four Centres in the southern hemisphere, the EU Centre at RMIT acts as an advocate for the EU in the region and facilitates the dissemination of information and knowledge from academia to industry, government and the community at large.

With a smart, sustainable and inclusive global focus, the Centre's work programme promotes the following:

Outreach

To enhance the visibility of the EU, its policies and development through a series of outreach activities targeting government, business, professional bodies, schools, the media, non-profit organisations and the community and to promote debate on the global issues that shape our world in the 21st century.

Academic excellence

To embed innovative and relevant EU studies at vocational and educational training (VET), undergraduate and postgraduate levels, on EU policies and EU-Australian relations, including professional and executive education on current EU issues and topics.

Research integrity

To develop internationally known, high quality, cross-cultural research focussing specifically on the progress of a major project on Comparative Regional Policy: Europe, Asia and Australia and, more broadly, to enable the transfer of information and technology between the EU and Australia across all disciplines.

Work relevant and industry engaged partnerships

To liaise between industry and the University for knowledge transfer and exchange, with a focus on EU-industry partnerships, the RMIT International Experience and Research Program (RIERP) and Work Integrated Learning (WIL).

Global outlook and action

To facilitate student/staff mobility between RMIT University and the EU and encouraging greater academic contact and exchange with EU universities, providing a global passport to learning and work.

Network collaboration

To cooperate with the other EU Centres in the Asia-Pacific and Oceania regions, while focussing on consolidating and enhancing the Australia and New Zealand EU Centres' Network.

CANADA

EU CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE, CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES CARLETON UNIVERSITY

The Centre for European Studies (CES) was established in October 2000 with support from the European Union and Carleton University. In 2006 and 2009, the European Union designated CES a EU Centre of Excellence (EUCE), as well as the Network Coordinator for the EUCEs in Canada.

Mission

CES is an inter-disciplinary unit with a mandate of furthering research, teaching, and public outreach activities in the area of EU and European Studies at Carleton University and in the Ottawa area. The Centre is housed jointly in the Institute of European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies and the Department of Political Science and collaborates with these two units, helping them to enhance their academic programmes by funding visiting scholars from Europe and supporting EU-related courses offered by local instructors. CES also provides grants to graduate students and faculty in order to advance EU-related research. These initiatives also receive support from Carleton's Faculty of Public Affairs, the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, the Office of the Vice-President (Research and International) and other university offices.

An interdisciplinary structure

The Centre's research and outreach activities centre on interdisciplinary European Research Nodes (ERNs), which bring together faculty and PhD students from Carleton University, the University of Ottawa, and Queen's University. The ERNs have an applied policy thrust and are organised around four themes:

- ERN 1: The EU as Global Actor and EU-Canada Relations;
- ERN 2: Citizenship and Social Integration: Between National and Transnational Society;
- ERN 3: Innovation in Environmental Policy in Europe and Canada;
- ERN 4: The Political Economy of European Integration: Regional and Economic Dimensions.

Each ERN organises public lectures and conferences, invites visiting scholars, holds research seminars, furthers cooperation with European partners, and generates scholarly publications.

The Centre's educational and outreach programmes cater to a broad range of stakeholders. Special annual lecture series include the Brown-bag Lunch Series, focusing on current events in Europe; the Canada-Europe Public Lecture (directed at civil society); the annual Environment Day; the Canada-Europe Business Lecture; and the EU Law Lecture. Outreach to Ontario high-school students and teachers is achieved through the EU-Learning project (www.eulearning.ca), which includes an online interactive educational tool, lesson plans, and in-class teaching. The Centre actively involves students in all of its outreach projects, in line with its educational and teaching mandate.

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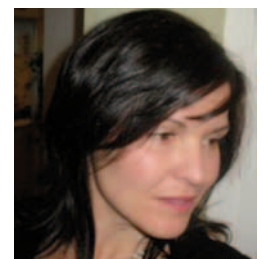
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The European Union Centre of Excellence (EUCE) was established at Dalhousie University in autumn 2006. The dual aim of the Dalhousie EU Studies initiative, which began a few years earlier, is to integrate existing research and teaching activities on the European Union at Dalhousie University and to establish a framework through which these and other activities related to the EU can be facilitated and promoted. At about the same time Dalhousie recruited internationally recognised scholars as Canada Research Chairs in European and EU Studies.

New premises

The EUCE is now housed in the European Studies Research Building on LeMarchant Street. This building was renovated with financial support from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI). The building has research space for Canada Research Chairs, including the current EUCE Director. There is also space for graduate research assistants, PhD students and visiting scholars.

Upcoming activities

The EUCE plans for 2009-2012 include 12 research projects by individual faculty members covering various aspects of EU external policies and EU-Canada relations,

developments in the EU, comparative EU and Canada public policy issues, as well as workshops, conferences and support for teaching. The latter includes support for the EU Study Tour and graduate student participation with papers at academic conferences. EU-related classes are offered in the Law, Economics and Political Science departments, and several coordinated and interconnected series of speaker visits have aimed at fostering the maximum academic and wider public interest in EU matters.

Workshops and publications

The EUCE has conducted annual research workshops. The following six have taken place since the beginning in 2006: the EU Constitutional Treaty (Spring 2007), the EU in the global political and economic system (Spring 2008), the EU in a comparative perspective (Spring 2009), The EU's Lisbon Treaty (June 2010), The EU and Transatlantic Relations (April 2011), and Deepening and Widening of European Integration (April 2012).

The following seven books have been published under the auspices of the EUCE: *The Rise and Fall of the EU's Constitutional Treaty* (Leiden: Nijhoff, 2008), *The EU as a Foreign and Security Policy Actor* (Dordrecht: Republic of Letters Publishing, 2009), *The EU in the Global Political Economy* (Brussels: P.I.E. Peter Lang, 2009), *Comparative Regional Integration: Europe and Beyond* (Ashgate, 2010), *The EU and Federalism: Politics and Policies Compared* (Ashgate, 2011), *The Making of the EU's Lisbon Treaty: the Role of the Member States* (Brussels: P.I.E. Peter Lang, 2012), and *The Lisbon Treaty: Institutional Choices and Implementation* (Ashgate, 2012).

The following four books are forthcoming: *The EU and the Political Economy of Transatlantic Relations* (Brussels: P.I.E. Peter Lang), *The EU, Security and Transatlantic Relations* (Brussels: P.I.E. Peter Lang), *The EU and the eurozone Crisis: Policy Challenges and Strategic Choices* (Farnham: Ashgate), and *EU Enlargement: Current Challenges and Strategic Choices* (publisher to be determined).

Participants of the 6th annual EUCE conference, Dalhousie University, April 2012



CANADA

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The Université de Montréal – McGill University EU Centre of Excellence is an inter-disciplinary unit with the primary mandate of furthering research on the EU, as well as promoting teaching and public outreach activities on Europe in Montreal, Quebec and more broadly in Canada. Established with the strong financial support of the European Union, Université de Montréal and McGill University in the autumn of 2006, the Centre consists of the Joint Institute for European Studies, the Jean-Monnet Chair in European Integration (Université de Montréal), and the Jean-Monnet Chair in the Law of International Economic Integration (McGill University).

Teaching, training and outreach

The Centre has the mandate of furthering teaching, training and public outreach activities among a broad range of stakeholders. It invites European professors to teach courses on the EU and its Member States through regular semester offerings. Training and outreach activities to business and diplomatic communities are primarily conducted by the Jean Monnet Chair in European Integration (UdeM), which was the first Jean-Monnet Chair created outside Europe in 1993. Other training and outreach tools include public summer schools; training courses for Canadian students participating in SPECQUE (EU Parliament simulation); knowledge transfer to policy makers and civil servants; large scale conferences; the Euroaffaires website, developed in partnership with the Ministère du Développement Economique, de l'Innovation

et de l'Exportation du Québec; and a monthly electronic newsletter, Québec@Europe, produced with the support of Quebec's Ministère des Relations Internationales.

Research

The Centre gathers scholars, throughout Quebec, interested in European Studies. It is responsible for research projects and the organisation of new applications by teams of researchers. It provides grants to students and post-doctoral scholars and organises scholarly seminars in order to advance EU-related research. Its research programme for 2009-2012 focuses on four themes: The EU's external relations and transatlantic affairs; Social Europe, governance and democracy; Immigration, diversity and multiculturalism; and Institutional consolidation and the harmonisation of European private law in comparative perspective. Research groups responsible for these four themes concentrate on fundamental research leading to publications of reports, articles and books. They also regularly hold colloquia and round table meetings. Visiting scholars are encouraged to speak in EU lecture series at both universities.

Major events in December 2011 include the 'Europe in crisis' summer school (July 2012), intensive training courses and international colloquia, round tables on opportunities and business strategies in various European countries and a luncheon conference.

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Two of Canada's leading universities in the study of the European Union have joined together in partnership to form a new European Union Centre of Excellence (EUCE) and launch a three-year programme of public outreach, educational, and research activities. These activities are designed to deepen the understanding of European integration in Canada, both within and outside of academia, and to showcase EU-Canada relations.

Activities

Outreach, research, and teaching are focused on three broad areas: the Financial Crisis, EMU, the Stability of Currencies, and the Financial System; immigration and Citizenship; and EU Borders, Neighbourhood, and Foreign Policy. Each of these issue areas draws on an established network of scholars and the particular strengths of both institutions. The consortium marks the merging of interests and expertise in central and western Canada for the first time under the umbrella of the EUCEs.

A series of international conferences and workshops on these themes were developed over the last three years. In addition to these activities, the consortium has planned a publication series, a film series, a programme of visiting scholars from the European Union, and a number of policy workshops.

The University of Toronto/University of Victoria EUCE supports undergraduate and graduate students through its teaching programmes, specialised summer schools, and academic exchanges with post-secondary educational institutions in Europe. The EUCE promotes knowledge and awareness of the European Union in the wider community through its public events and its annual workshops for secondary school students and teachers.



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The European Union Centre of Excellence (EUCE) at York University was established in 2009 with support from the European Union. Its dual mandate is to integrate York's existing research, teaching, outreach, and networking activities on Europe and the EU, and to introduce and facilitate new activities, at York and in the wider region, to promote knowledge and understanding of the European Union and the importance of the EU-Canada relationship.

Canada's third largest university, York has long been recognised as a leader in European Studies and has been actively building its concentration in EU Studies.

Activities

In the Centre's first two and a half years, EUCE faculty members have organised almost two dozen EU-related research conferences and workshops, among others on 'Multilevel Citizenship', 'Europe et sécurité après le traité de Lisbonne', 'Free Movement and Discrimination: The EU in Comparative Perspective', 'Centre and Periphery in a Federated Structure: Canada and the EU', 'The Future of EU Citizenship', and 'Sixty Years of European Governance'.

The Centre organises an annual EU Law Workshop in conjunction with York's Osgoode Hall Law School, one of Canada's oldest and most prestigious law schools.

EU-related teaching is enhanced by visiting EU speakers, curriculum enhancement projects, and activities such as a syllabus design workshop. York's EUCE also organises an annual graduate student interdisciplinary EU Studies conference, with themes so far including 'Ever Closer Union?/Union sans cesse étroite?' (2010), 'Europe in Troubled Waters/L'Europe en eaux troubles' (2011), and 'European Union: Instances of Cooperation and Discord/ Union Européenne: entre coopération ET désaccord' (2012).

Outreach

The Centre's outreach activities aim to promote better understanding of the EU and EU-Canada relations. They include an EU simulation for high school students, the annual Canada-EU Business Lecture (hosted at York's Schulich School of Business, one of the world's leading business schools), and various public lectures and events, such as the annual EU Affairs Seminar. The most recent such Seminar explored the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada and the EU, an event jointly organised with the EU Chamber of Commerce in Toronto that drew almost 100 registrants, primarily from the business and legal communities, post-secondary education institutions, labour unions, supply-management organisations, and think-tanks.

Intensive cooperation

Networking includes intensive cooperation with other EUCEs, with EU Studies programmes elsewhere, and academic links with EU institutions. York's first call for Visiting EU Studies Scholars drew 60 applications and resulted in successful collaborations. The Centre supports student and faculty exchanges, including a study tour, an annual delegation to the 'Simulation du Parlement européen Canada-Québec-Europe', and EU internships. Networking activities thus also enhance the EUCE's research, teaching, and outreach objectives.



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The European Union Academic Programme (EUAP) is a new consortium of four universities in Hong Kong (Hong Kong Baptist University, The University of Hong Kong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and Lingnan University), co-financed by the European Union.

It is designed to strengthen EU-Hong Kong relations through academic work and network-building with local, regional and European partners. It promotes academic excellence in EU-related studies by strengthening existing programmes and research, developing new courses and multidisciplinary activities in tertiary institutions and secondary schools, and a broad range of outreach activities in the wider community.

Academic activities

The EUAP gathers policy expertise and conducts research on issues relevant to both Hong Kong and the EU, such as the perceptions and visibility of the EU, sustainable development in global cities/regions, the impact of EU law, non-traditional regional security, and post-sovereign governance. It works towards the enhancement of EU-oriented academic studies and the introduction of new courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. It organises conferences, working papers, newsletters and other publications.

Outreach activities

The EUAP provides a public forum for exchange between Hong Kong interest groups, opinion formers and the local/regional universities on one hand, the EU, EU Member States and the European public on the other. It reaches a Hong Kong-wide audience through its online activities, media briefings and press contributions, expert workshops and promotional events. It has a working group to develop curriculum concepts and blended learning materials for use in Hong Kong schools. It maintains a network in Hong Kong political circles, civil society, business and the mass media, for all of which it provides reliable information on any EU-related issue of interest through its affiliated European Documentation Centre.

Exchange activities

The EUAP and its member universities maintain an extensive network of academic cooperation and exchange with tertiary institutions in the European Union. It deepens these contacts strategically by inviting scholars from the EU for short-term or extended stays in Hong Kong, awarding scholarships for postgraduate EU Studies in Europe and working towards joint degree programmes between Hong Kong and EU institutions. The EUAP also offers short EU-oriented summer programmes in Europe.

Cooperation activities

The EUAP is part of the wider Asia-Pacific network of EU Centres and EU Academic programmes, with which it collaborates in all dimensions. It also cooperates closely with the EU Office to Hong Kong and Macao, the diplomatic representatives and chambers of commerce of all EU Member States and a large number of academic and non-academic institutions in Europe.

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EU INSTITUTE IN JAPAN,
KANSAI (EUIJ KANSAI)

Overview

The EU Institute in Japan, Kansai (EUIJ-Kansai) is a consortium of three universities: Kobe University (the coordinating university), Kwansei Gakuin University and Osaka University.

Established on 1 April 2005 with financial support from the European Union, in 2008 it concluded academic cooperation agreements with the Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University and Kansai University. The Centre also made outreach agreements with two local non-profit organisations (NPOs).

Mission

EUIJ-Kansai aims to foster a better understanding of EU issues among the Japanese public at all levels, as well as to promote academic interactions between EU and Japan. It contributes to strengthening the Japan-EU multi-dimensional partnership in the 21st century:

- it undertakes its mission by providing educational and academic opportunities/forums in relation to various EU issues;
- disseminating EU information and documentation; and
- promoting EU outreach activities.

Key programmes

Undergraduate/Graduate Certificate
Programme in EU Studies

The Centre offers EU Studies courses with credit transfers among the consortium universities. Students who complete EU Studies courses obtain undergraduate/graduate certificates.

Outreach & Academic Research Activities

EUIJ-Kansai aims to promote research activities through academic exchanges with European universities and research institutes. It offers symposia, workshops, seminars and lectures to carry out joint research programmes with highly advanced research institutions offering EU Studies, and with other leading universities in the EU Member States.

The Centre also aims to promote a better understanding of EU issues among the Japanese general public, high school students, civil servants and members of the labour union, NPOs and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for the realisation of potential further outreach activities.

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EUIJ-Kyushu provides a centre for the coordination of all EU-related activities in the Kyushu region and offers wide-ranging activities aimed at students and researchers, as well as the general public of the Kyushu region, and beyond. The Centre's website provides detailed, up-to-date information about its activities.

Activities

Education

The EU Studies Diploma Programmes (EU-DPs) provide students with valuable opportunities to study the EU and the EU Member States. Courses in EU-DPs are systematically selected from the regular courses offered by each consortium member university. The EU Studies Residential Summer Course (RSC) is offered annually and is open to students of the consortium member universities, as well as to those at other universities in Japan.

Research

EUIJ-Kyushu organises a Symposia Series, lectures and workshops relating to the EU and the EU Member States.

Research Funds & Scholarships

The Centre offers research funds and scholarships to support researchers and students in EU-related activities, including research within Japan or in the EU, study abroad in EU Member States, and EU language study.

Outreach

A variety of outreach activities are open to the public in order to deepen the understanding and knowledge of the EU. Activities include Open Campus, EU-Japan Friendship Week at EUIJ-Kyushu, lectures and poster exhibitions, among others.

Coordination with other EU institutions

The Centre collaborates regularly with other EU institutions and Centres across the world to share resources and maximise each other's activities.

Information dissemination

EUIJ-Kyushu disseminates information about EU Studies, the Centre's activities and general information about the EU by means of its website, newsletter and e-journal entitled EUIJ-Kyushu Review.

The EUIJ-Kyushu Secretariat is located in Kyushu University, and two EUIJ-Kyushu Branch Offices are located in Seinan Gakuin University and Fukuoka Women's University respectively.

JAPAN

EU STUDIES INSTITUTE
IN TOKYO (EUSI)

The EU Studies Institute in Tokyo (EUSI) is a centre for academic education and research, and for outreach activities on EU-related issues in Japan. It is managed by a consortium comprising three Tokyo-based universities: Hitotsubashi University (the coordinating university), Keio University and Tsuda College.

EUSI was established on 1 April 2009 with financial support from the European Union. It engages in three main sets of activities, with each university taking the lead in specific areas.

Mission

- To develop undergraduate and graduate education in EU Studies.
- To deepen EU research activities in Economics, Law and Politics.
- To widen outreach activities and spread information about the EU.

Key programmes

Undergraduate and graduate courses in EU Studies:

EUSI mainly focuses on developing postgraduate education in EU Studies in order to provide young talent with advanced and expert knowledge of EU issues. These students will then be able to contribute to the future of Japanese-EU relations.

Academic research activities

EUSI pursues a goal of producing high quality research outcomes – and playing a part in international academic networks offering EU Studies – by facilitating and developing the joint research works led by the consortium of three universities. To achieve this goal, the core projects are launched by two Joint Research Groups: 'Law and Politics' and 'Economics'.

Euro-Asia Summer School

Every year, EUSI holds the Euro-Asia Summer School, in collaboration with Japanese, Korean and European universities. Students from three regions study for one week in Asia and a further week in Europe, learning about various issues.

Outreach activities

The Institute promotes outreach activities on EU-related information such as the EU institutions, economy, law and history, in order to enhance the understanding of the EU in Japan. Activities include the following:

- 1) Two-way exchange of academics between the institutes in the EU Member States and Japan.
- 2) International academic conferences with other EU Centres in Japan and the Asia-Pacific region.
- 3) Seminars for the business community in collaboration with Japanese industrial and research institutions.
- 4) Publishing the Mail Magazines twice per month, including research essays and information on the EU.

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The EU Institute in Japan at Waseda University (EUIJ Waseda) was established in April 2009 and is the first EUIJ to be based at a single university. The Institute has three main objectives:

- to enhance its position as one of Japan's leading centres for EU Studies, by providing greater opportunities for students to study the EU and in the EU;
- to engage in cutting-edge research on the EU, and initiate/cultivate partnerships with European academic institutions;
- to promote awareness and understanding of the EU through a variety of outreach activities.

European Studies/ student exchanges

Waseda University offers a minor programme in EU Studies at its Open Education Centre. EUIJ Waseda is committed to expanding and refining this minor programme – comprising 33 courses – and to ensuring a significant number of students. In 2011, 2 546 students registered for at least one class. The Centre also offers an EU Studies programme, which links study at the Open Education Centre with participation in the EUIJ Waseda thesis/essay competition and study in the EU. Waseda University has signed exchange agreements with 111 institutions in 22 of the 27 EU Member States. In 2011, nearly 500 Waseda students studied in the EU, including those who participated in short study programmes. In turn, Waseda University accepted 202 students from the EU.

Collaborative research

Waseda research teams are collaborating with counterparts from the EU Institutions on the following projects, to name just a few:

- 'Robot technology for an ageing society' (with Scuola Superiore Santa Anna, Pisa, Italy and Montpellier Laboratory of Informatics, Robotics, and Micro-electronics, Montpellier, France);
- 'Marine biotechnology and Metagenomics for environmental conservation' (with the University of Bonn, Germany);
- the Waseda-Bonn project on EU Law;
- the Waseda-Oxford project on EU-Japan Political Relations;
- the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) project GR:EEN (Global Re-ordering: Evolution through European Networks);
- the FP7 project: CAPSIL (International support for a common awareness and knowledge platform for studying and enabling independent living);
- the FP7 project: RoboSoM (a Robotic Sense of Movement).

All of these projects are expected to yield substantial research outcomes.

Outreach

EUIJ Waseda is dedicated to outreach activities to promote a better understanding and knowledge of the EU. As of February 2012, Waseda University has produced 95 sitting Japanese MPs and seven post war Prime Ministers, securing unrivalled access to significant actors in the Japanese political world. In 2011, the University organised 10 events connecting EUIJ Waseda, the EU Delegation and EU Member States to MPs and civil servants; nine events featuring senior EU officials and/or academics in EU Studies; and eight events connecting EUIJ Waseda and civil society.

MACAO SAR*

EU ACADEMIC PROGRAMME
IN MACAO

Overview

Newly established in September 2012, the EU Academic Programme in Macao is hosted by the University of Macao. It leads a consortium, members of which include the Institute of European Studies of Macao, its longstanding collaborator in the area, and a host of prestigious European partner universities, including the Free University of Brussels, Maastricht University, Luiss University of Rome, the University of Coimbra, and other universities that are part of the Coimbra Group.

Relations

The EU Academic Programme in Macao aims to build on the intense relations between the EU and Macao, namely of a cultural and academic nature, and aims at deepening them by promoting a better understanding of the EU, its institutions, policies, the impact on Macao, as well as the EU-Asia relationship.

Activities

The Programme centres around four spokes: teaching and research activities of excellence, aiming at ensuring long-lasting effects in the approach to European Studies; outreach activities to promote visibility, awareness, and knowledge of the EU among various social constituencies in Macao, and in the wider region; exchanges of scholars and students with the partner European universities; and networking with similar platforms spread throughout the world, particularly in Hong Kong and the Asia-Pacific region.

Activities are funded by the European Union, the University of Macao and the Institute of European Studies of Macao.

Team

The EU Academic Programme, Macao is run by its Steering Committee and managed by the Management Committee, supervised and assisted by the Advisory Committee.

The Steering Committee is the main decision making body, providing direction for the Management team and taking strategic decisions regarding the various activities to be undertaken.

On a day-to-day basis, the Programme is run by the Management Committee, which is the body responsible for the implementation of activities.

Both the Steering and Management Committees are assisted by the Advisory Committee, composed by various stakeholders and social groups in Macao, which oversees governance and provides advice and guidance.

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The New Zealand European Union Centres' Network (EUCN) brings together all eight New Zealand universities in a network that combines the elements of research, teaching and outreach under a unique thematic umbrella focused on the impact, role and understanding of the European Union within New Zealand and the wider Pacific region.

The Network is multidisciplinary in orientation and open to all New Zealand universities with an interest in European Union Studies. EUCN is governed by an Advisory Board comprising the Network Director and representatives of the eight partner universities. A Steering Group (European Commission, Ambassador for the EU Presidency, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, NZ-EU Business Council) is also consulted regularly.

The 2007 EU-NZ Joint Declaration – involving economics, politics, security, innovation, development, democratic values, and people and cultures – defines the scope of the Network's activities. The Centre's guiding objectives are to:

- build a New Zealand Network of academic excellence in EU Studies;
- develop EU Studies curricula throughout NZ at the tertiary and secondary level;
- enhance awareness of EU policies as they affect the region;
- promote innovation and intensity in EU-NZ bilateral relations and foster relevant research priorities;
- enhance EU visibility by implementing national regular and high-level outreach activities;

- provide a national vehicle for promoting a better understanding of the EU;
- develop a network of EU expertise that can be accessed by media, government and the public;
- expand people-to-people links and exchanges for academics, students and practitioners;
- contribute to the development of Asia-Pacific regional cooperation in EU Studies;
- enhance Asia-Pacific's capacity as a regional centre of excellence for EU Studies; and
- develop linkages, networking and partnerships.

Key activities

- High level public Europa Lectures.
- Visiting European-in-residence practitioners' programme.
- Network graduate scholarships.
- Network European Parliament internships' programme.
- National and international conferences.
- National weekend graduate school.
- Collaborative 'virtual' EU courses.
- Visiting EU teaching fellowships.
- Support for Network researchers.
- EU Studies school curriculum development.
- Pilot funding for EU research projects.
- NZ-EU survey and media analysis.
- Production and dissemination of publications and media liaison.

RUSSIA

EU CENTRE IN THE BARENTS REGION OF RUSSIA, PETROZAVODSK STATE UNIVERSITY, KARELIA

Overview

The EU Centre in the Barents Region of Russia was founded on the basis of the EU Information Centre of Petrozavodsk State University in December 2011. The Centre unites five leading universities of the Barents region, namely Petrozavodsk State University, Murmansk State Technical University, the International Institute of Business Education, Syktyvkar State University, as well as North (Arctic) Federal University.

The aim of the Centre is to improve overall awareness and knowledge on EU-related issues among lecturers, students, officials, CSIs and the general public in the Barents region.

In order to achieve this aim, the Centre provides activities for the above-mentioned target groups.

Public activities

- Collection, exchange and dissemination of information on EU activities; dissemination and publication of information on European calls for proposals, tenders, grants and events organised by the European institutions and organisations.
- Management of library funds.
- Creation and maintenance of the EU Centre website.
- Information and consultancy on the opportunities for academic mobility and on project activities.
- Support and maintenance of research on EU issues.
- European donor organisations' seminars.
- Annual EU Days.
- Annual exhibition 'The EU Today'.
- Annual EU Centre Open Days.
- The EU Research Club.

Pupils, graduate and postgraduate students

- Delivering lectures on EU issues by European lecturers.
- Developing and improving courses on EU issues.
- Pilot lecturing of new and improved courses on EU issues.
- Introduction of new courses on EU issues as distance courses.
- Organisation of International Summer Schools in Karelia.
- Sub-grants for postgraduate students.
- Competitions for schoolchildren.

Lecturers

- English language course.
- Training course on the improvement of pedagogical technologies.
- Study visit to the Central European University.

Municipal and regional officials and regional civil society institutions

- Interdisciplinary course on the EU.
- Training course on the principles and basis of international cooperation.

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The overall objective of the EU Centre is to make the EU closer and more transparent for both the community at Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University (IKBFU) and all citizens of the Kaliningrad region.

Due to its geographic location, the Kaliningrad region plays a key role in EU-Russia relations. Understanding the importance of these relations is an important factor in determining both the teaching and research profile of IKBFU as the leading research and education centre in the Kaliningrad region.

With its aim to facilitate EU-Russia relations, the Centre's goal is to develop as a platform for EU-related discussion, gathering together researchers and students of IKBFU, as well as its partners.

Objectives

The objectives of the EU Centre are to:

- promote EU-related topics in education and research at IKBFU;
- improve the qualifications of IKBFU teaching and academic staff in the field of EU studies, including the methodology and content of study courses;
- promote a better understanding of the EU among the region's citizens (NGO staff, journalists, officials of both regional and municipal levels); and
- promote EU-Russia relations.

Target Groups

The EU Centre aims to reach out to:

- students;
- researchers/research organisations;
- think-tanks, opinion-makers, journalists and NGOs; and
- regional and local officials.

Activities

The EU Centre's main activity areas are:

European Law

The main goal of the European Law unit is to carry out scientific and educational activities related to legal aspects of European integration and to further deepen European legal research in the Kaliningrad region, generating interest among students, scientists and practitioners, as well as providing legal support to state authorities, commercial and nonprofit organizations.

Political Science and International Relations

The Political Sciences and International Relations is the fundamental unit of the project aimed at creating the EU centre at IKBFU. It seeks to boost international research in the region (and first of all the EU-related research), providing students, academicians and independent researchers with the possibilities for their scientific self-fulfillment.

Baltic Sea Region Studies

The Baltic Sea region is the cooperation platform between the Russian Federation and the European Union.

The aim is to promote comprehensive research of the Baltic Sea region as the platform for interaction between Russia and the EU as well as study the development of social, economic, political, ecological, scientific, educational and other processes in the region.

Activities carried out by the Baltic Sea region research unit are aimed at improving current courses related to the Baltic Sea region studies and introducing new disciplines to the IKBFU curricula.

Mass-media and PR

Professional activities in mass-media and PR are an important factor for forming a positive image of the EU in Russia and vice versa. Forecasting, analysis and interpretation of public opinion that may influence development of the EU-Russia relations – these are focal points for experts, graduate and undergraduate students engaged in the work of the 'PR and Mass-Media' area.

RUSSIA

EU CENTRE – CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES IN NORTH-WEST RUSSIA, EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY AT ST. PETERSBURG

The Centre for European Studies was established at the European University in St Petersburg (EUSP), Russia in April 2003. In December 2010, in accordance with the decision of the Academic Council of the EUSP, the Centre was renamed the Centre for European Studies – EU Centre in connection with a new project entitled 'Support to the Development of the Centre for European Studies – EU Centre in North-West Russia (CES-EU Centre)'.

Mission

The mission of CES-EU Centre is to conduct high quality research and impact on the process of political and social integration between the regions in North-West Russia and the European Union.

The core spheres of activity of the CES-EU Centre are research, education, and consultation and cooperation with other institutions.

Research activities

The research activities of the Centre are being developed in two main areas: the first includes research of new modes of governance and policies in Europe, as well as research of the European influence on the political and social development in the regions of North-West Russia. The second area includes the study of:

- transformation of regional political identities under the influence of international cooperation and inter-regional integration;
- cross-border cooperation in North-West Russia;
- participation of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the process of political decision-making; and
- modes of governance and implementation of political decisions at the regional and local levels (the effect of governance in Europe).

Educational activities

Educational activities include:

- development and teaching of new academic courses in several universities in St Petersburg and North-West Russia;
- development and launching of training programmes for practitioners;
- publishing of educational materials;
- organisation of summer schools, exchanges and internships for students; and
- organisation of master classes by European professors at Russian universities.

In the course of its work, the CES-EU Centre consults educational and scientific institutions, non-profit organisations and governments in the regions of North-West Russia.

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Mission

The EUCES mission is to promote better understanding of the EU as a strategic partner of Russia through development and delivery of education, training, research and outreach activities in Siberia. The final beneficiaries are the local communities of the Siberian Federal District. It targets young people, educational organisations, local authorities, researchers, businessmen, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and other interested people and institutions.

EUCES strives to provide the Siberian region with a pool of highly qualified specialists on EU issues and to promote general understanding of the EU with a special emphasis on its decision-making process and citizen participation.

Main activities

- Development and delivery of curricula and courses on EU topics at partner universities.
- Development and delivery of training programmes with a focus on the EU outside of partner universities.
- Research on EU topics.
- EU-related outreach activities for various target groups.

The formal opening of EUCES took place on the 4 July 2011. Since then, a number of events have been organised jointly by partner universities, including:

- two summer schools for students: 'European Union after the Lisbon Treaty: Problems and Prospects', Tomsk, July 2011, and 'European Union: Overcoming Crises', Tyumen, May 2012;

- two conferences: 'Contemporary Russia and the World: Alternatives for Development (Interstate Conflict Resolution: Historic Lessons and Current Situation)', Barnaul, September 2011, and 'Russia and the EU: Paths of Modernisation', Tomsk, October 2011.

Two recent EUCES small-scale activities in Tomsk attracted significant public and media attention:

- seminar 'Europe-Russia-Siberia: Common and Special in National and Civil Integration', March 2012, co-sponsored by the Kennan Institute's Moscow office and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung;
- round table on 'Prospects of Russia-EU Relations: the Role of Civil Society', June 2012, sponsored and organised by the EU-Russia Civil Society Forum with the participation of the Ombudsman's office of the Tomsk region.

Owing to EUCES support, five textbooks and monographs on European Studies were published by the faculty partner universities, as well as academic periodicals and collections of papers: International Almanac 'Europe', 'Diary of the Altai School of Political Studies', collection of conference abstracts 'EU and Russia: Paths of Modernisation', and 'Vestnik' of the TSU.

In 2011, five joint projects were launched: three collective textbooks and two collective monographs. These projects will be developed through participation in conferences and methodological seminars and will be published as books in 2013.

RUSSIA

EU CENTRE IN SOUTH-WEST RUSSIA,
SOUTH FEDERAL UNIVERSITY,
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Overview

The multidisciplinary European Union Centre is a network comprising Southern Federal University, Volgograd State University, and Adygue State University, in partnership with Linköping University (SE), and Kingston University (UK). It provides teaching, research and outreach programmes on European Studies and beyond.

The Centre brings together academics, professionals, local and regional administrations interested in developing cooperation with the EU. It seeks to examine the meanings attached to 'sustainable development' across Europe and the neighbouring regions from a wide range of perspectives.

Education

In the educational sphere, the EU-Russian collaboration is based upon harmonisation principles for integration as soon as possible into the general educational arena. This demands modernising existing teaching programmes, such as Bachelor programmes in Applied Informatics in Economics, Project Management, and Cultural Studies.

The Centre also offers Masters Programmes in European Studies, International Economics, Ethnic and Cultural Processes in the Contemporary EU, and Intercultural Communications.

The new perspective lies in the creation of interdisciplinary education programmes in Philosophy of European Law at Bachelor level, and Security Studies, Cultural Industries and Heritage in the EU, and International Social Management at Masters level.

Research

The Centre provides research opportunities through research seminars, information days and master classes for young researchers. Research offers the opportunity to work collaboratively at national and international level, organising joint projects, conferences and seminars for researchers and interested public.

Projects include the following:

- understanding borders in the European intellectual context;
- the role of borders in the development of EU Member States and the EU;
- textual representation, including digital, of European borders in and over time;
- analysis and understanding of contemporary cultural changes and innovations;
- the complex relationship between immigration and citizenship;
- interrelations between the civic and cultural identities.
- Understanding of the common cultural values and mechanisms of social solidarity;
- civil society perspectives in the EU: the connections between cultural heritage protection and educational development.

Outreach

Engaging public bodies and social groups is the most important part of the EU Centre's participation strategy. A 'debate platform' provides equal and open discussion between a wide range of participants through annual round tables on EU policy issues concerning the environment, public health and social life, and through an online forum and the Centre's web page. Annual media and school children's' essay competitions are organised to promote the Centre's activities and to bring together different social groups. Dissemination of information on EU-Russian dialogue is facilitated through Information Days in partner universities and participating cities.

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Overview

Established in January 2012, the EU Centre VOICES at Kazan Federal University promotes a better awareness and understanding of the European Union, its governance, policies and progress towards integration both internally and with non-EU partners.

Key programmes

Education and research

VOICES supports curriculum development for BA, MA and postgraduate research students in Kazan, Samara and Udmurt universities, offering high quality courses in EU law, EU economy, European integration, and EU-Russia relations, as well as European social and cultural policy through the support of teaching staff via a system of grants and summer schools. The Centre also facilitates research and academic exchange between the Russia's

Volga region and EU academics, providing local scholars and PhD students with the opportunity to visit EU universities.

VOICES is preparing a Joint Master's Degree on EU studies with the University of Portsmouth (UK), which will be the region's first.

The EU Centre also publishes a monograph and book series and a journal/working paper entitled European Societies Research.

Outreach

The EU Centre organises EU Information Days, expert seminars and public debates on EU-related issues. It hosts the Days of Europe events in Kazan, and publishes the newspaper Your Europe: University's review of the EU. The Student Euro-club provides opportunities for discussions, to gain knowledge and network with other students in the region and abroad interested in European Integration Studies.

Events

Major events in 2012 included:

- the establishment of the Student Euro-club at Kazan Federal University, including online seminars with Warsaw University and the University of Grenoble;
- a meeting with Fernando Valenzuela, EU Ambassador to the Russian Federation;
- essay contests and photo competitions;
- the international conference 'EU economics, politics and society in uncertain times: implications for the EU-Russia relationship' with distinguished speakers from the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Sweden and Germany, and the summer school 'European Studies in the Curricula'; and
- the meeting of EU Centre Coordinators entitled 'Sharing experience among EU Centres in Russia'.



Students' Euro-club workshop, March 2012

SINGAPORE

EU CENTRE IN SINGAPORE

Overview

Established in June 2008, the EU Centre in Singapore is a partnership between the National University of Singapore (NUS) and the Nanyang Technological University (NTU). Its primary mission is to promote a better understanding of EU institutions and policies in general, and a greater appreciation of the EU's role in South-East Asia and its engagement with Singapore.

The Centre works closely not only with the various schools and faculties of the two partner universities, but also with other tertiary institutions, independent research and policy think tanks, foundations, embassies and business associations. A variety of programmes reach out to different audiences to raise the level of knowledge, awareness and visibility of the EU.

Activities and outreach efforts

The Centre organises a series of public lectures and talks for a broad audience, as well as research seminars targeting the academic and research community. Workshops and panel discussions promote more in-depth debates on niche topics, and provide a locus for networking and sharing of insights.

Every year, a major mass event is organised, usually through competitions to generate buzz and excitement, and to encourage self-learning and discovery of the EU. These include essay, poster and multimedia competitions, video and film contests, photography competitions, and debates among the business schools of the various universities.

Background and policy briefs targeting the policy community and the media are an important part of the Centre's outreach. These cover topical issues such as EU climate action in the run up to the Copenhagen Climate Summit and the Euro area crisis.

Engaging teachers and students

The Centre places great importance on reaching out to teachers as potential multipliers. Teachers participate in workshops and receive resource packages for introducing EU content into economics, geography and social studies curricula of secondary schools and junior colleges. The Centre regularly gives talks and lectures in schools and junior colleges to engage young minds and raise potential interest in European Studies.

Working with NUS and NTU, a Special EU Module and a Summer Programme have been developed to offer an introduction to the EU for university students from different disciplinary backgrounds.

Helping to build policy knowledge

The Centre organises at least one international or regional conference each year to promote networking and exchange among policy experts and researchers working on EU-Asia relations. This is an important contribution to building policy knowledge and partnerships between the EU and Asia.

Within four years, the EU Centre in Singapore, through its activities and contributions from its visiting fellows, associates and partners, has successfully built up its reputation as a 'knowledge hub' on the EU, and a networking hub for promoting EU-Asia and EU-Singapore relations.

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Academic activities

Research: in addition to providing financial support, the Centre encourages scholars and researchers in the field of EU-related studies by organising and hosting domestic and international conferences, fora and seminars. The aim of these is also to foster relations between researchers working on EU-related issues in South Korea itself. In 2011, for example, the Centre hosted three national conferences and three international conferences.

Education and Publishing: the Centre has tried to improve HUFSS' existing BA and MA course programmes in EU studies, developing a BA Major in EU Studies, and introducing an Intensive Certificate Course and various Europe-related courses. The Centre has also published two EU Academic series and six working papers related to European integration.

Outreach activities

Forums: to strengthen the relationship between South Korea and the EU in political and economic fields, the Centre has hosted two 'Leaders Forums' and 'Core Society Forums', gathering together politicians, economists, journalists, and business people, as well as an 'EU Ambassadors' Conference.

Lectures: the Centre hosts lectures almost every month for students of Hankuk University of Foreign Studies and has delivered 17 lectures to more than 2 500 high school students in South Korea.

Certificate Course: the general public is the Centre's most important target group. To increase awareness of the EU, the HUFSS-HRI EU Centre offered an eight-week certificate course to influential women leaders in South Korea, and four certificate holders out of 120 participants have become members of the National Assembly of 2012-2016. The eight-week certificate course is also offered to leading businessmen.

Online Service: the Centre uses the Internet to improve citizens' awareness of the EU by promoting and making use of its website, Twitter and Facebook pages.

Exchange activities

Scholar and Student Exchange: HUFSS-HRI EU Centre invites European scholars to deliver special lectures and to speak at its fora and conferences – and offers the same opportunity to South Korean scholars. To train potential EU experts, the Centre offers scholarships to both undergraduate and graduate students to help them study in Europe.

Cooperation activities

National and Regional Cooperation: HUFSS-HRI EU Centre is cooperating with three other EU Centres in South Korea to share experience and knowledge. In order to establish the EU Centres' network in Asia, the Centre joined the Asia-Pacific regional network.

SOUTH KOREA

PUSAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
EU CENTRE

Overview

Relying on the world-class research competencies, the PNU EU Centre, which was established on 1 April 2009, will increase the depth of awareness and knowledge of the EU, enhance the visibility of the EU beyond academic circles, strengthen academic cooperation between the European Union and South Korea, and contribute to an effective functioning of the network of EU Centres by building a Centre of Academic Excellence and a 'regional hub' in Busan, the second largest city in South Korea and the pivotal city of linking the continent of Asia with the Pacific Ocean.

Reputation

Since PNU was founded in May 1946, it has grown into a major educational and research institution and today enjoys its reputation as one of the top universities in South Korea. Currently, PNU is actively pursuing a globally prestigious status by introducing many innovations that focus its capabilities on expanding education, research infrastructures, innovating university operation systems, strengthening research incentive systems, and introducing advanced education programmes.

Work programme and activities

The PNU EU Centre has undertaken a range of academic and outreach activities, as well as academic exchanges. In the past year alone, activities have included an EU Immersion Field Trip to Brussels (BE), two Summer School Programmes for visiting EU students, hosting a number of visiting researchers and professors in the field of EU Studies, an EU Business Workshop, a Global Gathering, the Third Korea-EU Business Forum, academic and international conferences and seminars, undergraduate EU courses, a Taiwan Workshop, EU Week events, and an EU Summer Business Camp.

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The third Korea-EU Business Forum, 2011. Participants included the President of the Senate of the Czech Republic (Milan Štěch), Senators (Richard Svoboda, Václav Koukal, Soňa Paukrťová, and Zdeněk Besta), Vice minister of the Ministry of Industry & Trade in the Czech Republic (Milan Hovorka), and Ambassador to the Embassy of the Czech Republic in South Korea (Jaroslav Olša, jr.).

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The YU-EU Centre's aim is to establish European Studies programmes, as well as academic and cultural exchange activities, and to facilitate these activities by interacting with the other EU Centres in South Korea. It teaches students about the European Union and supports the research and development of EU policies. The YU-EU Centre is an EU-related academic, economic and cultural hub for the Gyeongbuk and Daegu areas.

Academic activities

Double Degree Programme

The Joint Major European Studies Programme is a degree programme that awards degrees in European Studies to students of participating departments who have earned 36 or more credits in their major before graduation.

EU Summer School

The International Summer School provides an opportunity to study the past and present progress of unification in Europe.

Grants & Fellowships

This programme provides financial support for university students or researchers who are writing dissertations on EU-related subjects for a Master's degree or doctorate. The financial support gives them the opportunity to collect data and conduct their research on-site in Europe.

Outreach activities

EU Business Forum

The YU-EU Centre hosts forums that increase EU awareness in local communities and that promote cooperation and exchanges between local communities and the EU in the field of commerce.

Korea-EU Culture Forum

The Centre emphasises cultural exchange and education programmes that provide opportunities to increase awareness of EU culture nationwide.

Summer/Winter Camp

Domestic and foreign experts in the fields of politics, the economy, society, and culture are invited to give students, government workers and the general public an opportunity to learn about, and visit, various EU institutions.

Education for schools

The YU-EU Centre offers education programmes about the EU for public institutions, companies, and middle and high schools, in order to promote EU-related learning in the Daegu and Gyeongbuk areas.

Major events in 2011

Major events in 2011 included competitions on the EU; EU International Summer Schools (Ireland, the Netherlands, Hungary); Summer/Winter Camps; an FTA/Green Energy Conference; a European Photo & Film Festival; and a winter field trip to Brussels.

*YU-EU Centre field trip
to Brussels: visit to
Council of Ministers*



*Learning about the EU:
2nd Grade students,
Kangbuk Middle
School, Daegu*

SOUTH KOREA

YONSEI UNIVERSITY – SAMSUNG
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(YONSEI-SERI) EU CENTRE

The Yonsei-SERI EU Centre was established in March 2009 under the partnership of Yonsei University and Samsung Economic Research Institute (SERI), an affiliate of the Samsung Group and a renowned research institution. The Yonsei-SERI EU Centre aims to be a major hub for promoting EU-related research, education and outreach activities, and to raise awareness of the EU across all sectors in South Korea and East Asia. Yonsei University and SERI are actively promoting Korea-EU collaborative relationships in all areas.

The Centre's four main goals are to be a knowledge hub, expert centre, and networking hub on the EU, as well as to conduct EU outreach activities.

Key programmes

Education & Research Activities

The Yonsei-SERI EU Centre supports various academic programmes for EU Studies. It rewards outstanding PhD dissertations and supports post-doctoral researchers and EU-related research projects, both domestic and international. It also develops EU-related courses for graduate and undergraduate students in order to produce experts in EU policy and issues. The Centre facilitates research and academic exchanges between South Korean and EU scholars by inviting European scholars and providing South Korean scholars with the opportunity to visit and conduct research at partner institutions in Europe.

Student Fellowships & Programmes

The Centre provides scholarships for Doctoral and Master's students engaged in EU Studies. It supports student exchanges and internship programmes, EU Summer Intensive programmes, EU student symposiums and mock EU summit meetings.

Outreach Initiatives

The Centre engages in various outreach activities to promote the EU. These include hosting forums for opinion leaders, seminars for EU experts, Korea-EU business symposia, and international conferences for academics and practitioners.

Information Activities

The Centre publishes the results of outstanding research on the EU in the form of text books, essays, translations and other materials. It regularly provides online and offline information services on the EU. An online survey is conducted annually to gauge the general public awareness of the EU in South Korea. The survey findings are used for evaluating the Centre's activities and for drafting future plans. The Centre also distributes regular newsletters and maintains an EU section in the main library at Yonsei University.

Networking

The Yonsei-SERI EU Centre actively coordinates with other EU Centres in South Korea and East Asia, collaborating with EU-related research societies and institutes through joint studies and seminars.

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The EU Centre in Taiwan (EUTW), a consortium formed by seven universities – with National Taiwan University as the lead university – was established on 31 December 2008 with support from the European Union.

Responsibilities

The Centre shoulders substantial responsibility for spreading and deepening EU Studies, progressing bilateral exchange, and participating in global EU Studies. In the four-year plan of Phase One, the Centre has successfully established a platform for exchange between home and EU Studies groups, Taiwan and EU civil society, as well as communication and dialogue of bilateral policy. It is hoped that, through the exchange between East Asia and the worldwide EU Centres, in the long run the EUTW will develop into one of the most important centres within Chinese-speaking societies for interaction between EU Studies and bilateral civil society.

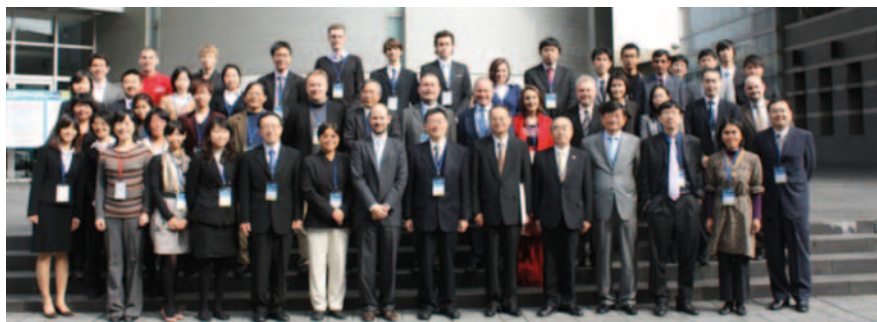
Key programmes

Workshops and Seminars on EU and EU-Taiwan relations

The EUTW hosts national workshops, fora, symposia and seminars on topics including EU policies, bilateral relations and inter-university exchange between the EU and Taiwan, in order to develop policy research on the EU in Taiwan, to deepen EU studies and to support exchanges between the EU and Taiwan.

EU-related outreach activities

The EUTW aims to foster a better understanding of the EU among the Taiwanese public through Summer Schools, EU Study Programmes at universities, and through establishing an EU Study Area in university libraries. The EUTW also aims to contribute to the expansion and strengthening of citizen and academic links between the EU and Taiwan by organising EU Student Clubs at universities and by offering scholarships for EU Studies.



UNITED STATES

EU CENTER OF EXCELLENCE,
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA – BERKELEY

Overview

The European Union Center of Excellence (EUCE) at the University of California, Berkeley (UCB) is a joint undertaking of the Institute of European Studies and the Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies at UCB.

Working in partnership with the UCB Schools of Public Health, Law, and Business; departments of Economics, Political Science, History, German, and Landscape Architecture; the Institute of Governmental Studies; the Berkeley Roundtable on the International Economy; and the multi-campus research center on Comparative Immigration and Integration, the EU Center plays a vital role in promoting a deeper understanding of the European Union and raises the level of dialogue and discourse on transatlantic relations.

Three main themes guide the Center's research, education, and outreach activities:

Transatlantic Relations in a World of Competitors

The transatlantic economic relationship in light of China's accession to great power status, the global financial crisis, the EU as an international actor in a world requiring cooperative global solutions.

The Union and its Neighbourhood

Successes and crises of monetary union and policy harmonisation; EU law; rising nationalism in Europe, integration of new EU members, challenges of integrating new immigrants, and the Euromed Partnership in light of the 'Arab Spring'.

Facing New Challenges

Cross-border public health threats, threats of resource scarcity, the environment, and regulation across issue areas.

Key Programmes

The EU Center fosters improved understanding of the European Union in the academic, professional, and public sectors. Academic opportunities include annual faculty research and curriculum development grants, pre-dissertation/dissertation fellowships for graduates, a senior thesis research fellowship for undergraduates, co-sponsorship of the Western Graduate Research Workshop on the EU, and support of the annual Claremont-UC Undergraduate Research Conference on the European Union (including a study trip to Brussels for authors of the top three papers). The Center also supports faculty-led conferences and workshops, visiting EU scholar and EU President Speaker series, and an annual workshop for secondary school and junior and community college teachers.

Select Key Events 2011-12

- A Fresh Start for the Charter – Fundamental Questions on the Application of the European Charter of Fundamental Rights.
- Non-discrimination in the Recent Jurisprudence of the European Court of Justice (guest lectures by Thomas Von Danwitz, German Judge, European Court of Justice, October 2011).
- Crises on the Road to European Integration.
- The Resurgence of National Governments?
- The Future of the EU: Federation, Confederation, or Disintegration (Distinguished Visiting EU Scholar Lecture Series, February 2012).
- Fourth Annual Educator Workshop on the European Union (March 2012).
- Western Graduate Student Research Workshop on the EU (May 2012).

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The Colorado European Union Center of Excellence (CEUCE) at the University of Colorado at Boulder fosters people-to-people links between the United States Mountain West and the European Union. The interdisciplinary, networked, and multi-sector CEUCE promotes research excellence, enhances undergraduate and graduate education, engages in extensive and direct outreach, and fosters the emergence of new public-private-academic relationships toward making CU-Boulder a crossroads between ourselves and the EU.

Teaching, research and outreach

CEUCE engages in equal measure in teaching, research and outreach. In its interdisciplinary teaching activities, CEUCE reaches hundreds of students through the development and delivery of new courses and course materials, unique learning experiences such as 'Model European Union' and Brussels summer study, and the chance to engage on and off campus with countless VIPs from the public and private sectors. CEUCE hosts doctoral fellows from EU Member States, supports graduate research and learning through fellowships and grants, sponsors an annual graduate training workshop, and provides unique opportunities for professional engagement with European scholars and practitioners. Through its interdisciplinary research activities, CEUCE sponsors dozens of visiting speakers, funds faculty research and sponsors and organises scholarly workshops

and conferences. Through its outreach activities, CEUCE directly and frequently engages business and legal practitioners, educators, journalists and other media professionals, public policymakers and the informed public. CEUCE has directly engaged six Ambassadors, three past and present Colorado governors, two past and present United States senators, and countless officials from across the state, country and globe.

Strategy

CEUCE's networked structure allows it to accomplish all of this within a streamlined organisation. It has undertaken partnerships across its campus (e.g. the School of Business and School of Law), with the private sector (e.g. Western Union, which has provided approximately USD 200000 in direct and in-kind support for CEUCE activities), with non-profit educational organisations (e.g. the Center for Education in Law and Democracy [CELD] and the Colorado Council for Economic Education [CCEE]), and with higher educational institutions in the Mountain West Network (Colorado School of Mines, University of Denver, CU-Denver, Colorado State University, the University of Utah, Brigham Young University, the University of Wyoming, the University of Montana, the University of New Mexico and Arizona State University). The Center's support has been pivotal in the establishment of new externally funded programmes such as the 'International Mobility Program in Atlantic Citizenship Trends' (IMPACT), directed at CU by Horst Mewes and funded by the European Union and the US Department of Education.

UNITED STATES

EU CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY & UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence

The Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence (EUCE) is a consortium of Florida International University (FIU) and the University of Miami (UM). At FIU, it is housed within the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA). At UM, it is administrated by the Jean Monnet Chair, located within the Department of International Studies.

Mission

The mission of the Miami-Florida EUCE is to promote research, teaching and outreach activities relating to the EU by facilitating the development of new courses on the EU, providing financial assistance to graduate students and faculty pursuing research on topics related to the EU, holding academic conferences on EU matters, sponsoring public lectures featuring EU speakers, and conducting outreach workshops for educators, journalists and media professionals, as well as the greater Miami business community.

Key programme areas

Research and scholarship support

UM hosts a European Union Fellow, a high-ranking EU official residing at the university for a semester. The Jean Monnet Chair runs a series of online papers and has published a collection of books as a result of the conferences and seminars.

FIU offers Research Grants to faculty and graduate students through a competition among their Florida University Network universities (includes FIU, FAU, UNF, UCF, USF) on research projects related to the study of the EU. Additionally, FIU offers Curriculum Development Grants to faculties in the same network.

Curricular strengths

UM offers a BA, an MA and a PhD in International Studies, with an optional specialism in the EU. FIU offers a BA, an MA and a PhD in Politics and International Relations, Global and Sociocultural Studies and History, with the option of an Undergraduate and a Graduate Certificate in European Studies. The Certificates in European Studies, which include significant expertise in the EU, are open to all FIU undergraduates and graduates with an interest in any aspect of European civilisation.

Community outreach

MEUCE organises many outreach activities including conferences, seminars, journalist and editor workshops, and teacher workshops. It also takes the lead in the 'Euro Challenge' for local high school students, organises the 'European Union Educational Outreach Program' in Florida and provides for classroom visits by senior European diplomats and experts to American high schools.

Recent highlights

Joaquín Roy, Director of the EU Center at the University of Miami, completed the first lecture and research tour of his recently awarded Jean Monnet Chair ad personam, for dedication to teaching and research.

Among the Center's recent activities is a symposium at UM on 'The State of the Union(s): The 'eurozone' crisis, comparative regional integration and the EU model', and at FIU a conference on 'Nationalism in a Globalised Europe'. A breakfast seminar on 'Immigration in the United States and Europe' for Hispanic journalists was also organised. Among the distinguished speakers was Ambassador João Vale de Almeida, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United States, who lectured on 'Transatlantic Relations in a Turbulent Time'.

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The University of Illinois established one of the 10 original EU Centers in the US in 1998 with support from the European Union. It has been a Title VI National Resource Center for the US Department of Education since 2003, and in 2011 was recognised as an EU Center of Excellence (EUCE).

Through a range of interdisciplinary initiatives, the EUCE harnesses the efforts of internationally-renowned experts in a diverse range of fields in order to promote quality research on the EU and transatlantic relations; strengthen University of Illinois curricula on the EU; and deepen understandings between the US and EU through outreach to K-12 educators and students, businesses, government leaders, the media and the general public.

Main themes

The EU Center at UI is developing research and teaching initiatives in three thematic areas: Adapting policy to environmental challenges; embracing change: languages, cultures and identities; and the practice of politics and policy in the EU.

*The first graduates of the
new Master of Arts in
European Union Studies
(MAEUS), May 2012*



Key outreach activities

Midwest K-12 teachers attend annual summer curriculum development workshops as well as compete to attend an EU summer study tour along with state legislators and journalists. High school students participate in 'Euro Challenge' – the Illinois translation competition – and an essay contest. Finally, the Center offers an 'Outstanding Outreach Activity Award' to the US network of EUCEs.

Academic programmes

The new Master of Arts in European Union Studies (MAEUS) programme graduated its first class in May 2012. Additional academic programmes include a graduate minor in European Union Studies, as well as EU concentrations in a number of undergraduate degree programmes.

Excellence in education

Several awards and initiatives build on Illinois' strong tradition of excellence in EU teaching and research. The EUCE's 2011 Jean Monnet grants support the new project 'Europe and the Mediterranean: Transnational spaces and integration'. A Focal Point grant awarded by the UI Graduate College in 2011 supported an interdisciplinary graduate seminar and graduate conference in EU Studies. With funding from the European Union, the Center also offers the 'Larry Neal Prize for Excellence in EU Scholarship' to EUCE-affiliated faculties in the US and Canada.

UNITED STATES

EU CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

Mission

The mission of the European Union Center of Excellence (EUCE) of North Carolina is threefold:

- to enhance undergraduate and graduate instruction in European Union Studies,
- to promote scholarship and training for students and faculty from all disciplines and professional schools, and
- to foster institutional and public awareness of Europe's economic, cultural, and political importance in North Carolina and across the South-Eastern United States.

The Center works to fulfil this mission through curriculum activities, research and training support, collaboration with institutions in the US and Europe, outreach, and dissemination of information.

Research, teaching and outreach

The EUCE of North Carolina supports a broad range of teaching, research, and outreach activities centring on the themes of transatlantic relations, European integration, identity, and European and comparative social policy. Workshops, symposia, and conferences bring together advanced and junior scholars from both sides of the Atlantic and consistently yield publications and novel datasets. Moreover, an EUCE sponsored speaker series brings some 35-40 distinguished scholars and practitioners to campus annually.

Key programme areas

Formal degree or certificate programmes

The Center for European Studies offers an undergraduate major in Contemporary European Studies and two MA-level programmes in Political Science focusing on Transatlantic Relations and European Governance, run in collaboration with 10 European universities. In 2013, the Center will partner with Humboldt University and the Middle East Technical University to launch a third MA

programme in Political Science focusing on German, European, and Turkish relations. The Center also runs a graduate certificate programme in Teaching Languages across the Curriculum, the only one of its kind in the US.

Research and scholarship

Research projects currently funded by the Center include:

- New Dimensions of EU Border Policy;
- EU Enlargement and the Western Balkans;
- The European Union, the Euro, and Financial Integration;
- The Structure of Government: Coding International Authority;
- Party Positioning on European Integration.

Outreach programmes include:

- Media and Business Briefing Papers;
- Business Conference Series: Global Marketing Accountability – The US, Europe, and Study Trip for North Carolina Legislators;
- Online Teacher Training Course on the EU (offered state-wide);
- Professional Development Study Trips for North Carolina K-16 Educators: Denmark; Western Balkans.

The EUCE of North Carolina also serves as the Network Coordinator for the 10 EUCEs in the United States. The US Network website contains a large array of resources for K-12 and college classes, an international PhD database for doctoral students in EU related topics, and houses over 700 papers presented at the 2007, 2009, and 2011 EUSA conferences.

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Mission

The European Union Center of Excellence at the University of Pittsburgh is focused on the post-enlargement transformation of the European Union, the evolution of cooperative and conflictual US-EU relations, and the EU's relations with its neighbours, as well as with Asia, Africa and Latin America.

EUCE activities include support for undergraduate and graduate teaching and research, EU simulations for high school and undergraduate students, and collaborations with regional educational institutions. In conjunction with the European Studies Center, the EUCE offers both undergraduate and graduate certificates in West European Studies and European Union Studies. Workshops, symposia, and conferences sponsored by the EUCE attract participants from Europe and the rest of the world in addition to the 15-20 distinguished visiting scholars and practitioners that the EUCE hosts annually.

What's new?

From January 2012, the Center has organised monthly interactive, multi-site videoconferences under the series title 'Conversations on Europe', which allow students and faculty from the University of Pittsburgh and other EUCEs to engage with experts on current events impacting the transatlantic relationship. These are recorded and available for viewing on the Center's website.

In January 2012, the EUCE launched its Pittsburgh Papers on the European Union, a peer-reviewed scholarly papers series promoting investigation of the contemporary and historical dynamics of the European Union. This e-journal is devoted to disseminating current research on the EU and published papers are available free of charge through the Open Access e-journal platform.

Quality outreach

The EUCE has been recognised by its peers for the quality of its outreach programme. In 2012, the EUCE was awarded the EUCE Outstanding Outreach Activity Award for its 2011 high school model EU simulation. The event, which over eight years has grown to include nine area high schools and over 100 local students, was selected for this Award by a review committee comprised of representatives from the Embassy of Poland, the Austrian Consulate in Chicago, and the Delegation of the EU to the US.

Another unique offering at the Pittsburgh EUCE is the EU depository collection from the Delegation of the EU to the US, housed in the University Library System since 2007. This collection represents the most extensive holdings of public EC/EU documents and publications in North America and enhances the Archive of European Integration (<http://aei.pitt.edu>), an electronic resource directed by the archivist of the EU Collection, Dr. Phil Wilkin. The Delegation Collection is being digitised to enable access to more researchers. In 2012, the EUCE sponsored a competitively awarded 'Summer Research Scholars Program' that enabled four scholars to spend time in the archive to advance their research.

UNITED STATES

EU CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Founded in 2012, the EU Center of Excellence (EUCE) at the University of Texas at Austin (UT) is housed in the Center for European Studies (CES) in the College of Liberal Arts, with close partnerships with the LBJ School of Public Affairs, the Cockrell School of Engineering, the College of Communication, the McCombs School of Business, and the School of Law.

Promoting Europe

Through CES, the EUCE at UT promotes the study of Europe and the EU through research, teaching, and outreach. It also serves civic, non-profit, and business associations with activities in the EU; academic leaders and institutions from the EU with collaborative agreements with UT; governmental and multilateral agencies dedicated to social and economic betterment in the EU; and the general public in Texas and the US whose world outlook includes the EU.

As part of the largest university in the state of Texas, the EUCE at UT has a special responsibility to support continued international development and to educate students that can play a fundamental role in an international community in which the European Union is a critical player.

Activities

As a National Resource Center funded by a Title VI grant from the US Department of Education, CES, in conjunction with the EU Center of Excellence, sponsors major conferences, workshops, faculty interest groups, and scholarly symposia. It also provides Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships to students pursuing graduate and undergraduate degrees relating to Europe in any department or school of the university; substantial summer funding for UT undergraduates studying abroad in Europe; and significant funding for faculty and graduate students pursuing independent research related to public policy and business in the EU.

Along with the EUCE, CES has a firm commitment to developing campus resources and courses that will give students the training they need to participate in an international arena in which the European Union plays a key role. By highlighting an interdisciplinary course of study and by offering a degree plan that is not limited by traditional disciplinary boundaries, CES can respond to political and private sector demands for integrated studies that include both academic study and professional training. CES currently offers an undergraduate major in European Studies and a graduate portfolio in European Studies.

Major themes

In the period 2012-14, CES and the EUCE will address its overarching theme of 'Trans-National Policy Opportunities and Challenges' by concentrating on three sub-themes: Post-Recession Policy Challenges, Geopolitics as Trans-National Policy Challenges, and Law and Media.

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The objective of the American Consortium on EU Studies (ACES) is to improve academic and public understanding of the EU and US-EU relations.

It strengthens education and research opportunities and creates new synergies among scholars, students, policymakers, the private sector; representatives of governmental and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and the media. ACES helped to create and continues to support the Congressional Caucus on the European Union.

Housed at the Center for Transatlantic Relations at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C., ACES is a unique partnership among five universities in the area: American University, George Mason University, George Washington University, Georgetown University, and Johns Hopkins University. SAIS Professor Daniel Hamilton is Executive Director of the Washington, D.C. consortium.

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ACES engages in five main sets of activities

Education

- Certificate in EU Studies Pre-Dissertation Research Grants.
- Young Scholars Network.

Research

- Research Projects and Academic Conferences.
- Scholars Forum.
- Research Seed Grants.
- Scholar in Residence Programme.

Policy Outreach

- Transatlantic Leaders Forum Congressional 'Caucus on the European Union'.
- Congressional Staff Roundtables.
- Practitioner/Diplomat-in-Residence Programme.
- Briefings, Roundtables, Conferences for policymakers and the public.

Publications

- ACES Cases.
- ACES Working Papers.
- Monograph and Book Series.

UNITED STATES

EU CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE

Overview

The EU Center of Excellence of Seattle is housed, together with its partner, the Center for West European Studies, in the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington (UW). It serves as a resource for the entire campus and the broader Pacific Northwest academic and public communities. The diverse membership of the steering committee – from a variety of campus units along with representatives of the local business and diplomatic communities – ensures that the Center remains connected to a broad constituency.

Teaching, research, outreach

The Center contributes to, and benefits from, a rich environment of learning and public discourse at UW and in the greater Seattle community. It supports a broad range of teaching, research and outreach, with special emphases on transatlantic relations, EU law and institutions, and outreach to Seattle's large international business community. Many of its academic conferences support edited book projects and research networks featuring US and EU scholars. The Center has developed a series of teaching materials on contemporary EU themes for US secondary school educators available for download on its website.

Formal degree or certificate programmes

The Jackson School of International Studies offers an undergraduate major and minor in European Studies, the former currently enrolling nearly 100 students. The EU Center organises an EU track within the European Studies major, which non-majors can participate in as a certificate programme.

Key programmes

The Center has developed a programme of complementing learning options for students interested in the EU. 'Model EU' is the only major annual EU simulation in the Western US. The 'EU Studies Summer Program' in Brussels, co-organised with the EUCE of Wisconsin and l'Institut d'Etudes Européennes at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, is one of just a handful of EU-focused programmes offered in Brussels and designed for US students. The 'Transatlantic Studies Program' brings US and European students together to study key themes in EU and US politics and society at the UW and University of Bath. These are complemented by Center-developed EU simulation and 'EU as Global Actor' courses, and a graduate research workshop co-developed with the EUCEs of Colorado and Berkeley.

Upcoming events

In 2012-2013, the Center will host one major academic conference and co-organise a second with partner EUCEs. In autumn, the EUCEs of Colorado and Seattle will co-organise a conference exploring the on-going financial crisis in the Euro area. In winter, the EUCE and the UW School of Law will host a conference assessing EU and US management of food safety and related risk issues. In spring 2013, the Center will host the annual Western US Graduate Research Workshop, co-organised in partnership with the EUCEs of Colorado and Berkeley. The 2012-2013 teacher outreach programmes will be capped by the annual EU summer workshop for Pacific Northwest educators.

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Mission

The EUCE organises well-integrated, multi-disciplinary programmes around three themes. Activities organised under these themes collectively aim to:

- highlight the role of the EU as a major player in efforts to address global governance challenges, including security, regulatory, trade, and monetary/current account issues;
- demonstrate the continuing importance of transatlantic relations and the effective management of transatlantic conflicts in light of common concerns; and
- show the importance of greater understanding in the US of EU models of governance, both because understanding EU governance is important in its own right in light of the Union's 27 Member States and 450 million citizens, and because of the contemporary relevance of EU policies to US governance challenges. Often overlooked in academic and policy discussions is the importance of the social dimension of European integration, which the UW EUCE helps to highlight.

Themes

The EU as a global actor

This theme examines the global dimensions of EU policy-making and institution-building, particularly in the realms of the knowledge economy, technology and science, and energy and foreign policy:

- global regionalisms, governance and higher education;
- european inter-regionalisms: Higher education vs. research: The impact of European technical assistance and institutional reform practices in the former socialist bloc and developing world;
- global health, development and security:
 - leadership and governance for health in all policies;
 - transatlantic security cooperation;

- global science: Communication and ethics;
- technology policy and assessment in flux: uncertainties, institutional changes and emerging medical technologies;
- science, the public, and global communication;
- global energy security.

EU legislation, policymaking and regulation

This theme examines current transformations of European law and governance, focusing on who participates in processes of legislation, policy making and regulation, how, and with what outcomes:

- the formal and informal politics of European law making; Performance management as a governance tool: evidence from the European Union;
- civil society organisation(s) in the global era;
- the future of the 'eurozone': Monetary and financial governance in the wake of the crisis.

Diversity and accountability, rights and responsibilities: Managing challenges of multi-level social policy in advanced democracies

This theme examines how EU policy making across its 27 diverse Member States poses particular challenges for realising its commitment in the Lisbon Treaty to social inclusion in the face of multiple forms of inequality:

- women's rights and EU policy development;
- intersectional perspectives on inequality and intergenerational mobility;
- demography, inequality, and policy in new Member States;
- European Union constitutional law and human rights.

