

Arqus Joint Master's Programme "European Studies"

Overview on Modules and Courses at All Four Universities

M1: An Introduction to European Studies – Methods, Traditions and future challenges to knowledge production about Europe		
1st term		
		10 ECTS
<p><i>The module gives an overview of approaches in European Studies research and the context of historical narratives and explanations within the contemporary analysis of Europe; it offers a methodological reflection on links between political, social, economic and cultural history and the familiarization with methods of different disciplines.</i></p> <p><i>The particular focus of the interdisciplinary module is, on the one hand, the consideration of the various processes of Globalization and Europeanization. On the other hand, the diversity of actors within the Europeanization process is highlighted and thus the role of Europe on a global level is reflected as a future challenge.</i></p> <p><i>The module consists of one joint online lecture to which all partner institutions will contribute and one seminar which will be offered at each partner institution. The joint online lecture will help students to familiarize with the different ways, theories and methods, interpretations and narratives, the disciplines contributing to the programme use for their specific take on Europe's role as a global actor. The local seminars introduce students to the specific orientation in terms of disciplinary and geographical focus as well as in terms of theories and methods that prevails in the programme at the specific study place and relates this specialization to the overall programme's goals.</i></p>		
	Joint/online	Introduction to European Studies (Organization: Leipzig U)
Leipzig U	Local	Approaches to the Study of Europeanization
U Graz	Local	Introduction to the Interdisciplinary Approach
	Local	History of European Integration: From the Idea to the Realization
Vilnius U	Local	European Integration: Theories, Institutions, and Decision-making Processes
U Granada	Local	History of Peace

M2: Europeanization under the Global Condition: History, Economics, and Politics		
1st term		
		10 ECTS
<p><i>The module introduces students to recent achievements in the historiography of Europe and its relationship with new trends in global history in order to help students understand how Europe's different roles as a global actor have evolved over time. It takes inspiration from various area studies but also from colonial history and post-colonial approaches and it discusses critically methodological nationalism and conceptual eurocentrism as some of the long-lasting features in the dealing with European histories.</i></p>		
	Joint/online	Europeanization under the Global Condition (Organization: U Graz)
Leipzig U	Local	De-/constructing Europe: Multiple Perspectives on Europeanization
U Graz	Local	History of South Eastern Europe

	Local	Europe and the Balkans: From Crisis to Membership
Vilnius U	Local	The Political Economy of European Integration
U Granada	Local	The Europeanization process from a historical political approach

M3: Europe and Law

1st term

10 ECTS

The joint online lecture will introduce students to the legal dimensions of Europe's relationship with other world regions, in particular to the foundations of international law and the topic of transitional justice. The lecture addresses the specificities of international law compared to other parts of law, how it regulates the relations between subjects of international law such as states and international organizations and what the distinction between customary international law and international treaties means in practice for Europe as a global actor in all its dimensions addressed in the programme.

The courses provided by the partner universities locally will approach the problems with historical and current examples to make students learn and understand how international law plays out in an increasingly transnationally organized world.

	joint/online	Europe and Law (Organization: U Granada)
Leipzig U	Local	From International Law to Transitional Justice: Legal Problems of Europe as a Global Actor
	Local	Europa- und Völkerrecht
U Graz	Local	Theory and Philosophy of EU Law
	Local	The Rule of Law Crisis in the EU: Poland and Hungary in Focus
Vilnius U	Local	EU External Action
U Granada	Local	The Institutional and Legal System of the European Union

M4: European Foreign Policies

2nd term

10 ECTS

The joint online seminar will cover different disciplinary approaches and political perspectives to the various dimensions of foreign policy of European countries with regard to the interaction with non-European world regions. It covers a wide range of topics such as peace and conflict, neighbourhood policy, climate policy and the legal basis for common action of European states in these realms. A jointly organized summer school complements the online-seminar and allows for interactive training between the student groups from the various study places in a way that different perspectives can be confronted and discussed.

	Joint/online	European Foreign Policies (Organization: Vilnius U)
	Optional	Summer School
Leipzig U	Local	Europe as a Peace Project
	Local	Neighbourhood Policies of Regional Powers as Competing Spatial Formats
	Local	Worldwide Climate Change and the EU

U Graz	Local	European Integration and Enlargement
	Local	EU-Russia Relations: Neighbors between Cooperation and Contestation
	Local	Legal Challenges of Forming a European Foreign Policy
Vilnius U	Local	European Foreign Policies
U Granada	Local	Europe as an International Tourist and Cultural Power

M5: Regions in Europe

2nd term

10 ECTS

The objective of this module is to impart knowledge about different regions and their role in the Europeanization processes of the 19th to 21st centuries. After successfully completing the module, students will have a basic knowledge of the recent history of a European region, which is to be further developed through regional specialization or with regard to related subjects.

Leipzig U	Local	Towards a Transnational History of East-Central Europe
	Local	The French Globalization Project
	Local	Politics and History of Southern Europe
U Graz	Local	Europeanization Processes in Southeastern Europe
	Local	Democratization of Southeastern Europe in the Context of EU Enlargement
	Local	Politics in Southeastern Europe
	Local	History, Society and Politics of Turkey: An Intersectional Introduction
Vilnius U	Local	Eastern European Studies
	Local	Nordic and Baltic Studies
	Local	Contemporary Politics of the Eurasian Region and its States
U Granada	Local	Geography of Europe. Internal and External Regions, and Relevance of European Union in the International Context
	Local	Understanding Europe through the Regions. Rural Spaces and Central Urban Nexus

M6: Social Transformations in Europe

2nd term

10 ECTS

Today's world is more and more characterized by transnational features of mobility, structuration and belonging, within Europe but also across the limits of the continent. This module addresses the effects of the powerful trends towards a more transnational world due to migration processes as well as economic and social as well as cultural and media entanglements. It helps student understand the contradictory effects of such transnationalization and introduces to them the interdisciplinary debate on transnational and transregional trends.

Leipzig U	Local	Belonging in a Transnational World: Cultural Sociology and Methodological Approaches
	Local	Social Transformations in Europe

U Graz	Local	The Economics of Transition in Southeastern Europe
	Local	Socioeconomic Developments in Southeastern Europe
	Local	Culture, Social Change, and Technology
	Local	Sociology of Gender
Vilnius U	Local	Nationalism in the Central and Eastern Europe
	Local	Revolutions: From Social and Major to Colour and Electoral – Comparative Historical Analysis
	Local	Non-violent Civic Resistance
U Granada	Local	Anti-Europeanization Backlash and Rising Nationalisms
	Local	Economic and Social Transformation in Europe: Policies and Challenges

M7: Europe and Development – Developmental Policies

3rd term

10 ECTS

The module consists of one joint online colloquium to which all partner institutions and local courses at each participating university. In the colloquium lecturers and students discuss the various issues of developmental policy as established during the second half of the 20th century and its consequences for the relationship between regions (to be developed) and those understanding themselves as providing assistance. Dimensions to be taken into account comprise inter alia resource extraction, structural policies, elements of welfare state policy and good governance, global health and sustainable development.

The joint online colloquium is complemented by local seminars focusing on one of the mentioned realms following the specialization at the respective participating university.

	Joint/online	Colloquium (Organization: Vilnius U)
Leipzig U	Local	Rural Peripheries in Europe
	Local	Europe and the New Resource Conflicts
U Graz	Local	Development and Globalisation
	Local	Law and Economics of Globalization and Development
Vilnius U	Local	Security and Sustainable Development
U Granada	Local	Strategies for the Development and Revitalization of European Rural Areas
	Local	Strategies and Challenges for Environmental Sustainability

M8: Global Challenges and European Answers

3rd term

10 ECTS

The module consists of courses that treats the challenges of increasing diversity in Europe and the current global factors influencing European coexistence from an interdisciplinary perspective. The focus of this module is to work out the important actors and challenges in an increasingly multipolar world. The diversity of European action and its consequences for the climate crisis, pandemic, trade wars, and NATO reorientation are highlighted. The common focus of all the seminars offered within this module is the contribution of various actors to a rule-based conflict management and the limitations this approach is confronted with.

Leipzig U	Local	Global Crises and European Answers
	Local	Sociologies of Globalization: Power, Space, and Health
	Local	Economic Geography of Europe
U Graz	Local	EU-Russia Relations: Neighbours between Cooperation and Contestation
	Local	The EU as a Peace Actor: Between Security and Peace – The EU as an Actor in International Relations
	Local	Introduction to Migration Studies
	Local	Gender, Displacement, and Border: Intersectional Perspectives on Forced Migration
	Local	The Influence of EU Law on Nationality as a Legal Status under International Law
Vilnius U	Local	Russia, the EU, and the Change of Global Politics
	Local	Migration and Citizenship
	Local	Global Issues and the EU
U Granada	Local	EU Climate Diplomacy
	Local	Global Challenges and European Firms: Innovation, Internationalization, and Sustainability Strategies

M9: Cultural Representation in Current European Societies
3rd term

10 ECTS

The module comprises seminars that address the cultural diversity that characterizes European countries historically and looks at processes of transnationalization in the emergence of European cultures. The disciplines involved range from religious studies via sociology to cultural studies, all of them sharing an interest in the different historical layers of cultural developments in different parts of Europe and across the boundaries of the continent. With the focus on transnational cultural patterns phenomena of migration and mobility are also part of the module.

	Optional	Internship (during the 3rd or 4th term)
Leipzig U	Local	Transnational European Cultures
	Local	Religion in Contemporary European Societies
	Local	European Cultural History of the Jews
	Local	Populism in Europe
U Graz	Local	Non-discrimination Law and Politics in SEE and Beyond
	Local	Fundamental and Human Rights Protection in Austria and Europe
	Local	The Protection of Fundamental Rights in the European Multilevel Legal Framework
Vilnius U	Local	International Negotiations
	Local	Programme and Project Management in Public Sector Organizations
	Local	Inventing Eastern Europe: Explorations of the European East
	Local	Economic Transformation: From Command Economy to a New System
U Granada	Local	Political Changes, Transitions, and Civil Society in the Arab World: Maghreb and the Middle East

	Local	Conflicts, Territorial Policies, and Decolonization Processes
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M10: Europeanization and Globalization
4th term

5 ECTS

Globalization has become the dominant paradigm for the explanation of societal developments since the 1990s at the latest, but in the meantime this paradigm has seen substantial revisions and criticism. The module familiarizes students with the most recent discussions around the globalization paradigm and its relationship with what has been described from very different angles as Europeanization. This seminar allows students to locate their master's thesis topic within the wider framework of theories and approaches relevant in the field of European Studies.

	Optional	Internship (during the 3rd or 4th term)
Leipzig U	Local	Europeanization and Globalization
U Graz	Local	Minority Rights in SEE and Beyond
	Local	Race, Racialization, and Racism
Vilnius U	Local	Energy Security
	Local	Islam in Europe
	Local	State and Society in Eastern Europe and Russia
U Granada	Local	The EU in the International Migratory Flows: Historical, Geographical, and Economic Perspectives
	Local	The EU Common Migratory Policy

M11: Europe as a global actor
4th term

5 ECTS

The joint colloquium will have a particular focus in developing the students' theoretical knowledge and applied skills in conducting qualitative and participatory research in European Studies. Additionally, the colloquium offers students and lecturers of the programme an opportunity to work together and to exchange on the understanding of the changing European Studies canon and the specific profile of each participating university of the joint programme. The Master's Thesis Colloquium provides students a forum for the presentation of their research projects and for discussion with the transnational community of people involved in the study programme.

	Joint/online	Colloquium: Europe as a Global Actor
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M12: Master's Thesis
4th term

20 ECTS

A dissertation of a maximum of 28,000 words, supervised at one of the participating universities and possibly mentored by scholars from a second university.