



Online Master
The European Union and Central Asia
in the International System

Class of 2012

About

The Institut für Europäische Politik e.V. (IEP)

Since its founding in 1959 the IEP has been a non-profit organisation dedicated to the study of European integration. It is one of the first foreign and European policy research centres in the Federal Republic of Germany and serves as a forum for exchange between academia, politics, administration and political education.

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The Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE)

Established in 1954, CIFE is a private, non-profit international organisation, receiving the support of the European Union for organising Master Programmes (Presence and blended learning). The programmes of CIFE encompass educational and research activities concerning European integration, federalism, regionalism and changes within the structure of contemporary society in accordance with a federalist perspective. CIFE has offices in Nice, Berlin, Brussels and Istanbul.

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Studies on the EU and Central Asia in the International System (EUCAIS)

The Online Master Programme in “Studies on the EU and Central Asia in the International System” (EUCAIS), offered by the Institut für Europäische Politik e.V. (IEP) and the Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE), receives significant funding from the Volkswagen Foundation and is financially supported by the Lifelong Learning Programme Jean Monnet of the European Commission.

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Master Programme “Studies on the EU and Central Asia in the International System” (EUCAIS)

The Institut für Europäische Politik e.V. Berlin (IEP) in cooperation with the Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE), offers the Master Programme “Studies on the EU and Central Asia in the International System” (EUCAIS) for young professionals from Central Asia, Afghanistan and the Province of Xinjiang in China. Based on the principle of blended learning, the programme combines e-learning with workshops in Berlin and Brussels. During the workshops, the students establish personal contacts among each other, with the course professors and decision-makers in Berlin and Brussels, while the e-learning phases allow in-depth studies of the course subjects. The EUCAIS Master Programme is an outstanding opportunity for young professionals to study while at the same time pursuing their careers and applying their newly gained knowledge immediately in their professional environment.



EUCAIS conveys knowledge

Within 18 months EUCAIS students gain deep insights into crucial issues of the European integration process. The students gather knowledge about European history, politics, economics, law and other specialised research fields such as EU trade policy, energy economy and climate change, the EU and Central Asia in world politics, and further aspects of EU-Central Asia relations.

A simulation game on EU-Central Asia Summits trains the students' negotiation skills. Moreover, meetings with decision-makers in Berlin and Brussels offer the opportunity to establish long-lasting contacts.



EUCAIS builds human capacity



The main aim of EUCAIS is to develop human capacity in order to support the establishment of international academic standards in research and education in Central Asia, by providing expertise in European integration, world politics and academic methodology. EUCAIS addresses young professionals in Central Asia, who can apply their newly gained knowledge

immediately to their daily work. Rethinking the region of Central Asia in context of its neighbours by including students from Afghanistan and China, EUCAIS contributes to the building of networks among academic participants across Central Asia. It fosters the intercultural competences of future leaders and raises awareness of the mutual dependence of all countries in the region. Considering the European commitment in Afghanistan, supporting the regional endeavours in civil development is a logic consequence.

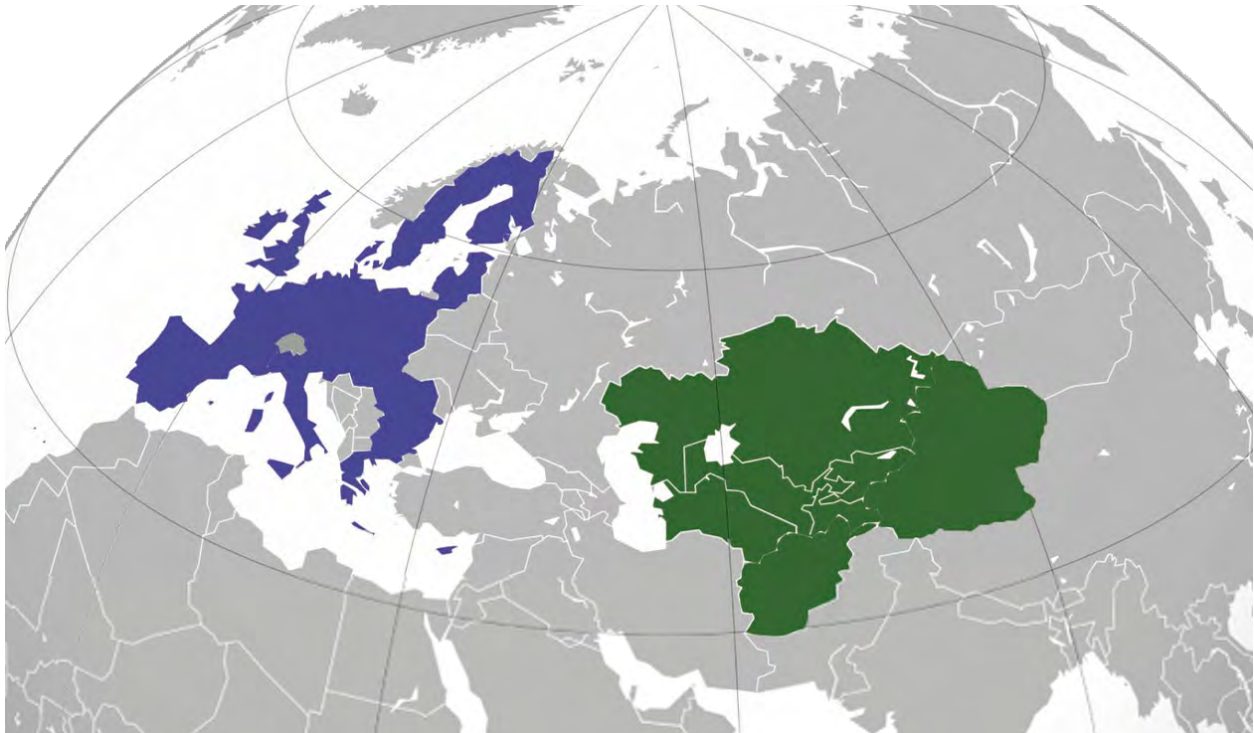
EUCAIS students

The unexpectedly high number of applicants on the Master Programme shows the demand for training young academics in Central Asia. The programme includes students from seven countries:



Most students are young professionals working part-time during their participation in the EUCAIS Master Programme. Since most of the participants are affiliated with a university or a research institute, the project fully reaches its objective of capacity building. Other students work for local administration, international organisations or non-governmental organisations. They cover a wide range of expertise including international law, political science, international relations, language and literary studies, environmental research, and agricultural sciences.

EUCAIS: Connecting academics in two regions of world politics



The EUCAIS Master Programme covers two geographic dimensions. It strengthens the academic relations between the EU and Central Asia and enables more intensive communication between future decision-makers across Central Asia.

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