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Academic Program

Sun 13	Arrival in Berlin			
	9:00-10:30	10:45-12:15	14:00-15:30	18:00
Mo 14	Welcome address A history – focused perspective: War and peace in Europe Historical developments in Europe’s political thinking are decisive for understanding how Europe looks today. This session will provide an overview of European history and the EU’s ideational fundament. More specifically, we will have a closer look on notions of sovereignty and European cooperation in the 19th and early 20th century. Additionally, we will discuss the effects of WW II on the relations between European states in the late 1940s and their (dis-)interest in European cooperation.			City Tour Berlin by bus
Tue 15	Field trip – Memorial centre and museum Sachsenhausen Based on what we have learned the day before, we will visit the memorial centre and museum Sachsenhausen in Oranienburg, the site which used to be the biggest concentration camp on German territory from 1936 to 1945			
Wed 16	The Cold War and European Integration: European Community (EC) to European Union (EU) This session will assess the political development of the integration process from the 1950s until the Treaty of Maastricht (1993). We will trace the European integration process in in the wider historical context of the Cold War.			
Thu 17	Field trip – Berlin Wall Memorial Based on what we have learned the day before, we will visit the Berlin Wall Memorial in order to get a deeper understanding of what it meant for Germany and Europe to be separated and entrenched in Cold War dynamics.			
Fri 18				
Sat 19				

Sun 20				
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Mon 21	Departure to Munich			
Tue 22	Europeanization of national Political systems Based on the preceding session, we will discuss in how far the European integration impacted on national political systems. Moreover, we will discuss in how far European measures have led to converging rules and policies among the Member States.	Methodology and Academic Writing In this special session we will discuss possible topics for the essay. In addition, we will look at the requirements of academic working, the structuring of papers and presentations as well as issues like literature and internet research etc.	German Class	
Wed 23	The enlargement of the European Union In this session, we will recap the different enlargement rounds of the European Union. Special focus will be laid on the so called 'Big Bang Enlargement' of 2004 when 10 states joined the EU at the same time. Why is the EU enlarging and why are some states allowed to join while others remain 'strategic partners'?	The European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) Based on the preceding session, we will take a closer look on the EU's Neighbourhood Policy that it put in place in light of the 2004 enlargement round. We will discuss in how far the EU uses its ENP instruments effectively and legitimately to influence states at its external border.	German Class	
Thu 24	The EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) In the 1970s, the EC Member States started to coordinate national foreign policies in the framework of EPC. Since the 1990s the development of the CFSP has become one of the most outstanding features of the European integration process.	International relations today and EU actorness Since the end of the Cold War debates in international relations focus on the distribution of power among old and new actors. How power is defined, which role do states play and what about sovereignty? This session will outline the overarching international environment and the EU's actorness therein.	German Class	
Fri 25	The EU's Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (AFSJ) The EU's AFSJ covers migration policies, judicial cooperation and police cooperation. We will trace the development of this policy area within the EU with a special focus on the EU's counter-terrorism policy.	Fortress Europe? Schengen and the refugee crisis: This session will analyse the political and institutional reality of EU migration and asylum policy, especially in the light of the recent refugee crisis, starting with the Lampedusa tragedy during which several hundred irregular migrants died in the Mediterranean Sea in 2011 until the latest political developments in 2016, such as the EU-Turkey agreement.	German Class	
Sat 26	Day Trip Salzburg			

Sun 27			
	9:00-10:30	10:45-12:15	14:00-15:30 18:00
Mon 28	German Class Day (from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.)		
Thu 29	<p>Transparency and Lobbying in the European Union</p> <p>In this session we will take a closer look on how non-state actors try to influence the EU's decision-making process. We will discuss the functioning and the legitimacy of interest representation in the EU based on the concepts of 'lobbying' and 'transparency'.</p>	<p>Public Opinion and the Rise of Populist Movements</p> <p>Formerly, governments of EU Member States enjoyed considerable discretion when fleshing out European measures. In this session we discuss recent literature that stresses the 'end of the permissive consensus' and emphasizes the increasing role of public opinion in European matters</p>	German Class
Wed 30	<p>Political Culture and the question of a European identity</p> <p>Whereas the preceding session already highlighted the influence of public opinion on European matters, this session will put this development in a larger theoretical context. In how far do national identities converge and in how far can we even observe a truly 'European identity'?</p>	<p>Goodbye forever? Reasons for and implications of the Brexit</p> <p>Based upon our previous discussion, we will draw a closer look on the referendum in the United Kingdom that resulted in a popular vote to leave the European Union. We will discuss the reasons for this decision as well as the legal and practical consequences of it for the United Kingdom and the European Union.</p>	German Class Final Test
Thu 31	<p>Consultation hour with lecturer</p> <p>Given that the presentation and essay deadlines are approaching, we will have individual consultation hours with the lecturer.</p>	<p>Consultation hour with lecturer</p> <p>Given that the presentation and essay deadlines are approaching, we will have individual consultation hours with the lecturer.</p>	Farewell meeting Munich
Fri 1	Departure to Brussels		
Sa 2			

Sun 3				
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Mon 4	Presentation of students Essays	<p>Europe's Future: Challenges and perspectives</p> <p>Europe faces many political, economic and societal challenges. In this session, we will sum up our previous findings and discuss in how far we can forecast the EU's future. Is the EU constantly 'failing forward' and further integration a 'necessity' or do has the EU reached a 'constitutional equilibrium'?</p>		
Tue 5	Presentation of students Essays	<p>Final discussion and program conclusion</p>		
Wed 6	<p>Field trip – Visit of the European Commission</p> <p>We will visit the facilities of the European Commission. Commission staff will hold a presentation on the work of the Commission and then open the floor for a round of questions.</p>			
Thu 7	<p>Field trip – Visit of the European Parliament</p> <p>We will have a tour through the European Parliament. A Member of the European Parliament will welcome us for a discussion on parliamentary business and on concrete policies.</p>			
Fri 8	<p>Departure from Brussels</p>			