

## International European Studies Experience Europe



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## Experience Europe - Vivre l'Europe - Europa erleben

In many parts of the world the European Union (EU) is considered a model for successful regional integration, which ensures the citizens of its member states peace, prosperity and freedom.

In particular young people from non-European states show special interest in this form of association of national states, which is unique in the world. Since 2002 the European Academy of Otzenhausen (EAO) and the ASKO EUROPA-STIFTUNG foundation have been offering a variety of international study programmes.

Students in particular, but also young professionals and information disseminators from the field of politics and administration, receive a comprehensive overview of the history, the structure and the international role of the EU as well as topical political and social challenges. Since almost all international study programmes are organised as seminars with participant interaction, the intercultural exchange with people of the same age from other countries is one of the central programme elements for the participants.

In this context, the external perspective from non-EU member states or non-European countries is particularly interesting for the participants from EU states - and vice-versa.

The international study programmes are organised and conducted by highly qualified, experienced and multilingual directors of studies from EAO in cooperation with many partner organisations and universities. As a rule, the seminars are held in English, but there are also programmes in French and German. The number of international study programmes has continuously risen in recent years.

At present there are approximately 15 events per year with partners/participants from the United States, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, the Western Balkans, Israel, Russia, Spain, Singapore, Ukraine and Turkey. Other international programmes are planned for the next few years.



## Programme content

- Academic units of study covering the core aspects of European integration (such as functioning and working methods of the EU, Europe's role in the world, migration and integration, Europe and sustainable development) with contributions from renowned experts from academia and professionals in the fields
- Professionally designed workshops for in-depth study of the seminar topics
- Excursions to the most important EU institutions in Brussels, Luxembourg, Strasbourg and Frankfurt (such as the European Parliament, European Commission, European Court of Justice, European Central Bank)
- Tours of universities and the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (German Academic Exchange Service, DAAD) in Bonn
- Varied supporting programme (such as guided city tours, hiking in the footsteps of the Celts, sports and cultural events)

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## Methodological structure

As a rule, the study programmes last 10 to 14 days and include a number of excursions to European capitals in addition to the programme elements organised at the European Academy.

The programme elements at the EAO are conducted by our directors of study in cooperation with numerous experts from the academic networks of EAO and ASKO EUROPA-STIFTUNG foundation. They include lectures and discussions as well as interactive workshops and group work.

## The programmes' objectives:

- Allow the participants to "experience" Europe and its multifaceted political, economic, social and cultural dimensions
- Deepen the participants' knowledge of Europe, its role in the world and its international perception
- Actively support the creation of personal networks
- Promote intercultural understanding

## Wide range of offers

- Encounter Europe! Current challenges of European integration – civic participation in best practice
- Encounter Europe – visit Germany. An introduction to political, economic and environmental issues of European integration and its challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- The European Union: structures – policies – programmes

Module I: structures, decision-making processes and future challenges in selected policies

Module II: EU funding programmes and instruments – concepts and practical implementation

- European Union: analysis, insights and perspectives
- The European Union – still a success story!? Current challenges for the EU in a globalized world
- Une Europe allemande ?



- The global role of the European Union
- Regional integration in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: EU and ASEAN in comparison
- Quo vadis EU? Quo vadis Russia? Challenges for the European Union and Russia in the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- The EU and Turkey – challenges and perspectives for a common future
- International and European Economic Law
- Seminar on administrative services provision – didactic methods and best practice for local administration authorities



### Target groups

#### Background of the programme participants:

- University students, in particular from overseas and non-EU countries
- Information disseminators
- Staff from the field of administration and from other public institutions



## Positive feedback

*Andreas from Germany:*

"The European Spring Academy in Otzenhausen not only gave us deep insight into the European Union and its relations with Asia, but also provided us with the opportunity to meet young people from another continent who wanted to share their view of the world and their ideas with us. The mutual learning process did not stop at the end of the lectures and the workshops, but continued in our free time thanks to joint activities and personal conversations. In particular the numerous excursions were very appealing and created a feeling of togetherness."

*Edna from the USA:*

"I like the surroundings in Otzenhausen. The lectures were interesting because there were many different speakers. I really miss Otzenhausen because I got to know so many fantastic friends and associate so many great memories with this place!"

*Dimitri from Russia:*

"Very interesting and informative course! A lot of amazing lectures and subjects, very friendly atmosphere. Strongly recommended to everyone, it's a great summer curriculum!"

*Nicolette from Singapore:*

"It was a pleasant experience to be at the Academy. The seminar was very interesting because we learned a bit about the EU and Asia, had the opportunity to visit the institutions and got to know our German friends and their views."

*Antonella from Austria:*

"It was a great possibility to take a look behind the curtain of the European institutions and to see the EU from different perspectives. The combination of professional speakers, interesting excursions and international students made it a unique experience!"



## Partner network

The most important partners in the context of the programme are the Europa-Institut of Saarland University, the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (German Academic Exchange Service, DAAD), the Centre International de Formation Européenne (International Centre for European Education, CIFE), the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung foundation (KAS) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

At present we cooperate closely with the following partner universities and organisations:

- Centre for German and European Studies of Bielefeld University (Germany)
- Colman College, Tel Aviv (Israel)
- Deutsch-Französisches Institut (dfi), Ludwigsburg (Germany)
- Ewha University, Seoul (South Korea)
- University of Applied Sciences, Saarbrücken (Germany)
- Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP), Berlin (Germany)

- Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia (USA)
- National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA), Kiev (Ukraine)
- Freiburg University of Education, Freiburg (Germany)
- Singapore Management University (Singapore)
- St. Petersburg State University (Russia)
- Alfonso X el Sabio University, Madrid (Spain)
- University of Koblenz-Landau (Germany)
- Université de Montréal (Canada)
- University of New England, Armidale, New South Wales (Australia)
- University of Tokyo (Japan)
- Trier University (Germany)
- University of Würzburg (Germany)
- Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah (USA)



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