

Peking University - European Studies Program

“Approaching the European Union” Munich - Berlin - Prague

[August 3 – 29, 2013]

We are pleased to welcome students from the Peking University to the Munich International Summer University (MISU) in Germany.

The European Studies Program takes place under the patronage of the Center for Applied Policy Research (CAP) at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU Munich). CAP is a university-based institution for political advising and research on European affairs.

The European Union is the most prominent example of how regional integration works. For 27 (28) European states, supranational policy-making determines not only their political and economic systems; the global challenges of the 21st century illustrate the limitations of power of individual governments, thus requiring common approaches. As a consequence, integration is also considered important for European security policy.

The objective of this summer academy is to provide students with a broad understanding of the historical development, the economic, societal, political and philosophical dimensions of the European integration process.

Throughout the seminars a particular emphasis will be on the Chinese perspective on the various issues and policies discussed. Moreover, the course will also specifically focus on the relations between Europe and China and identify the prospects and challenges for developing further the Chinese-European partnership.



In addition to the academy, we encourage you to engage in a vibrant international student life on the campus of LMU Munich during the summer of 2013.

Kai Wede (Program Director)

Academic Program - General Information

Munich Arrival:	August 3
Academic Program:	August 5 - 23
Trip to Berlin:	August 9 -11
Trip to Salzburg:	August 18
Trip to castle Neuschwanstein	August 24
Munich Departure:	August 29

Extra Program: Trip to Prague: August 26 - 28

Sat, 3	Arrival in Munich		
Sun, 4	Sightseeing Tour by bus		
Mon, 5	<p>MISU Welcome Meeting Lunch at Mensa Welcome Meeting and program Introduction at C.A.P. Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. W. Weidenfeld “Europe seen from the outside”</p>	<p>China and Europe - potentials and challenges We will use this session to identify what the students think are the key issues that shape the relationship between China and Europe today. The list that we compile in this session will serve as a guideline for the other seminars on Europe and China.</p>	<p>MISU Summer Campus Event LMU main building</p>
Tue, 6	<p>European Integration: The founding phase This session will analyse how the European integration process actually started after the Second World War. We will discuss key actors, ideas and issues and assess if the process was actually as straightforward as it is often depicted in hindsight.</p>	<p>European Community (EC) to European Union (EU) This session will give an overview over the political development of the integration process from the 1950s until 2000. A closer look will be taken at the protagonists, institutions and procedures that are characterizing the EU.</p>	
Wed, 7	<p>European Governance: The EU’s institutional structure after Lisbon From its inception up to the 2000s European Integration goes along with a steady process of reforming and refining the institutional structures. This session will look at the European institutions, how they relate to each other and what role they play for the governance of the European Union.</p>	<p>Economic aspects of EU (I): The Single Market This session will discuss one of the major economic projects of the European integration: the creation of the single market. The single market is a central element of Europe’s political architecture and has a tremendous impact on economic activities in Europe. Its functioning and impact will be discussed in this session.</p>	<p>Guided Tour BMW Factory; Production Line</p>
Thu, 8	<p>Economic aspects of EU (II): Common Currency The common currency is the second major economic project of the European integration project. The economic and political reasons behind this project will be explained and discussed</p>	<p>Economic aspects of EU (III): Global financial crisis Since the 1970s, the regulation of financial markets has always been a concern for European policy. In this session we will discuss the impact of the global financial crisis on Europe, look at European counter-strategies and the lessons drawn from the crisis with regard to the political and regulatory framework for international financial markets.</p>	<p>Visit Paulaner Brewery</p>

Fri, 9	Berlin Excursion (City Tour)		
Sat, 10	Berlin Excursion (Visit "Bundestag")		
Sun, 11	Berlin Excursion		
Mon, 12	<p>Economic aspects of EU (IV): Development cooperation and external trade policy</p> <p>The EU is the biggest donor of development aid worldwide and a heavy weight in international trade. This session will discuss the functioning of European development cooperation and external trade policy and their impact on different regions of the world.</p>	<p>The EU's Foreign Relations (I): The EU as a global actor</p> <p>This session will look at the emergence of a European foreign policy from the 1970s onward and discuss the main determinants of the EU's international role. We will pay particular attention to the role the US and NATO played in this context.</p>	<p><i>Visit to the Representation of the European Commission in Munich</i></p>
Tue, 13	<p>The EU's Foreign Relations (II): The EU's Asia policy</p> <p>Asia is becoming one of the most important regions of the 21st century. The EU has developed over many years a specific Asia policy. At the same time, the EU is described as a rather marginal actor in Asia. Therefore, this session will analyse how the EU's Asia policy works and how sub regions and different countries in Asia are approached by the EU. Based hereupon it will be looked at the strength and weakness of this policy, asking whether it is adequate or whether it needs to be improved.</p>	<p>The EU's Foreign Relations (III): The EU and China – what kind of strategic partners?</p> <p>China is the second largest trading partner of the EU and the EU is the most important one for China. Considering the high degree of interdependence between the two actors, this session will evaluate the nature of the EU-China strategic partnership. In this context the question of coherence as a central element of European foreign policy will also be discussed.</p>	
Wed, 14	<p>Library day for the preparation of presentation and essay or Special Session: Methodology and academic writing</p> <p>In this special session we will discuss the requirements for the essays and the presentations. In particular we will look at the requirements of academic working, the structuring of papers and presentations as well as the issues like literature and internet research etc.</p>		
Thu, 15	<p>Science and Technology (I): The institutional framework</p> <p>Starting with the EURATOM Treaty in 1957 until today, European policy has intensively dealt with science and technology aspects. In this session we will look at the legal, institutional and financial basis of European activities in this policy field.</p>	<p>Science and Technology (II): From Industrial to RTD policy</p> <p>As a result of structural changes in the economy, European science and technology policy had to re-focus. Based on case studies, this session will discuss these changes and analyse the main instruments of the European 'Research, Technology and Development' (RTD) policy today.</p>	
Fri, 16	<p>Science and Technology (III): Future Trends</p> <p>Research is the driver for the development and exploitation of knowledge. In this session we will look at the EU's strategies to strengthen further the 'European Research Area' and discuss if the EU is indeed on the way to become a knowledge-based society.</p>	<p>Technology (IV): Environmental Policy and Climate Change</p> <p>Environmental protection receives great attention in European public and politics. This session will discuss the EU's environmental policy within Europe and look at the implications of the EU's climate policy.</p>	

Sat, 17			
Sun, 18	Salzburg Excursion		
Mon, 19	<p>Germany in the European Union: From 'belated nation' to 'model European'?</p> <p>In this session the focus will be on Germany's role in European integration. It will be discussed what Germany gains from supporting European integration and what German interests are. Special attention will be paid to the public opinion in Germany about the European integration process.</p>	<p>Counterterrorism and European Security</p> <p>Since the 9/11 terrorist attacks and the Madrid bombings in March 2004, combating terrorism has become a European topic. During this session, the development of a common European approach as well as problems and difficulties will be analyzed.</p>	
Tue, 20	<p>Cross-cutting issues (II): Energy and Energy Security</p> <p>Energy and Energy Security are two major issues for the future of Europe and Europe's economy. In this session it will be discussed how the EU tries to secure energy supply and how it responds to the growing demand for oil and gas.</p>	<p>What are the differences? China and Europe in comparison</p> <p>This session deals with perceptions and misperceptions between China and Europe – politically and culturally. The impressions of the participants are especially important.</p>	<p>Meeting with Asia Work Group (German students)</p>
Wed, 21	<p>What has EU ever done for us?</p> <p>The EU is often accused of being a bureaucratic monster that is governed by technocrats from Brussels ("eurocrates") who are lacking democratic accountability. How do these prejudices evolve? What does the EU do to counter them? Where do they hold a grain of truth? This session will address the main parameters of the public discourse about the Union.</p>	<p>Europe's Future: Challenges and perspectives</p> <p>Europe faces many political, economic, and societal challenges. In this session we will speak about what Europe is affected by and which solutions could be the right ones – institutionally but also with regard to certain policies.</p>	
Thu, 22	<p>China and Europe – the way ahead</p> <p>This session deals with perceptions and misperceptions between China and Europe – politically and culturally. The impressions of the participants are especially important.</p>	<p>Final discussion and wrap-up of the program</p>	
Fri, 23	Presentation of Students' Essays	Presentation of Students' Essays Course Evaluation	
Sat, 24	Excursion to castle Neuschwanstein		
Sun, 25			
Mo, 26	Prague Excursion		
Tue, 27	Prague Excursion		
Wed, 28	Prague Excursion		
Thu, 29	Departure from Munich (or August 30)		

Housing

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

All student housing facilities are located close to Munich's excellent public transportation system. Frequently operating buses and subways provide a fast connection to the university, which is located near Munich's downtown area.

Each student is accommodated in their own private room. Some of these are in shared apartments and some are self-contained single apartments. Accommodation is allocated according to availability. It is not possible to select a preference (except in the case of students who send us special requirements together with their application).

Almost every room is equipped with a small kitchen where students can prepare meals. Some accommodations offer a community kitchen on each floor.

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

Subway, Bus, Tram

During your stay in Munich students have to use public transportation. We will offer a monthly pass called 'Isarcard' to buy (66,40 €).

For more information and prices, please consult the website of the MVV, the Munich public transportation authority.

Board

During your stay, you will be responsible for providing meals for yourself. Lunch can be purchased at one of the university's cafeterias for € 4-6.

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

Others

Students have to bring any supplies you may need to enjoy Munich's outdoor bathing culture. Munich is famous for its beautiful sunbathing areas and lakes. The 'Feringasee', for example, is only 15 minutes away by bike. Many other open-air swimming areas, including the 'Isar River', which flows directly through Munich, ensure that the city is a beautiful place to enjoy the summer.

Grade / Credit / Transcript

The Academic Board of the MISU defines the requirements and contact hours (1 contact hour comprises 45 minutes) for successful completion of the courses as follows:

- regular attendance
- preparation for and active participation in seminars
- attendance and contribution to lectures
- participation in and contribution to class excursions
- self study and homework assignments
- written assignments
- presentations

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

Transcripts

Every student will receive an official transcript after the successful completion of all program requirements. The transcript will show the course name, title of the essay and contact hours, the number of acquired credits as well as the achieved grades.

Credit Transfer

Most international colleges and universities accept credits from the MISU LMU. However, each institution has its own policy regarding credit acceptance from other institutions. We strongly recommend that students consult their academic advisor and/or professor to receive credit transfer approval before applying to the MISU Summer Academy. The student who would like to transfer credits to their home universities should print out all documents and contact the professor or study abroad advisor and ask for credit and grade approval.

Grading Scale

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

MISU Grade	ECTS*	USA
1.0	A	A+
1.3	A	A
1.7	B	A-
2.0	B	B+
2.3	B	B
2.7	C	B-
3.0	C	C+
3.3	D	C
3.7	E	C-
4.0	E	D+
NA	F	D
NA	F	F

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

Grading Procedure

There are three grading sections in this course:

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

Patronage

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Institution

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

Science Group

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

Program Information

Program Fee

Each student have to pay in total **1.250,00 €**

- € 150,00 MISU registration fee
- € 730,00 course fee (LMU)
- € 370,00 housing fee (student dorm)

Extra booking:

- € 200,00 Prague trip

The program includes the following:

- participation in class
- course reading materials
- monthly transportation ticket (subway, bus, tram)
- participation in all excursions
- airport transfers (only for group arrival)
- student dorms (single room in shared apartments)
- “mensa” and cafeteria access
- high-speed internet access at the dorm
- library access
- tutors
- 24h emergency hotline

The extra trip to Prague includes the following:

- transfers Munich – Prague – Munich by train
- 2 nights include breakfast in double rooms, 3-star hotel in the centre of Prague
- Local transport ticket
- Sightseeing tour
- Tour guide from MISU program

Extra costs:

- Ticket Public Transport 1 month (66,40 €)

Cancellations

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

- In case of withdrawal after the application deadline May 1st and no later than June 30th, 150€ registration fee will not be refunded.
- In case of withdrawal later than June 30th, 520€ (150€ registration fee plus 370€ accommodation fee) will not be refunded.

Registration

Deadlines

May 1st, 2013:

Application deadline, Payment of registration fee until May 15th, 2013

June 1st, 2013:

Final Payment including the total 1250€ Euros and extra booking for Prague trip of 200€.

VISA

After successful application and payment of registration fee (or full payment) , the applicant receives an invitation letter from the MISU program. This letter entitles the student to apply for German visa for the duration of the program.

Health Insurance

During your stay in Munich and for visa application students will need to be covered by a German-approved health insurance policy. The MISU program offers the service to buy the insurance for the participants. The costs are 27 € for 1 month. We would send the insurance together with the invitation.

Registration

If you would like to register for the European Studies Program “Approaching the European Union” or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

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