

Beijing Universities - European Studies Program

“Approaching the European Union” Munich - Berlin - Prague

[August 4 – 30, 2012]



We are pleased to welcome students from 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 the largest university-based institution in Germany for political advising and research on European affairs.

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

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

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 2012.

Kai Wede (Program Director)

General Information

Munich Arrival:	August 4
Academic Program:	August 6 - 24
Trip to Berlin:	August 10 -12
Trip to Salzburg:	August 18
Trip to castle Neuschwanstein	August 25
Munich Departure:	August 30
<u>Extra:</u> Trip to Prague:	August 27 - 29

Academic Program

Sat, 4	Arrival		
Sun, 5	Sightseeing Tour by bus		
Mon, 6	<p>MISU Welcome Meeting LMU Main Building Lunch at Mensa Welcome Meeting and Program Introduction at C.A.P. Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. W. Weidenfeld</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 Welcome Event LMU main building, backyard</p>
Tue, 7	<p>Approaching a continent: A history focused perspective Historical events and developments in Europe's political thinking are decisive for understanding how Europe looks today. This session will provide an overview of the European history of ideas.</p>	<p>European Integration (I): The founding idea and its dichotomy of federal vs. intergovernmental structures In this session it will be explained, how and why, after a long period of wars, West European states started an integration project that had enormous implications for the future of Europe.</p>	
Wed, 8	<p>European Integration (II): 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>	<p>European Integration (III): Attempts to reorganize the EU's institutional structure After 1990, Europe faced many challenges. One of the biggest was the EU enlargement. But attempts to reorganize the EU's institutional structures from 2000 on failed. Many observers question therefore Europe's effectiveness and problem solving capacities. We will try to find out if this is correct.</p>	<p>Guided Tour BMW Factory</p>
Thu, 9	<p>Economic aspects of European Integration 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>Economic aspects of European Integration II: Common Currency and global financial crisis 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 – especially with regard to the financial market crisis.</p>	<p>Visit Paulaner Brewery</p>

Fri, 10	Berlin Excursion		
Sat, 11	Berlin Excursion		
Sun, 12	Berlin Excursion		
Mo, 13	<p>Economic Aspects of European Integration III: 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>Economic Aspects of European Integration IV: Germany and the European economy</p> <p>This session will discuss what Germany gains from supporting European integration and what German interests are with respect to the Euro, the Single Market and the External Trade policy. Special emphasis will be on Germany's reaction to the financial crisis.</p>	<p><i>Visit to the representation of the European Commission in Munich</i></p>
Tue, 14	<p>The EU as a global political actor</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>German foreign policy in a European context</p> <p>In this session we will assess Germany's role in international affairs since its re-unification and Germany's cooperation with its European partners. What are the changes and what are the continuities of German foreign policy? Has Germany become a "normal" state again?</p>	<p><i>Meeting with consul at the Chinese Consulate Munich</i></p>
Wed, 15	<p>Library Day (single talks with teachers about presentation and essay)</p>		
Thu, 16	<p>The EU and China: Work in Progress</p> <p>China is the second largest trading partner of the EU and will be the biggest one in the near future. This session will describe the development of EU-China relations; examine their potential but also at the inherent controversies.</p>	<p>Europe and the United States: A changing partnerships</p> <p>The European integration process in the past and today cannot be understood without looking at the role of the United States.</p> <p>This session will focus on the development, the problems and the perspectives of the EU's relations with the US.</p>	
Fri, 17	<p>The EU and Russia: A partnership still to be defined</p> <p>As the biggest neighbour of the EU, Russia plays a specific role on the European continent.</p> <p>This session will identify the key challenges of EU-Russia relations.</p>	<p>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>	
Sat, 18	Salzburg Excursion		
Sun, 19			

Mo, 20	<p>Interregional relations: EU and ASEAN</p> <p>The long history of EU-ASEAN relations notwithstanding, Europe's policy towards Asia has been thought neglect South-East Asia. This has been changing since the 1990s. What are the main aspects of EU -ASEAN relations today and what are the prospects for the future?</p>	<p>The EU and the Middle East region – which role for the EU?</p> <p>The Middle East is one of the most crucial regions for global stability. The EU is located close to this region and has developed specific relationships. Whether the EU can play a decisive role in that region will be discussed in this session.</p>	<p>Meeting with the student Asia Work Group</p>
Tue, 21	<p>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>The European Counterterrorism Policy</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>	
Wed, 22	<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, 23	<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> <p>Presentation of Students' Essays</p>	
Fri, 24	<p>Presentation of Students' Essays</p>	<p>Presentation of Students' Essays</p>	<p>Course Evaluation</p>
Sat, 25	Excursion to Neuschwanstein		
Sun, 26			
Mo, 27	Prague Excursion		
Tue, 28	Prague Excursion		
Wed, 29	Prague Excursion		
Thu, 30	Departure from Munich		

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

If you want to use public transportation during your stay in Munich, we will offer a monthly pass called 'Isarcard'. 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.

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.

For PKU students 3 credits will be accepted by their own university.

Grading Scale

Grades are defined from the Academic Board of LMU Munich 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 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 students 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

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, 2012:

Application deadline

June 1st, 2012:

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

VISA

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

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 will buy the insurance for the participants if it is necessary. The costs are 27 € for 1 month.

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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