



July 15–31 2015

Summer School European Identity

What is the European Identity?

The answer seems simple but, in reality, is not that easy to find!



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ABOUT THE SUMMER SCHOOL



Discover Europe through the Summer School "European Identity?" organized by Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)

Based on the firm tradition of collaboration with China, VUB organizes a tailor-made programme "VUB Summer School - Explore Europe in Brussels" for students from our Chinese partner universities, as a part of our grand Summer School programmes for students from all over the world.

Immerse yourself in different topics of the European Identity at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, one of the top universities in Europe from 15th of July to 30th of July 2015. Courses are taught by experts in the fields.



WHY APPLY?



By participating in this programme, students will have all necessary knowledge related to EU topics and useful information on EU matters.

Learning outcomes:

- Basic knowledge of theory and practice of Urban Studies and Urban Spaces
- General Knowledge of European governance structures
- Insight in the role of Brussels in Europe
- Insight in European culture (a helicopter view from past to contemporary times, focusing on a number of cases - art , food , politics, governance)
- Developing an entrepreneurial attitude , possible involvement in entrepreneurship and personal career management
- Creation of a sense of world citizenship , a soft skill required in many situations in study and work
- Improvement of English Language skills and presentation skills

We offer a **certificate** for students at the end of the Programme.

4 ECTS are credited.





PRACTICAL INFO

Participants

The programme focuses on bachelor-level students, but is open to all, of all nationalities.

Fee

2,680€ per person. This includes accommodation, breakfast, lunch, two group dinners, in-city transports in Brussels, courses, teaching materials, visits, and trips to Amsterdam and Paris.

This fee does not include return flight tickets, insurance, train tickets between the airport and the hostel, passport and visa costs, dinners.



HOW TO APPLY?

Selection process

1| Registration

You can register by sending an email to international.relations@vub.ac.be

This email should include:

- your motivation letter (1 page, in English)
- the application form

2| Confirmation of your application request

3| Verification of the required criteria

(good command of English and filled-in application form)

Timeline

Application forms must be sent to the VUB International Office **before the 1st of May 2015.**

The payment should be based on the invoice each student receives by email from the VUB financial department. The payment of the registration fee is required to be transferred to the VUB account, **maximum 10 days after receiving the invoice.**

Acceptance email

By mid-May, every applicant will be aware of the status of his or her application.

PROGRAMME



								
DATE	9 – 10.30 AM	10.30 AM – 12 PM	BREAK	1 – 2.30 PM	2.30 – 4 PM			
14 July	ARRIVAL IN BRUSSELS 							
15 July	Introduction by the International Relations & Mobility Office			Field visit 1: City walk in Brussels				
16 July	Lesson 1: The EU institutions	Lesson 2: The EU in the world		Field visit 2: Visit of the institutions				
17 July	Lesson 3: Intercultural workshop			Field visit 3: AUDI visit				
18 July	EXCURSION TO AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS 							
19 July								
20 July	Lesson 4: A Small World City			Field visit 4: Historical Brussels				
21 July	Field visit 5: Visit of the Atomium			Field visit 6: Visit of Chocolate Factory				
22 July	Lesson 5: European Urbanity at the core of the World System			Field visit 7: The City of Migrants and Gentrifiers: The Brussels Canal Zone				
23 July	Lesson 6: Branding Brussels as the Capital of Europe			Lesson 7: EU Justice and Home Affairs politics: Migration, asylum, and borders		Lesson 8: EU participatory governance and ICTs		
24 July	EXCURSION TO PARIS, FRANCE 							
25 July								
26 July								
27 July	Lesson 9: Introduction to modern and contemporary Art			Field visit 8: The Arts in Brussels: meeting the Art Sector. Visiting BOZAR				
28 July	Lesson 10: Food lesson & identity construction: the case of food			Field visit 9: Brewery Cantillon				
29 July	Workshop: International Career Preparation	Workshop: Start Ups: testimonials. Case Study: from idea to Start Up		Self-study: Preparation of assessment				
30 July	Assessment: presentation in small groups			Assessment: presentation in small groups		Farewell drink 		
31 July	DEPARTURE FROM BRUSSELS 							



Lessons



Field visits

Please note that this program is subject to change, check out the most recent program on <http://www.vub.ac.be/en/events/2015/european-identity/programme>





SPEAKERS



Antonios NESTORAS

Antonios Nestoras is a doctoral researcher at the Institute for European Studies-VUB. He has held positions with the ALDE and EPP Groups in the European Parliament and the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies. Antonios graduated from the International and European Studies Department of the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki (GR). After his military service in the Hellenic Armed Forces, he completed the MA in International Relations and Diplomacy in the University of Leiden (NL) where he was awarded the Huygens Scholarship for International Talent.



Christof ROOS

Before joining IES Christof Roos worked as research associate at University of Bremen (2007-2014). At Bremen International Graduate School for Social Sciences and the Collaborative Research Centre "Transformations of the State" he researched EU integration in Justice and Home Affairs. His focus is on EU immigration politics as well as single market issues such as freedom of movement, Schengen cooperation, and the common European asylum system. In 2013 he published his PhD *Cracks in the Walls of Fortress Europe? The EU and Immigration Policies* with Palgrave Macmillan.



Eric CORIJN

Eric Corijn is a cultural philosopher, holds a PhD in Social Sciences and is professor of Social and Cultural (Urban) Geography at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. He is the founder of the interdisciplinary research team COSMOPOLIS, Centre for Urban Research (VUB), vice-president of the Brussels Studies Institute and initiator of different educational programmes: the Brussels for Europe Masterclasses, the Brussels Academy, the international masters degree in European Urban Cultures POLIS and the Erasmus Mundus Master in Urban Studies 4Cities. Eric Corijn is author of more than 250 publications.



Ferran DAVESA

Ferran Davesa is a doctoral researcher at the Institute for European Studies / Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) from October 2013. His doctoral thesis analyses the impact of Internet-based participatory governance on EU's democratic deficit with a special focus on EU youth policy. Davesa is part of the joint research programme Evaluating Democratic Governance in Europe (EDGE). From 2008 to 2013, Davesa was a researcher at the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) and the Universitat de Barcelona (UB). As a member of the EUROCORES' Comparative Agendas Project (CAP) and the Spanish Policy Agendas Project (SPAP), he contributed in the development of comprehensive datasets on the Spanish political system, the media and public opinion.



Roel JACOBS

Roel Jacobs studied Law, but seemed more interested in History and Historical Geography. His interest in the past grew from a hobby into his professional activity. He created 'Het Scaarlaken' from which he organises his lectures and city visits. He has published dozens of articles and books on the history of Brussels and Bruges. Besides that he is the historical advisor of Visit Brussels, the communications agency for tourism in the Brussels Capital Region.



Gawan FAGARD

Gawan Fagard studied Art History, Archaeology and Philosophy at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and the Freie Universität Berlin. He was assistant at the Platform 'Doctorate in the arts' at the VUB. In 2011 he was a visiting scholar at the University of California, Berkeley where he initiated a PhD project on contemplative attention in post-war film and video. Today, Gawan Fagard is a doctoral fellow at the International Doctoral Program "Mimesis" at the Ludwig Maximilian Universität, München in collaboration with the VUB. He lectures and publishes widely on contemporary art and film.



Sofie VERMEULEN

Sofie Vermeulen holds a PhD in Urban Geography and Spatial Planning (VUB, Cosmopolis). Her research is interdisciplinary and focuses on urban renewal and the roles long-term visions have in driving urban projects. She studied the Brussels planning and policy context and made a detailed case study of the contemporary renewal of the Brussels Canal Zone. Besides, she has a strong interest in urban movements, social sustainability and the roles of designers in planning processes.



Anneke GEYZEN

Anneke Geyzen (1984) obtained a Master in History from Vrije Universiteit Brussel in 2007 with a thesis on social policy in relation to the pushcart trade in nineteenth-century Brussels. In 2008, she obtained an Advanced Master in European Urban Cultures (POLIS) from Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Universiteit van Tilburg, Manchester Metropolitan University and University of Arts and Design Helsinki. Her thesis developed a comparative analysis of contemporary social mix policy in Helsinki, Manchester and Brussels. In November 2013, she earned a PhD in History *summa cum laude* at Vrije Universiteit Brussel.



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