

# INSTITUT D'ÉTUDES EUROPÉENNES

# RAPPORT D'ACTIVITÉS

2023-2024

ULB





INSTITUT D'ÉTUDES  
EUROPÉENNES

ULB

# RAPPORT D'ACTIVITÉS

2023-2024



**5 masters  
et masters  
de spécialisation**

*« Aujourd'hui voit se réaliser un  
de mes rêves : l'idée de l'Europe trouve  
sa réalisation la plus officielle,  
sa consécration académique. [...] On  
me dirait demain que je dois être premier  
ministre, cela ne me ferait aucun plaisir.  
Mais à l'idée d'être dorénavant considéré  
comme professeur d'université, surtout ici,  
je ne puis cacher ma joie. »*

**Paul-Henry Spaak**  
à l'inauguration de l'IEE, le 27 février 1964.



**Quatre axes  
de recherche**



**Centre  
d'excellence  
Jean Monnet**



**Lieu de débat  
public  
sur la construction  
européenne**

## CONTACTS

Institut d'études européennes  
Tel +32 (0)2 650 30 93  
Mail [iee@ulb.be](mailto:iee@ulb.be)  
Web [www.iee-ULB.eu](http://www.iee-ULB.eu)

<b>Highlights of the year 2023-2024</b> .....	2
L'IEE-ULB a fêté ses 60 ans ! .....	4
Chiffres clés .....	6
Avant – propos .....	7
Gouvernance .....	9
Le comité de la recherche .....	11
<b>Enseignement</b> .....	12
Témoignages Alumni .....	13
Advanced Master in EU Interdisciplinary Studies .....	14
Le Master en études européennes .....	16
Master de spécialisation en Droit européen .....	18
Master in Economics – Business economics .....	20
Master in Economic Governance and Public Policy in Europe .....	21
Les activités de professionnalisation .....	24
Jeux de rôle et simulations .....	25
Summer schools .....	27
Cycle de Cours-Conférence .....	29
Student life .....	30
<b>Research</b> .....	34
Research Themes .....	34
Research Community .....	42
International Research HUB .....	45
Flagship Research Efforts .....	49
Publications .....	52
<b>Contribution to public debates</b> .....	54
Podcast of the IEE: Making sense of EU .....	54
Events organised by the IEE .....	56

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2023-2024

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Opening conference of the 2023-2024 academic year.

Our guest professor Bea Cantillon (University of Antwerp) opened the academic year in EU studies on October 10th, 2023, with a lecture entitled "Poverty and social inclusion: which role for Europe?".



March 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## EU-JAPAN Forum:

The 24<sup>th</sup> edition of its' annual EU-Japan Forum brought together academics and researchers from across Europe and Japan to discuss a wide range of issues of shared interest. This year's 3 workshops focused on: "Political Narratives in Europe and Asia Compared"; "Hate Speech and Abusive Language"; "European and Japanese Approaches to International Criminal Justice".



February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## RED-SPINEL Keynote: "Will Europe Escape its Autocracy Trap".

This guest lecture by Prof R. Daniel Kelemen (Georgetown University) was part of the interdisciplinary RED-SPINEL research project.



May 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## IDEAS24 Conference.

The second edition of IDEAS, a conference in Interdisciplinary European Advanced Studies, was entitled 'Inequality and the European Union. New frontiers in European Studies'. This three-day scientific event, organised in the framework of the Jean Monet Centre of excellence EUQualis, included 16 panels as well as Keynote on European Social Citizenship in Perspective" and a Policy panel on "Affordable Housing and (In)equality in the European Union".



February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## IEE's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference "European reflections (1964-2024): between change and continuity".

Our anniversary was an opportunity to ponder the state of Europe today, and consider what it means to teach, research and debate European integration in 2024, compared with 1964, the year the IEE-ULB was founded.



June 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## NAVIGATOR's Inaugural Expert Groups Meeting.

The research project NAVIGATOR, focusing on global governance and international cooperation, gathered researchers and external experts at the IEE-ULB for its first expert groups meeting.



February - April 2024

## Narrating Europe / Raconter l'Europe:

Between February and April 2024, this seminar coordinated by François Foret explored the political, intellectual and artistic narratives of European integration. 11 guest speakers included academics, politicians, journalists, and artists. The seminar was organised in partnership with the European University Institute (EUI) and the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU.



October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Graduation ceremony of the 2023-24 class "Jacques Delors".

IEE-ULB celebrated the graduates of the Master in European Studies, the Advanced Master in European Law and the Advanced Master in EU Interdisciplinary Studies at the Grand Place of Brussels.



# L'IEE-ULB a fêté ses ans !



La conférence organisée le 27 février se voulait moins une commémoration que la célébration des idées qui animent nos travaux depuis les origines. La question au centre des débats était la suivante : que signifie penser, enseigner, rechercher et débattre l'intégration européenne en 2024 par rapport à 1964, date de création de l'IEE-ULB ?

Tout d'abord, l'évolution institutionnelle de l'IEE au sein de l'ULB fut discutée en croisant les regards de ses anciens président-e-s, des doyens des facultés partenaires (Philosophie et Sciences Sociales, Droit et Criminologie, Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management) et des autorités de l'Université en la personne de la rectrice. L'interdisciplinarité fut mise en avant comme un « miracle intellectuel » à réinventer par chaque génération. Elle constitue à la fois une nécessité impérieuse pour comprendre un objet protéiforme comme l'Europe et une fragilité face à l'hyperspécialisation de la recherche et aux logiques utilitaristes et concurrentielles de court terme.

Ensuite, l'attention se porta sur des questions fondatrices présentes depuis les débuts de l'intégration européenne et toujours à l'agenda aujourd'hui, à l'identique ou sous des formes renouvelées. Trois cas d'étude parmi les nombreux thèmes de recherche de l'Institut furent développés : l'Europe sociale, le rapport entre institutions européennes et États membres, et les perceptions citoyennes de l'Europe.

Enfin, la discussion s'élargit à l'expérience d'autres acteurs de l'enseignement, de la recherche et du débat sur l'Europe : universités (Institut Universitaire Européen de Florence), think tanks (CEPS), média (Europe MédiaLab), institutions de financement scientifique (Conseil européen de la recherche). Le débat a permis d'esquisser des pistes pour de futurs chantiers à l'échelle tant de l'UE que de l'IEE.

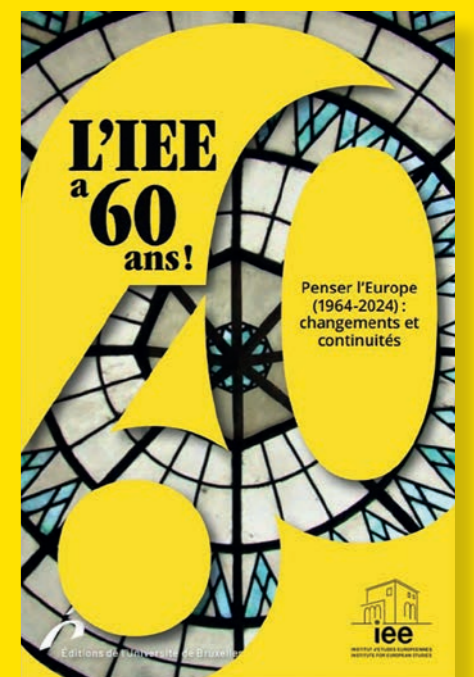
La mise en perspective de soixante années d'activités souligne le rôle pionnier et plus que jamais actuel de l'IEE, vitrine de l'ULB dans la capitale européenne qu'est Bruxelles. Entre tradition académique et innovation pédagogique, le libre-examen inspirant notre université invite au dépassement de tout nationalisme méthodologique, de même qu'à un rapport constructif et critique à l'objet européen et aux intérêts et valeurs qui le sous-tendent. Fort de la diversité sans cesse croissante de ses membres (professeurs, chercheurs, administratifs et étudiants), l'IEE est bien outillé pour comprendre les complexités de la gouvernance européenne en les replaçant dans le temps long. En bref, il est prêt pour continuer à remplir ses missions dans les soixante prochaines années. Rendez-vous en 2084 !

## 60 ans en 6000 caractères

Pour scander cette année anniversaire et très « européenne », l'IEE-ULB a convié ses membres à réfléchir à des questions fondatrices de l'intégration européenne en 1964 et toujours d'actualité en 2024. Une publication hebdomadaire de cartes blanches entre janvier et juillet 2024 a contribué au débat public sur le passé, le présent et l'avenir de l'Europe autour de six thèmes :

- Les récits de l'Europe
- L'Europe et la protection de ses valeurs
- L'Europe et l'économie
- L'Europe sociale
- L'Europe du futur
- L'Europe dans le monde

Les contributions de la conférence anniversaire du 27 février ainsi que l'ensemble des cartes blanches de la série '60 ans en 6000 signes' sont disponibles sous forme d'ebook.



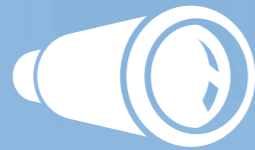
## 493



étudiant·e·s de **42** nationalités différentes se sont inscrit·e·s aux programmes avec le label de l'IEE pendant l'année académique 2023-2024.



## 111



ULB Academics and Researchers are affiliated with the IEE-ULB



An online community

of **27,300** followers

## 41 événements



ont été organisés ou ont reçu le label de l'Institut d'études européennes

## L'EUROPE À L'ÉPREUVE



2024 a été une année politique extrêmement riche qui a mis l'Union européenne à l'épreuve de la guerre, des risques économiques, géopolitiques et climatiques, et de la montée dans ses sociétés et ses institutions de forces la contestant dans ses principes et son existence même. Fidèle à ses missions de recherche, d'enseignement et de débat public et au principe de la liberté académique, l'Institut d'études européennes de l'ULB s'est attaché à faire sens et connaissance de ces épreuves.

Pour bien travailler, il faut d'abord prendre soin de ses outils. Le premier souci a été de poursuivre la rénovation de notre structure institutionnelle, logistique et humaine.

Sur le plan institutionnel, une étape importante a été la renégociation des plans quinquennaux de développement de nos facultés sœurs (Philosophie et Sciences Sociales, Droit et Criminologie, Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management) et de la gestion des « ressources immunisées » attribuées à l'IEE. Ce processus a notamment abouti au recrutement dans les prochaines années de nouveaux académiques venant combler des manques dans nos enseignements et nos recherches, notamment en régulation de l'intelligence artificielle ou en politiques publiques sur les enjeux de 'transition' environnementaux, digitaux, démographiques ou éthiques. Le chantier institutionnel se poursuivra en 2024-2025 par la remise en chantier de la convention décennale qui nous lie aux facultés. C'est l'opportunité d'améliorer nos statuts et nos pratiques informelles de collaboration pour maximiser les synergies et gagner en efficacité.

Sur le plan logistique, l'objectif a été de mettre en pratique le concept d'« IEE soutenable » dont nous avons fait notre mot d'ordre dès notre prise de fonction. Cela passe par l'adaptation de nos infrastructures à des pratiques respectueuses de la planète : une mobilité douce de proximité, en favorisant l'utilisation du vélo ; des outils technologiques performants permettant de limiter les déplacements longue distance non nécessaires ; ou encore un cadre de travail accueillant et ouvert sur l'extérieur.

La soutenabilité se traduit aussi et surtout dans la gestion des ressources humaines. Cela implique de veiller au renforcement, à la continuité et au bien-être de nos équipes administratives, scientifiques et académiques, à concordance des charges de travail qui nous échoient et en trouvant la juste mesure entre intérêts individuels et collectifs. Cela invite aussi à approfondir toujours plus le dialogue avec nos étudiant-e-s pour enrichir nos pratiques pédagogiques et les soutenir dans leurs initiatives. L'année passée a donc été en partie consacrée à écouter, mais aussi à encourager, stimuler ou imaginer des défis à relever ensemble... Le libre examen qui est la devise de notre université est une invitation à partir constamment à la découverte de nouveaux débouchés pour nos diplômés, de partenaires dans des pays ou secteurs d'activités inédits, ou de manières d'explorer le monde. A cet égard, le renouvellement de notre Conseil stratégique est un moyen de renforcer nos capacités d'anticipation en démultipliant les regards disciplinaires, professionnels et géographiques.

Ces efforts de soutenabilité n'ont pas été un frein à nos recherches et à notre engagement public. Bien au contraire, l'Institut a été sur tous les fronts de cette année 2024 si européenne. Nos chercheurs ont multiplié les travaux sur les évolutions structurelles de l'intégration européenne et les événements marquants la vie politique de l'UE. La présidence belge du Conseil de l'Union européenne de premier semestre et les élections européennes de juin 2024 ont été propices à des réflexions et des débats très riches. L'excellence des recherches menées à l'ULB a informé les discussions dans l'espace public et médiatique. La célébration des 60 ans de notre Institut a quant à elle permis d'ancrer dans la longue durée l'analyse des enjeux contemporains et de réaffirmer notre triple enracinement bruxellois, belge et européen qui nous équipe d'autant mieux pour nous ouvrir au monde.

Terminons – nous y revenons toujours, comme le veut notre vocation – par le choix de la jeunesse. Nos diplômés 2024 ont judicieusement décidé de s'intituler « Promotion Jacques Delors », en hommage à sa disparition en 2023. Jacques Delors a, à sa manière, incarné un moment de l'histoire européenne. Il fut l'homme de la rigueur en France, du Marché unique et de la monnaie unique, mais aussi celui de l'Europe sociale, de Schengen et d'Erasmus. Ce catholique de gauche œuvra à « donner une âme à l'Europe » en développant le dialogue avec les religions mais défendait la laïcité. Autodidacte, enfant des milieux populaires, il parvint aux plus hautes fonctions européennes, mais renonça en 1994 à se présenter à une élection présidentielle française dont il était donné favori. Delors incarna à la fois des convictions fortes et la conciliation d'idéaux et d'intérêts divergents mais pas antagonistes. A bien des égards, il propose un chemin escarpé mais salubre en des temps de polarisation, et de refus de la nuance. Nous sommes confiants que nos diplômés, désormais jeunes alumni, sauront à leur tour suivre ce chemin, sur lequel l'IEE continuera à les accompagner.

**François Foret**  
Président de l'IEE-ULB

**Chloé Brière**  
Directrice de l'IEE-ULB

## GOUVERNANCE

### L'ÉQUIPE DE L'IEE

L'équipe administrative de l'IEE-ULB soutient les activités d'enseignement, de recherche et de débat public organisées à l'Institut. Le président et la directrice de l'IEE-ULB sont accompagnés dans leur responsabilités administratives par une responsable administrative et de la communication, ainsi que par une logisticienne de la recherche. Une équipe dynamique s'occupe du secrétariat étudiant et de la logistique à l'Institut ainsi que des projets de recherche.



**François Foret**  
Président



**Chloé Brière**  
Directrice



**Marta Matrakova**  
Logicienne de la Recherche



**Emmi Kallio**  
Responsable administrative  
et de la Communication



**Guylène ChatchaTalla**  
Gestion administrative  
et comptable des projets  
européens, secrétariat



**Dominique Dembour**  
Secrétariat de la Présidence



**Olga Minampala**  
Préparation et coordination  
des événements, secrétariat



**Françoise Vanden Broeck**  
Affaires étudiantes pour  
les Masters de spécialisation,  
secrétariat

En 2023-2024, la gestion des projets de recherche a été assurée par



**Andrew Bradley**  
(RED-SPINEL)



**Alix Bullman**  
(Navigator)



**Frederik Ponjaert**  
(GEM-Diamond)

## LES ORGANES DE DECISION DE L'IEE-ULB

La gouvernance s'articule autour de trois instances. Le *Conseil de l'IEE* gère le fonctionnement général de l'institution. Le *Comité de la recherche* est en charge des questions scientifiques. Le Conseil stratégique, qui se réunit au moins une fois par an, discute de la stratégie générale de l'IEE avec l'apport de personnalités extérieures.

### LE CONSEIL DE L'IEE



Le Conseil de l'IEE est composé du/ de la personne en charge de la Présidence, de la Vice-présidence (si le poste est occupé), et de la Direction de l'Institut, ainsi que des doyen·nes des trois facultés partenaires (Faculté de Philosophie et Science sociales, Faculté de Droit et de Criminologie et la Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management), des membres du corps académique donnant cours dans les programmes en études européennes, de représentant·es du corps scientifique, d'un·e représentant·e du personnel directement rattaché·e à l'IEE, des représentants des étudiant·es des programmes en études européennes; et de la personne responsable de l'administration et de la communication.

Le Conseil de l'IEE a pour mission de suivre les affaires générales (relations externes, coopération inter-facultaire, coordination des activités...), l'enseignement (coordination pédagogique, avis sur les promotions...), de définir le règlement d'ordre intérieur, ou encore de constituer des commissions permanentes (évaluation pédagogique) ou temporaires. Il s'est réuni les 16/10/2023, 18/12/2023, 11/03/2024, 13/05/2024 et 20/08/2024.

Le Conseil de l'IEE se réunit au moins une fois par an en composition élargie (avec des invités extérieurs) sous la forme d'un Conseil stratégique avec des personnalités ayant travaillé dans le milieu des affaires européennes et qui assistent l'IEE dans la détermination de sa stratégie concernant l'enseignement, la recherche et le service à la société. La dernière réunion du Conseil stratégique de l'IEE a eu lieu le 18 décembre 2023.

### LES MEMBRES DU CONSEIL STRATÉGIQUE PENDANT L'ANNÉE 2023-2024

- Julio Baquero Cruz, fonctionnaire à la Commission européenne, professeur à l'ULB (membre depuis 2019)
- Andrew Bradley, collaborateur scientifique de l'IEE, ancien chef de cabinet du Président de l'Organisation des États d'Afrique, des Caraïbes et du Pacifique (OEACP) (membre depuis 2019)
- Eddy Caekelberghs, Animateur et présentateur des émissions radiophoniques « Au bout du jour » et « Majuscules » sur la Radio-télévision belge de la Communauté française (RTBF) et alumnus IEE-ULB (membre depuis 2015)
- Diego Canga Fano, fonctionnaire à la Commission européenne, Alumnus de l'IEE, ancien chef de cabinet du Président du Parlement européen (membre depuis 2019)
- Monique Chalude, Partner chez Chalude & Associates, Présidente honoraire du C.A. d'Amazone, ancienne Cheffe d'Unité de la Politique d'égalité hommes- femmes au Conseil de l'Europe (membre depuis 2015)
- Olivier Costa, Directeur de recherche CNRS au sein du Centre Émile Durkheim à l'Institut d'études politiques de Bordeaux, Directeur du Département d'études politiques et administratives au Collège d'Europe (Bruges), (membre depuis 2015)
- Isabelle Durant, Cofondatrice du Groupe Spinelli au Parlement Européen, députée de la Région de Bruxelles-Capitale, (membre depuis 2015)
- Janine Goetschy, Politologue ; chercheuse CNRS IDHEE, (membre depuis 2015)
- Christophe Leclercq, Fondateur du média européen EurActiv et de la Fondation EurActiv (innovations média), ainsi que commentateur #LeclercqEU, (membre depuis 2015)
- Paul Magnette, Professeur à l'ULB, Président du Parti socialiste, Bourgmestre de Charleroi depuis 2012, Ministre-Président de la Région Wallonne de 2014 à 2017, (membre depuis 2015)
- Maria Joao Rodriguez, Présidente de la FEPS, membre du Parlement européen de 2014 à 2019, Vice-présidente du groupe S&D, (membre depuis 2015)
- André Sapir, Président émérite de l'IEE, Senior Fellow à Bruegel, professeur invité à Solvay et à l'IEE et membre de l'Académie royale de Belgique depuis 2012, (membre depuis 2019)
- Vivien A. Schmidt, Professeure Jean Monnet, Directrice et fondatrice du Center for the Study of Europe à l'Université de Boston, (membre depuis 2015)
- Julie Elisabeth Smith (Baroness of Newnham), professeure à l'Université de Cambridge, Membre de la House of Lords, (membre depuis 2015)
- Françoise Thys Clément, Membre de l'Académie royale de Belgique, professeure émérite et rectrice honoraire de l'Université libre de Bruxelles, Présidente émérite de l'IEE-ULB, (membre depuis 2015)
- Françoise Tulkens, Juge à la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme de 1998 à 2012, professeure émérite de l'UCL, Docteur honoris causa des universités d'Ottawa, de Genève, de Limoges et de Gand, (membre depuis 2015)
- Michel Wajs, CEO Plastoria, (membre depuis 2015)
- Olivier Willocx, CEO Chambre de Commerce et Union des Entreprises de Bruxelles, (membre depuis 2015)

## LE COMITÉ DE LA RECHERCHE

Le Comité de la recherche est composé du/ de la représentant·e de la Présidence, de la Vice-présidence (si le poste est occupé), et de la Direction de l'Institut, des membres du corps académique et scientifique de l'IEE-ULB investi·es dans les projets de recherches gérés par l'IEE, des chercheur·es (appartenant tant au corps académique que scientifique de l'ULB) affilié·es à l'IEE conformément à une procédure spécifique, et de la logicienne de la recherche de l'IEE. Les collaborateurs scientifiques et les chercheur·es visiteurs de l'IEE sont les bienvenu·es à participer aux réunions du Comité de la recherche.

Il a pour mission de présenter au Conseil de l'IEE des orientations générales de politique scientifique afin d'établir l'agenda de recherche interdisciplinaire, d'encourager l'émergence de nouveaux projets interdisciplinaires et de coordonner la gestion de la recherche en études européennes à l'ULB.

Le Comité de la recherche est convoqué au minimum deux fois par an et fait rapport de ses activités au Conseil de l'IEE lors de sa dernière séance pour l'année académique en cours.

Durant l'année académique 2023-2024, le Comité de la recherche s'est réuni le 15 septembre 2023 et le 15 mars 2024.



## INTERDISCIPLINARITÉ, ENSEIGNEMENT À LA RECHERCHE ET ANCRAGE DANS LE MILIEU PROFESSIONNEL EUROPÉEN

Ces programmes visent à offrir aux étudiant·es une expertise de haut niveau et des compétences transversales telles que la capacité d'une lecture plurielle d'un phénomène lié à l'intégration européenne et/ou ses effets dans les États membres. L'offre d'enseignement est régulièrement renouvelée de manière structurelle ou ponctuelle pour tenir compte, d'une part, des évolutions en matière d'enseignement et, d'autre part, des recherches menées à l'IEE par les membres des corps académique et scientifique.

### TÉMOIGNAGE SUR MON EXPÉRIENCE EN TANT QU'ENSEIGNANT À L'INSTITUT D'ÉTUDES EUROPÉENNES DE L'ULB



*Fonctionnaire européen et enseignant dans différentes universités depuis presque 20 ans, arriver à l'Institut d'études européennes de l'ULB a été pour moi une expérience aussi enrichissante qu'enthousiasmante. Dès mon arrivée, j'ai été frappé par l'atmosphère dynamique et intellectuellement stimulante qui règne au sein de l'institut. J'ai aussi apprécié l'ouverture d'esprit et la bienveillance des collègues, que je remercie pour leur écoute et leur aide dans les premiers mois qui ont suivis mon arrivée. Se familiariser avec un nouvel univers n'est pas toujours facile et prend du temps.*

*L'une des forces de l'Institut d'études européennes réside dans sa diversité et dans la richesse des parcours de ses étudiants. Venant de nombreux pays et de tous horizons, les étudiants de l'IEE apportent des perspectives variées qui rendent chaque cours et chaque échange particulièrement stimulants. Concernant la professionnalisation des étudiants, j'essaie ainsi de proposer une approche ouverte où chacun peut trouver sa place. J'alterne les sessions de cours et celles de discussion. Pour ce faire, j'invite différents témoins qui partagent avec les étudiants leur expérience de la « bulle européenne » de Bruxelles et répondent à leurs questions. À l'écoute, j'adapte ma pédagogie et fait évoluer le cours pour répondre aux besoins et aux attentes des étudiants. J'aime que les étudiants soient exigeants et j'essaie de faire le maximum pour que mon enseignement leur serve pour leur intégration professionnelle.*

*L'Institut d'études européennes offre également un cadre agréable et bien équipé pour l'enseignement. C'est toujours un plaisir de se retrouver avenue Franklin Roosevelt 39. J'aime ce bâtiment et son architecture. Surtout, il y règne une atmosphère qui mêle tradition et modernité, que j'apprécie particulièrement. On voit parfois passer des renards à l'arrière du bâtiment et quand les beaux jours arrivent, il est possible de profiter du jardin.*

*Ainsi rejoindre l'IEE comme enseignant a été un véritable privilège, à la fois en raison de l'excellence académique de l'institution et de l'engagement des étudiants et des collègues. Pour reprendre les derniers mots d'Humphrey Bogart dans Casablanca : "Je crois que ceci est le début d'une merveilleuse amitié."*

**Nicolas Dross**



493

étudiant·e·s de 42 nationalités différentes



se sont inscrit·e·s aux programmes avec le label de l'IEE pendant l'année académique en 2023-2024

### TÉMOIGNAGES DE NOS ALUMNI



*« J'ai traversé, pour la première fois, les portes du bâtiment blanc de l'Avenue Franklin Roosevelt de l'Institut d'Études Européennes de l'ULB, lors de la désormais lointaine année académique 1989-1990. À ce moment-là, je n'étais qu'un jeune Maître des Requêtes du Conseil d'État hellénique, presque ignorant du droit de la Communauté Économique Européenne de l'époque, et, en général, du Droit Européen car mon pays n'est que récemment devenu membre de la CEE.*

*Les connaissances, de haut niveau et très bien structurées, acquises, à travers les excellents enseignements de professeurs, grands spécialistes dans leurs domaines respectifs et éminents, par cet étudiant, l'ont par la suite, sans doute, amenées aux postes ultérieurement occupés. Éternellement reconnaissant. »*

**Athanasios Rantos**

Avocat Général à la Cour de justice de l'Union européenne  
Ancien Président du Conseil d'État hellénique



*« D'abord étudiant à Solvay (diplôme obtenu en 2012) puis doctorant au Cevipol et à l'Institut d'études européennes (diplôme obtenu en 2019), auxquels je suis toujours rattaché comme collaborateur scientifique, mon parcours à l'ULB m'a doté d'une solide expertise en économie, sciences politiques et études européennes. Mon doctorat interdisciplinaire sur les politiques de lutte contre la pauvreté et le revenu de base en Europe, encadré notamment par l'IEE, m'a très bien préparé à la suite de ma carrière professionnelle.*

*J'ai ainsi travaillé comme conseiller politique auprès du Co-Président du Groupe des Verts au Parlement européen et j'occupe actuellement un poste auprès du Rapporteur Spécial des Nations Unies sur l'extrême pauvreté et les droits humains. Merci aux équipes de l'IEE d'œuvrer avec autant de succès à la qualité de notre enseignement. »*

**François Denuit**

Senior advisor to the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights / Scientific collaborator at ULB



# ADVANCED MASTER IN EU INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

ORGANISED BY THE IEE-ULB

ACADEMIC COORDINATION:  
Prof. Chloé Brière

The Advanced Master in EU Interdisciplinary studies is a one-year programme organised by the Institut d'études européennes. This 60 ECTS Master, organised in English, offers students relevant academic knowledge in the field of EU studies that considers the recent evolutions in EU and global governance.

The uniqueness of this Advanced Master lies in its interdisciplinarity. The classes proposed are taught by renowned experts, reputed scholars and/or practitioners, who rely on their expertise and experience to tackle key issues comprehensively and reflect upon recent developments.

## INTEGRATED INTERDISCIPLINARITY

Its interdisciplinarity goes beyond a juxtaposition of disciplinary approaches and views on the EU: in each of the three specialisation modules - **Economic Governance and Policies in the EU; Migrations, Rights and Policies and EU integration; and Regionalism and Global Governance** - law, sociology, political science, history and economics are interwoven in a coherent way thanks to the intervention of professors from different disciplines within the same programme.

## TEACHING BY GUEST PROFESSORS FROM OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE

The Ganshof van der Meersch Chair was established in 1995 in memory of **Walter Jean Ganshof van der Meersch**, founder and president of the Institute for European Studies at the ULB, holder of the chair of Public Law at the ULB, attorney general at the Belgian Court of Cassation and vice-president of the European Court of Human Rights. Walter Ganshof, who understood from the very beginning the potential of the Foundation, became its president after the death of Mrs Beddington. The chair, held at the ULB by a visiting professor from Oxford or Cambridge, focuses on the economic, historical, political and legal aspects of European integration or on public law.

During the academic year 2023-2024, the holder of the Chair Ganshof van der Meersch was Catherine Barnard, Professor of European and Employment Law, University of Cambridge, on the recommendation of Ramona Coman and Nicolas Verschuere (President and Director of the Institute for European Studies at the time of her invitation).

The general theme of the chair was "Old Europe, New Europe and Social Europe." In respect of 'Old Europe', seminars returned to the seminal cases on free movement of goods, and the vexed issue of free movement of persons. In respect of 'New Europe', seminars addressed the digital single market and specifically the question of what the Digital Services Act might deliver. Finally, in respect of Social Europe, the course addressed the tensions between a pure social Europe and the internal market. Professor Barnard also gave a public lecture entitled "What happens when enforcement doesn't happen: EU law, free movement and... Great Yarmouth ». More information about her visit can be found on the website of the Wiener Anspach Foundation.

During the academic year 2023-2024, the Law and Criminology proposed to the Wiener Anspach Foundation to attribute the Ganshof van der Meersch Chair to Professor Liz Fischer, Professor of Environmental Law at the University of Oxford, for the academic year 2025-2026.

## PROFESSIONALISATION ACTIVITIES

To fit the needs of students who already have a high level of disciplinary training, courses of this advanced master's programme are based on new pedagogical approaches, bringing together professors and experts from different professional backgrounds. In its curricula, the Institute places particular emphasis on professionalisation. In addition to the professionalisation seminar and the internship, the IEE organises recurrent activities, including mentoring sessions with IEE alumni, that allow students to create and expand their professional network.

## INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

The Advanced Master in EU Interdisciplinary Studies has a mobility agreement with Waseda University (Japan) and selected students can benefit from this internationalisation opportunity. The students following the module "EU Integration and Regionalism and Global Governance" can also attend a course taught by a scholar from Waseda University (Tokyo, Japan). In 2023-2024, The invited professor was Professor Paul Bacon, from the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies.



50

students from 14 different nationalities  
registered in 2023-2024



"The program has been comprehensive, up-to-date, with a very competent faculty and, thanks to the tuition fees, affordable for people from working-class families like mine. In short, studying at the IEE has been a true gift. Thanks to this experience, I also have been able to start a career in the European institutions as a Schuman trainee at the European Parliament".

**Francisco Núñez Tamarit**

Advanced Master in EU Interdisciplinary Studies  
Class of 2023-2024



"The Advanced Master in European Interdisciplinary Studies at the IEE-ULB has been a pivotal experience for me. The program's focus on critical thinking and engaging with professors who challenged my views pushed me to rethink my approach and embrace new ideas.

The mandatory internship played a crucial role in my professional growth, allowing me to refocus my career in the realm of policy as I continued working with the organisation where I did my internship. And my involvement in SAIES provided lasting friendships and valuable teamwork skills.

I'm proud to be an IEE-ULB alumnus, and the knowledge and connections I've gained will continue to shape my professional journey for which I would like to extend my gratitude to the Institute and the Professors."

**Iranda Chaki**

Advanced Master in EU Interdisciplinary Studies - Class of 2023-2024

# LE MASTER EN ÉTUDES EUROPÉENNES

ORGANISÉ PAR LA FACULTÉ DE PHILOSOPHIE ET SCIENCES SOCIALES AVEC LE LABEL IEE

RESPONSABLES ACADÉMIQUES :

Prof. Amandine Crespy (Finalité Politique Européenne),

Prof. Julien Jeandesboz (Finalité EU-Asia)



93

étudiant-e-s de 15 nationalités différentes  
inscrits en 2023-2024



Le Master en études européennes est une formation de 120 crédits, organisée par la Faculté de Philosophie et Sciences sociales avec le label de l'IEE-ULB. Ce Master vise à l'acquisition de connaissances solides sur l'intégration européenne ainsi que le développement d'une réflexion critique sur les enjeux européens. Il permet également aux étudiant-es d'interagir avec les praticien-ne-s des affaires européennes ainsi que de commencer leur insertion dans le monde professionnel.

Le Master en études européennes est un cursus bilingue, **dispensé en anglais et en français** qui offre un socle solide de connaissances permettant la réflexion critique sur les questions européennes.

Le Master offre le choix entre deux finalités.

• La finalité **Politique européenne** est centrée sur le fonctionnement des institutions et des politiques de l'Union européenne. Cette finalité laisse le choix entre le module « The multiple boundaries of Europe » et le module « Politics and regulation in the EU ».

• Finalité « **EU-Asia** », qui offre la possibilité d'un double diplôme avec l'Université de Waseda au Japon.

Le Master comprend un module commun d'enseignements dans les **disciplines fondamentales des études européennes**, à savoir : le droit de l'UE, l'histoire de l'intégration européenne, le processus décisionnel européen, la gouvernance économique et monétaire, et l'action extérieure de l'UE.

Un **séminaire de méthodologie** de la recherche permet notamment de préparer la réalisation du mémoire, travail substantiel qui met un point d'orgue au parcours académique des étudiant-e-s.

Le Master offre aussi un **module de professionnalisation** qui vise à accompagner les étudiants dans leur transition entre le monde académique et le marché de l'emploi. Il est enseigné par des praticien-ne-s spécialistes de la formation dans le domaine des affaires européennes qui aident les étudiant-es à construire leur propre projet professionnel. Cette démarche débouche sur la réalisation d'un stage qui permet d'acquérir une expérience professionnelle non négligeable pendant le Master.

Le Master en études européennes propose une partie importante d'**enseignements en anglais** afin de former les étudiant-es à la réalité multilingue du monde professionnel européen.

La structure du Master permet ensuite une **spécialisation disciplinaire**.

Le Master constitue ainsi un espace intellectuel qui vise à former, par la réflexion critique et appliquée, le citoyen, l'acteur politique et le professionnel de l'Europe de demain.



"Studying at the IEE gives you a first real sense of what the Brussels 'EU bubble' feels like. A broad variety of exciting courses during my studies helped me deep dive into all different aspects of European Union politics. On top of that: The institute offers a great community life outside of the courses in an international environment. Being a member of both SAIES and Eyes on Europe allowed me to identify the topics I really care about and engage with the IEE student community. The institute also supported us with new ideas, such as the first student-run podcast we were able to start from scratch. Overall it was a great experience at the IEE and it definitely helped me figure out what career I want to pursue!"

**Felix Fend**

Master in European Studies  
Class 2023-2024



# MASTER DE SPÉCIALISATION EN DROIT EUROPÉEN

ORGANISÉ PAR LA FACULTÉ DE DROIT ET DE CRIMINOLOGIE, AVEC LE LABEL DE L'IEE

RESPONSABLE ACADÉMIQUE :  
Chloé Brière

Le Master de spécialisation en droit européen s'adresse aux étudiant·es qui souhaitent développer une expertise reconnue en droit de l'Union européenne, et profiter de la localisation exceptionnelle qu'offre l'ULB à cet égard.

Le corps académique est composé de chercheur·se·s de haut niveau, rattaché·es à l'ULB mais aussi à d'autres universités internationales (Institut universitaire européen de Florence, HEC Paris, etc.), ainsi que d'avocat·es réputé·es ou de membres des institutions européennes (Cour de Justice de l'Union européenne, Commission européenne, etc.).

Il s'appuie en outre sur l'Institut d'études européennes qui, parallèlement à ses recherches interdisciplinaires sur l'intégration européenne, dispose d'équipes de recherches spécialisées en droit pénal européen, en droits fondamentaux, en droit européen de l'asile et de l'immigration ainsi qu'en droit économique, qui viennent alimenter le contenu des cours et nourrir le débat autour du processus d'intégration européenne.

Le Master de spécialisation en droit européen est bilingue. Les cours sont dispensés en français ou en anglais.

Le cursus du Master comprend un tronc commun, abordant le droit européen économique (droit de la concurrence et du marché intérieur), l'UE comme un système de normes et de valeurs (droit constitutionnel européen, UE et droits fondamentaux, et protection juridictionnelle), et les relations extérieures de l'UE. Si ils/elles le souhaitent, les étudiant·es ont, en outre, la possibilité d'axer leur cursus sur un domaine de pointe du droit européen, en choisissant des cours à option, leur permettant d'approfondir le droit économique européen » ou des sujets plus variés (droit pénal européen, droit de la migration, droit de l'environnement, etc.).

Enfin, les étudiant·es doivent rédiger un travail de fin d'études sous l'une des trois formes suivantes : TFE recherche, correspondant à la rédaction d'un mémoire; TFE professionnalisant combinant stage et rédaction d'un travail écrit traitant d'une question de droit abordée en stage ; TFE sous forme de participation au concours de plaidoirie European Law Moot Court Competition .



49

étudiant·e·s de 10 nationalités différentes  
inscrits en 2023-2024



« Cette année à l'IEE a été une expérience à la fois enrichissante et transformatrice, tant sur le plan académique que personnel. Le Master en droit européen propose un programme exigeant qui m'a poussée à dépasser mes limites. Chaque cours est un défi intellectuel stimulant, avec une participation active des étudiants qui favorise un véritable échange d'idées et de perspectives. Cette dynamique a non seulement approfondi mes connaissances en droit européen, mais m'a également permis de développer une réflexion critique et nuancée sur les enjeux actuels de l'Union.

Ce qui rend ce programme unique, ce sont les différentes opportunités qu'il propose, comme la participation au European Law Moot Court ou les stages, qui apportent une expérience concrète en plus de l'apprentissage théorique. La diversité des enseignants, issus à la fois du monde académique et professionnel, offre une vision complète et m'a donné les outils nécessaires pour envisager une carrière internationale en droit européen. »

**Inès Draoui**

Master de spécialisation en Droit européen  
Class 2023-2024



# MASTER IN ECONOMICS – BUSINESS ECONOMICS

ORGANISED BY SOLVAY BRUSSELS SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT WITH IEE LABEL

ACADEMIC COORDINATION:  
Thomas Demuyck and Mattia Nardotto

The master's in economics trains students to become applied economists, policymakers, consultants and business professionals in sectors and jobs requiring technical and analytical skills. It provides them with up-to-date quantitative and conceptual tools for economic, statistical, and financial analysis, and prepares them for policy and business practice. It has a strong European flavour which manifests itself in specialised courses (such as European competition policy) or in the careful consideration, in other courses, of the specifics of the European dimension.

It develops the students' grasp of business, economics and policy issues, and highlights their interactions (e.g. finance and financial regulation, strategy and competition policy, regulation and lobbying, etc.).

Our graduates typically find work as applied economists, policymakers, consultants and business professionals in sectors and jobs requiring advanced knowledge of how the economy works and strong technical and analytical skills, including:

Executive, analyst or project manager in national and international public or private organisations, including NGOs

- ▶ Strategy or economic consultant
- ▶ Auditor and management controller
- ▶ Business analyst and IT consultant
- ▶ Regulator or analyst in policy think tanks
- ▶ Executive in the financial, industrial and services sectors

 **253** 253 students of  **26** different nationalities registered for this programme in 2023-2024

# MASTER IN ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC POLICY IN EUROPE

ORGANISED BY SOLVAY BRUSSELS SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT WITH IEE LABEL

ACADEMIC COORDINATION:  
Gani Aldashev and Vincent Mabillard

This Master programme trains business economists, policy makers, consultants and, more generally, professionals for sectors and functions that require technical and analytical skills.

The programme covers quantitative and conceptual tools for financial, economic and statistical analyses and exposes students to their practical applications in the economic and financial world. The European dimension of economic and financial issues is strongly developed, either transversally or via specialised courses (such as European competition policy).

It addresses all the major economic issues (employment, competition, growth, development, redistribution, etc.) and all aspects of economic policy issues (industrial, sectoral, national and global).

Our graduates typically find job opportunities as business economists, policy makers, consultants and professionals in sectors and functions that require technical and analytical skills. Among these are:

- ▶ Political advisor, analyst in economic policy think tanks
- ▶ Assessment of public policies
- ▶ Consultant in economics or strategy
- ▶ Analyst in national, international, public or non-governmental organisations.
- ▶ Economist in the financial, industrial and service sectors
- ▶ Auditor and management controller
- ▶ Business analyst and IT consultant

 **48** 253 students of  **13** different nationalities registered for this programme in 2023-2024



## LES ACTIVITÉS DE PROFESSIONNALISATION

L'institut d'études européennes a toujours eu pour préoccupation de favoriser l'insertion professionnelle de ses étudiants et étudiantes dans le marché de travail, aujourd'hui particulièrement compétitif, des affaires européennes. Pour réaliser cette ambition, plusieurs activités, intégrées dans nos programmes ou en dehors de ces derniers, sont proposées.

### LES COURS DE PROFESSIONNALISATION

Initiative pionnière à l'ULB, les cours de professionnalisation sont obligatoires dans le Master en études européennes et dans le master de spécialisation interdisciplinaire en études européennes. Il compte selon les programmes pour 15 à 30 % de la formation.

Enseignés par deux praticiens, Mr Nicolas Dross et Mr Emmanuel Sigalas, travaillant tous deux à la Commission européenne, les cours visent à permettre aux étudiants et aux étudiantes de mieux connaître la réalité du marché de l'emploi et à construire un projet professionnel en adéquation avec leurs envies et aspirations. Des cours théoriques sur les voies d'accès aux institutions européennes, la manière de construire un CV convaincant et rédiger une lettre de motivation percutante sont complétés par des présentations et échanges entre participants. La dimension professionnalisante de ces cours est renforcée par la participation régulière d'intervenants extérieurs travaillant dans une variété de milieux professionnels (secteur privé, consultance, ONG, etc.), visant à faire découvrir aux étudiants et étudiantes la diversité des métiers et fonctions auxquelles des études européennes peuvent conduire. Les cours sont complétés par des stages obligatoires d'une durée de 5 semaines, que les étudiants et étudiantes peuvent réaliser en Belgique ou à l'étranger dans le lieu de leur choix, et qui sont suivis de la rédaction d'un rapport de stage visant à tirer les enseignements de cette expérience. La recherche d'un stage est accompagnée en partie par les équipes de l'IEE, qui préparent notamment les listes de lieux de stage dans lesquels les étudiants et étudiantes ont été accueillis chaque année, et qui transmettent toute offre ou information pertinente reçue.

La réputation des cursus proposés à l'IEE permet à nos étudiants et étudiantes de réaliser des stages dans des lieux variés. Si les institutions européennes (Commission, Parlement) sont représentées, les stages sont réalisés dans des lieux variés, allant des administrations nationales et locales, d'entreprises privées, à des centres de recherche, des think tanks, ou encore des associations à but non lucratif (ASBL ou AISBL) représentant des intérêts divers.

### MENTORING ET VISITES

La professionnalisation de nos étudiants et étudiantes est également accompagnée par des activités extracurriculaires qui se déroulent sur et en dehors du campus.

Une session de mentoring a été organisée fin avril 2024 afin de permettre aux étudiants et étudiantes d'échanger avec des mentors alumni de l'IEE sur les perspectives et défis rencontrés lors de la recherche d'un premier emploi dans la bulle européenne, ou de revenir plus longuement sur les carrières et débouchés possibles après des études dédiées à la question européenne. Cette session ouverte à l'ensemble des étudiants inscrits dans les programmes proposés par l'IEE (en ce compris le master de spécialisation en droit européen) a permis de réunir une trentaine de participants, étudiants et mentors confondus. Les discussions se sont prolongées de manière informelle autour d'un verre de l'amitié.

Ces activités ont été complétées par des visites des institutions, en particulier du Parlement européen et de l'OTAN, organisées par les membres de SAIES (Students' Association of the Institute for European Studies).

## JEUX DE RÔLE ET SIMULATIONS

L'IEE prête également une attention particulière à ce que les activités d'enseignement théoriques soient complétées par des opportunités de mise en application, à travers des exercices de simulation, jeux de rôle, etc. Ces activités permettent également aux étudiants et étudiantes d'acquérir des compétences transversales, notamment en matière d'expression écrite et orale, qui participent à leur formation et à l'excellence de leurs profils.



### EUROPEAN LAW MOOT COURT (ELMC)

L'*European Law Moot Court* est un concours international de procès simulé qui a lieu chaque année entre des équipes universitaires d'étudiant.es intéressé.es par le droit de l'Union européenne. Les contributions écrites et orales des participant-es restituent de façon réaliste le déroulement d'une procédure judiciaire européenne. La grande finale de cette prestigieuse compétition bilingue se tient annuellement à la Cour de justice de l'Union européenne au Luxembourg.

Les étudiants du master de spécialisation en droit européen participent chaque année à ce concours. Cette année, l'équipe était composée d'Inès Draoui, de Cédric Smolders, de Lucas Schoningh et de Martin Absil. Ils ont été une des équipes sélectionnées pour participer à une des quatre finales régionales, qui s'est déroulée du 7 au 10 mars 2024 à Madrid. Malgré une belle performance, l'équipe a manqué de peu la qualification pour la finale à Luxembourg.

### SIMULER LA CODÉCISION

L'objectif du cours est de familiariser les étudiant-es avec la procédure législative ordinaire de l'Union européenne, via l'appropriation par la pratique et la simulation du processus décisionnel réel. Les compétences visées ont trait à la capacité de négociation dans ses multiples dimensions : connaissance des règles formelles et informelles, capacité à construire des alliances stratégiques/des majorités, capacité d'expression orale lors des sessions des institutions, gestion des contraintes liées au cadre de négociation (temps, réunions, secrétariat, etc.), maîtrise de la rédaction des amendements et de l'expression orale en séance au sein d'une commission parlementaire du Parlement européen ou d'une réunion du Conseil de l'UE.

Sous l'égide d'Amandine Crespy (Professeure titulaire du cours) et de Lara Querton (assistante académique), des étudiant-es de l'Institut d'études européennes ont ainsi endossé tout au long de ce premier quadrimestre le rôle de député-es européen-ne-s, représentant-es au Conseil de l'Union européenne ou Commissaire européen-ne. Cette année, les étudiant-es ont délibéré et voté sur la Directive relative à l'amélioration des conditions de travail dans le cadre du travail via une plateforme. Proposé en décembre 2021, ce texte fait toujours l'objet de négociations au sein des institutions européennes.

## CONSIMIUM

Le Secrétariat général du Conseil de l'Union Européenne et du Conseil Européen a mis en place, en 2022-2023, un exercice annuel de simulation du travail de ces deux institutions, destiné à des étudiants et étudiantes. Dans ce cadre, les États-membres de l'UE sont représentés chacun par 6 étudiants et étudiantes de l'enseignement supérieur (master) qui simulent le travail du Conseil de l'UE et du Conseil Européen, à tous les niveaux, sur un dossier spécifique. La Commission et la présidence du Conseil sont impliquées conformément à leurs rôles institutionnels, en présidant les réunions simulées.

Au cours de l'année 2023-2024, Mr Tanguy Roig, étudiant au sein du master de spécialisation interdisciplinaire en études européennes a été sélectionné pour faire partie de l'équipe belge. Celle-ci a par ailleurs encadrée et soutenue dans sa préparation de l'exercice de simulation par Dr Alvaro Oleart, chargé de recherches F.R.S - F.N.R.S., auprès du CEVIPOL, et membre affilié de l'IEE.



## SPECQUE

La Simulation du Parlement européen Canada-Québec-Europe, plus communément connue sous son acronyme SPECQUE, est une simulation internationale francophone du Parlement européen. Créée en 1998 par des étudiants de l'Université Laval (Québec, Canada), afin de mieux comprendre le fonctionnement des institutions européennes et les grands enjeux de l'Union européenne, la SPECQUE est aujourd'hui la plus importante simulation francophone du Parlement européen au monde. Au cours de cette simulation, les participants – issus d'universités européennes, canadiennes mais aussi d'autres zones géographiques (Maroc, Liban, Caraïbes, etc.) – reproduisent le fonctionnement du Parlement européen.

L'IEE soutient la délégation ULB de la Specque. Plusieurs professeurs (Amandine Crespy, Paul Dermine et Chloé Brière) en sont les marraines et parrains académiques, et l'équipe de l'IEE apporte un soutien dans l'obtention de financements.

L'édition 2024 s'est déroulée à Québec, et la délégation ULB, dirigée cette année par Valentin Parys, Julien Debande et Maria Carmella NovIELLO, a eu l'opportunité de prendre part à cette nouvelle édition. 8 de ses membres ont notamment fait le voyage jusqu'à Québec.



## SUMMER SCHOOLS

### SUMMER SCHOOL OF THE EUROPEAN CRIMINAL LAW ACADEMIC NETWORK (ECLAN)

The ECLAN (European Criminal Law Academic Network) was set up by Anne Weyembergh and Serge de Biolley in 2004. Its activities were launched on 1 December 2004.

The network covers 32 countries, i.e. the 27 Member States of the European Union, as well as 5 non-EU countries (the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Bosnia-Herzegovina) with which the EU maintains close relations in the field of policing and criminal justice. It brings together more than 150 professors and researchers specialising in European criminal law.

The *EU Area of Criminal Justice Summer School (2024)* was held from 1 to 5 July 2024. This year's programme included a comprehensive range of courses on the mechanisms and principles underpinning European criminal law, with a focus on instruments for judicial cooperation in criminal matters. The Summer School brought together a wide range of speakers, academics and practitioners, and attracted some thirty candidates from across Europe.



### ODYSSEUS SUMMER SCHOOL: EU IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM LAW AND POLICY

This year's Odysseus Summer School took place from 1 July to 12 July 2024.

The objective was to provide the participants a global understanding of the European Migration and Asylum policies from a legal perspective, including the latest developments in 2024. The program is made of 3 parts :

- Introductory courses
- Migration including visas & borders
- Asylum

This year's Summer School included new and up-to-date courses about all the instruments adopted under the EU Migration & Asylum Pact. In addition to classes, the summer school provided an opportunity to spend an intellectually stimulating time in a group of around 100 participants. The location of the summer school in Brussels creates a unique European environment with participants from different countries from all over



Europe who typically includes EU & Member State officials, representatives of NGOs & international organisations, lawyers, judges, social workers, PhD and graduate students, researchers, etc.

The classes were taught by academics originating from many Member States and by high-ranking officials from the European Institutions, particularly the European Commission.

## GEM PHD SCHOOL – DOCTORAL SUMMER SCHOOL

The latest in the long series of GEM PhD School supported Summer School's the 2024 edition hosted at the IEE in June of 2024 focussed on gathering all of the doctoral fellows involved in the production of the forthcoming textbook on "Impact and Social Sciences: A Conceptual A-to-Z". Overall 18 doctoral fellows attending the event in-person with a further doctoral fellow joining online.

The summer school was co-organized with EUqualis and was held over two days. It provided participants with an opportunity to review and refine the first drafts of their handbook entries. 16 doctoral fellows presented their drafts entries, engaged in critical discussions, and received constructive feedback from both their peers and the attending co-editors.



## CYCLE DE COURS-CONFÉRENCE

### LES MARDIS DU DROIT EUROPÉEN DE LA CONCURRENCE

Les mardis du droit européen de la concurrence constituent une tradition qui date de plus de 50 ans. Organisés par les Professeurs Jean-François Bellis et Denis Waelbroeck, ces séminaires sont consacrés à l'examen de divers aspects de la politique de l'UE en matière de droit de la concurrence. Ils sont animés par des professionnels de grande qualité, issus des institutions européennes et des plus grands cabinets d'avocats spécialisés en la matière.

Les séminaires de cette année 2023-2024 ont été consacrés à l'examen de divers développements importants de la jurisprudence des juridictions européennes et de la pratique et politique de la Commission. Les mardis du droit européen de la concurrence constituent un forum de discussions axé sur les interventions de différent.e.s expert.e.s en la matière. Les séances se déroulent en français ou en anglais et le programme de l'année académique 2023-2024 a été le suivant :

- 24 octobre 2023, *Opening speech*, Savvas Papasavvas, Vice-Président, Cour de Justice de l'Union Européenne
- 21 novembre 2023, *Competition policy in the tech sector – Challenges ahead*, Carlota Reyners Fontana, Director for Information, Technology, Communication and Media, DG COMP
- 5 décembre 2023, *Recent development on abuse of dominance*, Massimiliano Kadar, Deputy Head of Unit, DG COMP
- 16 janvier 2024, *Recent development in EU merger control*, Guillaume Lorient, Deputy Director General, DG COMP
- 20 février 2024, *La jurisprudence récente en matière de cartels*, Fernando Castillo de la Torre, Conseiller juridique principal, Service juridique, Commission européenne
- 12 mars 2024, *EU competition law and sports*, Pablo Ibañez Colomo, Professor of Competition Law at the London School of Economic
- 16 avril 2024, *Recent developments in state aid policy*, Ben Smulders, Deputy Director General, State Aid, DG COMP
- 20 mai 2024, *Closing speech*, Olivier Guersent, Director-General, DG COMP





## STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

The Institute provides financial and logistical support to student associations each year, so that they can carry out their missions. The associations bring life to the IEE and contribute to the Institute's reputation.

## THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF THE INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES (SAIES)

The Students' Association of the Institute for European Studies (SAIES) is the student association for students in European Studies. Created in 2015 by IEE-ULB students, it aims to provide a forum for reflection on current European political issues. Its main role is to represent the students of the IEE-ULB and to ensure cohesion between the students of all the IEE-ULB Masters in European Studies. SAIES organises various socio-cultural events related to European studies, such as visits and conferences.

During the period of 2023-2024, the Student Association of the Institute for European Studies (SAIES) actively engaged in a series of dynamic events and initiatives aimed at fostering engagement and understanding of European affairs. The following is an overview of their activities:

- ▶ Homecoming ball (14 October)
- ▶ International Dinner with Eyes on Europe (9 November)
- ▶ Apéro Event – social gathering (22 November)
- ▶ Participation in the presentation of the book “Circle of Starts”, written by Dermot Hodson (30 November)
- ▶ Conference by Mrs. Bernadette Frédérick from DG ECFIN (6 December)
- ▶ SAIES Christmas party (14 December)
- ▶ Debate on the Future of Europe, with the College of Europe. Part I (3 February)
- ▶ Student visit to NATO headquarters (5 February)
- ▶ Karaoke Night – social gathering (29 February)
- ▶ Student visit to the European Council & Council of the EU headquarters (22 March)
- ▶ Participation in the Conference on “Multilingualism and Artificial Intelligence in Europe” (8 April)
- ▶ Participation in the 10K ULB Marathon (21 April)
- ▶ Mentoring event with IEE alumni (24 April)
- ▶ Beers, Chats & Dancing – social gathering (26 April)
- ▶ International Dinner for Europe Day with Eyes on Europe and Specque (2 May)
- ▶ Live concert of “Unnoted” (8 May)
- ▶ BBQ party – social gathering (3 June)
- ▶ Conference “BEsimple” with “Stand Up for Europe” (5 June)
- ▶ Debate on the Future of Europe, with the College of Europe. Part II (17 June)
- ▶ Five new episodes of the podcast “Talking with EU”



Eyes on Europe is a trilingual, free, bi-annual magazine created in 2004 by students at the Institute of European Studies. Distributed at the Université libre de Bruxelles, within the European institutions, think tanks and interest groups, the magazine's main aim is to get students thinking about European issues.

Eyes on Europe is also a non-profit organisation with a strong presence on the ULB campus, organising conferences and taking part in events. With a horizontal approach and a youth-to-youth dialogue, the student ASBL is trying to take part in the awakening of European citizens, so that they develop a critical but fair mind towards the European Union.

During the academic year 2023-2024, the activities of Eyes on Europe included:

- ▶ 15\09: Welcoming and presentation for new students (organised by the IEE)
- ▶ 28\09: Presentation of the Association for IEE students and networking event
- ▶ 12\10: Workshop for editors (Presentation of members and editorial activity)
- ▶ 20\10: Workshop for communication and event teams
- ▶ 9\11: International dinner and team building event with SAIES
- ▶ 23\11: Movie Night
- ▶ 08\12: First event of the Let's Talk Series “The COP 28 and the European Green Deal”
- ▶ 12\02: Launch event Magazine 39 “Deciding Europe's future” – Conference with external experts on the European elections (21 articles)
- ▶ 21\02: Presentation of the book “Défense Européenne pour les citoyens” of Sophie Heine in collaboration with Stand Up for Europe
- ▶ 21\04: 10km ULB Marathon
- ▶ 30\04: Participation as partners in the FEPS event “Call to Social Europe”
- ▶ 02\05: International dinner for the Day of Europe in collaboration with SAIES
- ▶ 13\05: Second event of the Let's Talk Series “The EU turns South: All eyes on Africa – Global Gateway as a new chapter in EU-Africa relations?”
- ▶ 04\06: Launch event Magazine 40 “20 years of Eyes on Europe” – Conference with external experts on the communication strategies in the European context (17 articles)
- ▶ 31\06: Special Edition Magazine requested by the IEE
- ▶ 7 podcast episodes published on: EU Migration Policy, EU Enlargement Policy, 2024 as the year of elections, Farmers protests in the EU, Inequalities during the COVID-19 pandemic, EP Elections 2024, Disinformation and Fake News.
- ▶ Participation in the “60 years in 6000 characters” series coordinated by the IEE for the 60 years anniversary of the Institute of European Studies
- ▶ 15\05-17\05: Participation in the IDEAS24 conference and publication of an Special issues on Inequality



## THE DEBATE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE BY STUDENTS FROM THE COLLEGE OF EUROPE AND THE INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES

The Debate on the Future of Europe brings together students from the College of Europe (CoE) and the Institute for European Studies (IEE-ULB) to engage in an insightful discussion and reflect together on the main challenges the EU is currently tackling.

The CoE in Bruges hosted the first meeting in February. During that meeting, students were split into different panels and initiated the preparatory work to reconvene during the second part of the event at the ULB in June.

The purpose of this joint initiative is to produce practical recommendations concerning the issues identified by the students during their meetings.

The following themes were discussed:

- ▶ **Panel 1:** Harmony in the Midst of Crises: Balancing Security Challenges and Migration Realities in a Dynamic World.
- ▶ **Panel 2:** Fostering a Cohesive European Democratic Tomorrow through Values, Education, Culture, and Youth Engagement.
- ▶ **Panel 3:** Moving Beyond the Green and Digital Horizon: Exploring Europe's Twin Sustainable Transitions.
- ▶ **Panel 4:** Reinforcing Prosperity – Moving Forward: Strengthening Economic Governance and Fiscal Policy in the EU.

During the Plenary Session with Guest Experts, which took place at the ULB on June 17th, some high-level guest speakers, such as MEPs and researchers, joined the conversation and, based on their first-hand expertise, provided insightful comments concerning the recommendations:



## L'IEE PROCLAME SES DIPLÔMÉ·E·S À LA GRAND-PLACE DE BRUXELLES

Le samedi 12 octobre 2024 avait lieu la cérémonie de proclamation de nos diplômé·es 2023-2024.

Nos étudiant·e-s, pour la cinquième année consécutive, ont pu profiter d'une cérémonie dans le magnifique cadre qu'est la Grand-Place de Bruxelles.

Cette année, les étudiant·es de l'IEE ont choisi de nommer leur promotion « Jacques Delors ».



## RESEARCH THEMES

## RESEARCH AT THE IEE-ULB IS STRUCTURED ALONG FOUR CROSS-CUTTING RESEARCH THEMES

Rooted in the permanent scientific interests of its members and supported through collective topical research projects, scientific work at the IEE-ULB is developed along four main themes.

**Europe as an Area of Freedom, Security and Justice**

The IEE-ULB's first crosscutting theme of research is devoted to studying the creation and development of the European Union's so-called Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (AFSJ).

**Europe as an Area of Economic and Social Regulation**

The IEE-ULB's second theme explores the European common market, in terms of both integration and social issues. It focusses on European regulation, policy making, economic governance, territorial management and regional cohesion policy.

**Europe as a Community of Norms and Values**

The IEE-ULB's third research axis focusses on processes of cooperation, identification, and conflict generated by European integration and their role in the legitimization of the EU as a political entity.

**Europe in the World**

The IEE-ULB 'Europe in the World' crosscutting theme of research examines the European Union in terms of global governance: i.e. the interactions between global and European policies.

## RESEARCH THEME 1

## EUROPE AS AN AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE

Since the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam, the development of an Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (AFSJ) has been one of the European Union's objectives. Given the considerable development of the fields encompassed by the AFSJ, such as cooperation on asylum and migration, or police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters - the IEE-ULB has chosen to make this a cross-cutting research theme. Most of the topics it covers are quite sensitive in terms of national sovereignty of states and protection of fundamental rights.

**23 IEE-ULB affiliates are active in this research theme**, which includes topics such as:

- State and borders in the EU;
- security and fundamental rights;
- judicial and police cooperation; construction/ deconstruction of security issues;
- asylum and migration.

One externally funded project - Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Module- Legal Clinic EU Criminal Law - focus on the understanding of Europeanization of national criminal law.

## EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECT SUPPORTED BY THE IEE

**Erasmus+ Jean Monnet module- legal clinic EU criminal law (2020 - 2023)**

- Administrated through the Centre de Droit Européen (CDE)
- Lead Researchers: Anne Weyembergh and Julia Burchet
- Funding: Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Module

## DESCRIPTION

The **Jean Monnet Module "EU Criminal Law and Policy"** is a three-year teaching and research module with a specialization in EU legal studies. It seeks to foster a greater understanding of the impact of Criminal law of the European Union and of CJEU jurisprudence on national legislation and practical application of national criminal law in accordance with EU guidelines. The Jean Monnet Module has two main target groups (i) the fourth and fifth-year law students, as well as (ii) practitioners. The 2023 edition of the Clinic proved an opportunity to both deliver tailor-made theoretical and methodological trainings and to discuss a series of practical cases. These two tiers combined the efforts of the members of the ULB academic and research community and practitioners in the field of Criminal Law. A study trip to the Court of Justice of the EU in Luxembourg allowed the students to join the audience of the very first preliminary questions relating to the regulation of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (Case C-281/22 G.K.e.a.), followed by a debriefing with the judge-rapporteur.

**PDR Impunity\_EU (2023 – 2025)**

- Administrated through the Centre de Droit Européen (CDE)
- Lead Researchers: Chloé Brière et Julia Burchett

## DESCRIPTION

Funded by the F.R.S - F.N.R.S., the research project IMPUNITY\_EU aims to examine the actions of the European Union (EU) in the fight against impunity for core international crimes. The EU has long participated in international efforts in this area by supporting the actions of its Member States and third States and by cooperating with relevant international actors. However, since 2022 and in response to the intensification of the war in Ukraine, the EU has adopted innovative and ambitious measures, for instance, in criminal matters or in the field of sanctions. The project, therefore, examines to what extent the Ukrainian crisis marks a paradigm shift in the EU's fight against impunity.

To this end, the project maps all the relevant measures to combat impunity over the long term. This classification is necessary given the fragmentation of the actions supported by the EU, the cross-cutting nature of the policies concerned, and the heterogeneity of the instruments used. The project integrates equally ongoing developments launched by the European institutions to respond specifically to the risk of impunity for crimes suspected of having been committed on Ukrainian territory. These developments, accompanied by sustained international efforts, push the EU (and EU actors) to act at the margins of its competencies. The project therefore also aims to assess these developments against the legal framework to which the EU is subject under the European treaties.

On 19 March 2024, the **Conference on "Combating Impunity for Core International Crimes: the EU's Response to the War in Ukraine and Beyond"** was organised in Brussels at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB). Mixing up international and European law scholars, this conference addressed the question of combating impunity for core international crimes from a comprehensive and retrospective approach, moving beyond an analysis of responses to the Ukrainian war. It examined EU and international initiatives in a global legal context, with the goal of discerning patterns of continuity and discontinuity in the legal responses implemented.

The IEE-ULB's second theme of research addresses European governance through the impact of its policy-making on European integration in such key areas as economic governance, territories and regional policy, common market and social issues. It combines two understandings of the EU as a political system: a mode of regulatory and redistributive governance; and a space of mobilisation and conflict. It includes the study of actors and mechanisms shaping collective choices in the European multi-level democratic regime (e.g. election and parliamentary representation; lobbying/interest representation). Collective projects analyse the challenges associated with inequalities of the EU as well as the history and prospects of Social Europe.

**44 IEE-ULB affiliates are active in this research theme**, which includes topics such as:

- social policies;
- internal market developments
- trade policy
- competition policy
- corporate governance
- regulatory policies

#### EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS RUN BY THE IEE

##### EUqualis (2021 - 2025)

##### ERASMUS+ - Jean Monnet Center of Excellence on “(In)equality and the EU”

- Administrated through the Institut d'études européennes
- Lead Researchers: Amandine Crespy and Chloé Brière
- Funding: Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

##### DESCRIPTION

EUqualis is a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence dedicated to the challenges associated with 'Inequality and the EU' hosted at the IEE-ULB. The project has guided the IEE's research agenda and activities for the past three years (2021/22, 2022/23 & 2023/24). It is scheduled to conclude in March 2025.

The research and teaching activities of EUqualis in 2023 and 2024 included a **Keynote by Professor Béa Cantillon** (University of Antwerp) on “**Poverty and social inclusion: which role for Europe?**” marking the opening of the academic year in EU Studies, a **guest lecture** on “**A Union for health equity? Policy and power in the post-COVID EU**” by **Professor Eleonor Brooks** (University of Edinburgh), and a second guest lecture on “**The Unruly Paths to Climate Neutrality: The Case of Critical Raw Materials**” by **Professor Sanja Bogojević** (Oxford University). The highlight this year for EUqualis was the second IDEAS conference hosted at the IEE in May 2024 and entitled “**Inequality and the European Union. New frontiers in European Studies**” (see outcomes [HERE](#)). The IDEAS conference included amongst other a keynote panel on “**European Social Citizenship in Perspective**” and resulted in the publication of **two policy briefs**.

##### ARC SOCITEU (2021-2026)

Social rights in the European Union From market to social citizenship and back?

- Administrated through the Centre CEVIPOL
- Lead Researchers: Amandine Crespy and Nicolas Verschueren
- Funding: Action de Recherche Concertée (ARC)

##### DESCRIPTION

This project aims to investigate the developments of the social dimension of European citizenship since the 1960s through the lenses of political science and history. The empirical focus lies with the granting of transnational social rights related to social security (understood as a protection against social risks related to work, unemployment, healthcare, pensions, and poverty) to individuals. This ARC brings history “back in” in order to go beyond the legal issues at stake and the contemporary policy challenges. The purpose of the project is to explain under what political circumstances a European form of social citizenship has been expanded or, on the contrary, hampered and limited to a narrow set of market-based rights. To elucidate this, the focus will lie on political actors within social democracy (decision makers in national governments and EU institutions, intellectuals and experts, and trade unions) and how they have sought to promote a European social citizenship in ambiguous and fluctuating ways.

The project main objectives are (1) substantiating the conceptual and empirical distinction between market and social citizenship; (2) documenting the movement of construction and deconstruction of social rights over time; (3) connecting the development of a European social citizenship to the broader developments including the transformation of the political economy, political ideologies and the process of EU integration; (4) explaining how actors within social democracy have mobilised (or not) for a European citizenship at the national and EU level.

In the academic year 2023-2024, the team refined the common approach to social citizenship and social rights in the EU. This resulted in a **joint paper co-authored by the team members entitled “Beyond market vs. social citizenship. Structural transformations and the building of a pan-European labour market”** and submitted to the European Journal of Social Security. Individual members also pursued their respective line of work. Bastian Kenn presented preliminary findings from his dissertation dealing with the European policy on skills at IDEAS24 at the IEE and at the 30th Conference of Europeanists in Lyon, France. Stephen Gaffney presented a paper at the workshop ‘Controversial Figures of the Welfare State - International Perspectives’ held at Science Po in Paris. In May, he presented a conference paper on behalf of the SOCITEU team at IDEAS24 - this collective theoretical work has since been accepted for peer review - and produced a policy brief for the IEE website and Eyes on Europe based on the keynotes. In July 2024, he published an article in the journal *Discourse & Society* analysing the legitimization of austerity in Ireland during the European debt crisis. Viola Shahini co-authored a chapter for *Social Policy in the European Union: State of Play 2023*, edited by ETUI and OSE. She presented a paper titled “Assessing the implementation of the Adequate Minimum Income Recommendation through the Semester” at the “Global Ideas on Resilient Social Policies” workshop at Bielefeld University. Finally, the team started to prepare for the organisation of a conference on the topic “From Market to Social Citizenship? Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Dynamics of Social Rights in the European Union” which will take place at ULB in the Spring 2025.

The IEE-ULB's third crosscutting theme of research focuses on processes of cooperation, identification and conflict management associated with European integration and their role in the legitimization of the EU as a political entity. It hinges on three observations: (1) the role values, ideas and norms play in European politics as issues, resources or obstacles; (2) the promotion of defence of common values as vectors of legitimization of both internal and external EU policies; and (3) these same values are subject to multiple interpretations.

**78 IEE-ULB affiliates are active on this research theme**, which includes key topics such as:

- Europe as a laboratory for the management of social, cultural, religious and sexual diversity
- Fundamental rights and values: singularities or specificities of the European model
- What European social model in the face of the challenges of capitalism
- Institutionalisation of norms, public policy instruments and mobilisation in the name of values in a multi-level Europe.

#### EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS RUN BY THE IEE

##### RED SPINEL (2022 - 2026)

Horizon Europe-CL2-RIA: **Responding to Emerging Dissensus: SuPranational Instruments & Norms of European Liberal democracy**

- Lead Researcher: Ramona Coman
- Funding: HorizonEurope

##### DESCRIPTION

The project is a Research and Innovation Action entitled 'RED-SPINEL - Responding to Emerging Dissensus: SuPranational Instruments & Norms of European Liberal democracy that aims at capturing how dissensus shapes EU's policy instruments by studying the internal (within the EU and its MS) and external (beyond Europe) drivers of the growing dissensus surrounding liberal democracy.

RED-SPINEL has in its first year: (i) fleshed out in central notion of 'Dissensus', (ii) taken stock of the existing EU rule of Law instruments, and (iii) started mapping out existing initiatives and actions involving EU instruments related to the protection of Democracy and the rule of law". Each of these foundational efforts has involved the publication of the Think Piece compiling the project's collective thinking on these matter

**The project involves a consortium of 7 academic partners:** - Université libre de Bruxelles, Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli, Universiteit van Amsterdam, Universitatea Babeş-Bolyai, HEC Paris, Uniwersytet Mikołaja Kopernika w Toruniu and the University of Warwick, and **4 non-academic partners** - Peace Action, Training and Research Institute in Romania, Milieu Consulting, Magyar Helsinki Bizottság / Hungarian Helsinki Committee and Stichting Nederlands Instituut voor Internationale Betrekkingen Clingendael **across eight European countries.**

Over the academic year 2023/24 RED-SPINEL has continued to develop its shared research agenda. In practical terms events supported by RED-SPINEL over the course of the academic year included: (a) (i) an international conference on Dissensus over liberal democracy: *Insights from European judges and civil society organisations* (Oct 2023), (ii) a WP3 - Citizens' Forum & Innovation Lab: Innovative practices in the fight against autocratisation in the European Neighbourhood (February 2024), (iii) the 2024 RED-SPINEL Annual Conference with the central theme of, 'Facing Dissensus: From Initial Research Findings to Ongoing Policy Discussions', which included a Keynote by Professor Daniel Keleman (Georgetown University) (February 2024), Seminars for WP5 on (iv) 'Economisation of EU Rule of Law and Democracy Mechanisms' (May 2024) and for WP2 on (v) 'Politicisation and Democratisation' (May 2024); and a (vi) a WP4 Expert Workshop on Citizen Participation Practices in the 21st Century Liberal Democracies (June 2024), and (vii) a WP5 Consolidation Citizen Forum on 'Innovative Economic Governance Practices and 21st Century Liberal Democracies' (Sept. 2024)



Additionally RED-SPINEL launched its own Podcast season (8 episodes) as part of the IEE's "Making Sense of EU" series. Equally the project saw the production of 11 open access intermediary publications in the guise of a range of working papers, policy briefs and country reports. These are all accessible via the project's website.

##### GEM-DIAMOND (2022 - 2026)

Horizon Europe-MSCA-DN: **Globalisation, Europe and Multilateralism: Democratic Institutions, the rise of Alternative Models and mounting Normative Dissensus**

- Lead Researcher: Ramona Coman
- Funding: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action – Joint Doctorate

##### DESCRIPTION

This Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action Doctoral Network builds on the successful 'GEM' and 'GEM-STONES' projects previously led by the IEE. It is entitled 'GEM-DIAMOND - Globalisation, Europe and Multilateralism: Democratic Institutions, the rise of Alternative Models and mounting Normative Dissensus'. The project focuses on how the growing dissensus surrounding liberal democracy, both within and beyond Europe, has impacted the EU's capacity to act through its internal and external policy instruments.

The project allows for 16 early-career researchers to conduct Ph.D projects. They will answer both conceptual and empirical questions surrounding the future of liberal democracy in Europe in the face of growing dissensus. GEM-DIAMOND's researchers first unpack the internal (within the EU and its MS) and external (beyond Europe) drivers of the growing dissensus surrounding liberal democracy. Subsequently, the 16 Ph.D. researchers analyse a set of individual cases to draw lessons on the continued effectiveness and legitimacy of the EU's political and socio-economic policy instruments considering the mounting dissensus surrounding liberal democracy.

GEM-DIAMOND aims to collectively tackle three shared knowledge gaps regarding contemporary strains on liberal democracy:

- 1 - Conceptualizing the seemingly mounting dissensus surrounding liberal democracy.
- 2 - Unpacking the ambiguous role different actors can play as both champions and challengers of liberal democratic norms, values and practices.
- 3 - Assessing the impact of increased dissensus regarding liberal democracy on the policy instruments of the EU and its capacity to act in its internal and external policies.

**GEM-DIAMOND involves a consortium of 11 academic partners** - Université libre de Bruxelles, Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli, Universiteit van Amsterdam, Universitatea Babeş-Bolyai, Københavns Universitet, Université Paris1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Université de Genève, University of Warwick, Waseda University, Université Laval, and Fundação Getulio Vargas, **and 6 non-academic partners** - Istituto Affari Internazionali, German Marshall Fund, Egmont, PATRIR, Centre for European Policy Studies and the International Federation for Human Rights.

In academic year 2023-2024, GEM-DIAMOND has consolidated its activities and continued to accompany its' 16 doctoral fellows. Activities hosted over the course of academic year 2023-2024 included: (i) an international conference on Dissensus over liberal democracy: *Insights from European judges and civil society organisations* (Oct 2023), (ii) the 2024 GEM-DIAMOND Annual Conference hosted at LUISS Guido Carli University in Rome (March 2024), (iii) and the 2024 Summer School a 2-day workshop focussed on the project's forthcoming textbook, on "Impact & Social Sciences" (June 2024).



Europe in the World' is the fourth crosscutting theme of research in the IEE-ULB in terms of global governance, notably the interactions between global policy and European policies. This IEE-ULB's research theme studies the EU's place in global governance through its interactions with other political, legal, economic and social models in international exchanges. This theme has two specificities. On the one hand, it examines these interactions in different geographical areas (e.g. Russia, Caucasus, Balkans; Asia; Americas; Mediterranean area etc.). On the other hand, it aims at deepening the EU's relations with third countries, regional or international organisations. It also looks at how other international actors perceive the EU, its policies and its role at the international level.

**51 IEE-ULB affiliates are active on this research theme**, which includes key topics such as:

- multilateralism and diplomacy;
- Inter-regionalism
- security and defence;
- development;
- the Euro-Mediterranean area;
- EU trade policy.

#### EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS MANAGED THROUGH PARTNER RESEARCH CENTERS

##### NAVIGATOR (2023-2026)

Horizon Europe – CL2 – RIA on

##### “The EU Navigating Multilateral Cooperation”

- Administrated through the Centre de Droit européen (CDE)
- Lead Researchers: Chloé Brière and Elisa Lopez Lucia



##### DESCRIPTION

NAVIGATOR involves the following partners: Norsk Utenrikspolitisk Institutt, Copenhagen Business School, Université libre de Bruxelles, Universiteit Maastricht, University of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg, Unoversità Commerciale Luigi Bocconi, Vereniging voor Christelijk Hoger Onderwijs, Wetenschap NL Partner, ECFR Deutschland e.V. Germany Partner, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Tallinna Tehnikaülikool, the Transatlantic Foundation, University of Ottawa, Waseda University.

NAVIGATOR's main objective is to deliver a ready-to-use “search mechanism” and associated pathways of action that the EU and its member states can use as it seeks to strengthen a rules-based international order. To achieve this, **NAVIGATOR comprises a strong, global and interdisciplinary team of researchers who explores institutional variation on six policy issues** – climate change, digitalization, finance/ tax, health, migration and security – to identify what institutional mixes enable the EU to have optimal impact in a given policy issue.

NAVIGATOR main objectives are: (1) to assess the effectiveness of multilateral institutions and arrangements; (2) to identify the optimal pathways of action of EU support to multilateral, private and public-private initiatives to further global governance in a given policy domain, and (3) to provide recommendations for EU engagement strategies in the context of the war in Ukraine, threats of nationalism and anti-EU populism.

As NAVIGATOR was launched in March of 2024, Academic year 2023/24, was NAVIGATOR saw its launch conference hosted at Copenhagen Business school in March 2024, and on the 12 and 13 June 2024 its' first large scale conference hosted in Brussels at the IEE-ULB in June 2024. This gathering The past year also saw the creation of NAVIGATOR's website (see <https://eunav.eu/>).

included the project's first expert groups meeting which involved four focused group discussions between experts and researchers from the project's various work packages. Guided by a pre-shared list of transversal questions, participants explored five key topics: the search costs in specific areas of expertise, inter-governmental organizations (IGOs), non-state actors, formal vs. informal interactions between actors, and the EU's role in these decision-making processes.

##### EUIP (2022-2026)

Erasmus+ - Jean Monnet Policy Network on “The EU and the Indo-Pacific”

- Administrated through the Waseda Brussels Office
- Lead Researchers: Frederik Ponjaert and Jean-Louis Moortgat

##### DESCRIPTION

This Network – encompassing EU and Indo-Pacific partners – has started its initial fieldwork (interview rounds orchestrated by the East Asian partners) aimed at assessing the critical question of “what is the most effective role for the EU in the Indo-Pacific?” The EU's effectiveness in the region will rely on accurate contemporary knowledge of the states of the Indo-Pacific. This Network will create a unique grouping of EU and Indo-Pacific expertise (involving a mixture of academics, think-tankers, and foreign policy officials from both the EU and third countries) to conduct interviews, engage in Delphi style policy debates, and “policy sandpits” in eight Indo-Pacific countries: Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand. Early career researchers (especially post-docs and PhD students) from all the participating universities will be heavily involved in the project as well. The Network will provide high-level foreign policy analysis, forecasting, and outputs that will be of significant use for practitioners in the European External Action.

The project involves the following partners: University of Canterbury; the Research Trust of Victoria University of Wellington; the Australian National University; Waseda University; Tsinghua University; Guangdong University of Foreign Studies; Zhejiang University; University of Kent; Uniwersytet Jagiellonski; Universiteit Leiden; Universitat Fur Weiterbildung Krams; Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies; Chulalongkorn University; Universidad de Castilla la Mancha; University of Limerick; Korea University; University College Dublin, National University of Ireland; Tallinna Tehnikaülikool, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Kagawa University; National Taiwan University; Ruhr-University Bochum; Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals Fundació Privada; Gadjah Mada University; Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology RMIT University; Fudan University; Université libre de Bruxelles; Universitaet Innsbruck.

##### POLYCVIS (2023-2026)

Erasmus+ - Jean Monnet Policy Network

##### “Confronting the Polycrisis in Europe and Africa through Research, Policy and Education”

- Administrated through CIVIS
- Lead Researchers: Dan Schreiber
- Funding: Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Policy Networks

##### DESCRIPTION

PolyCIVIS is a Euro - African collaboration that brings to the forefront the global polycrisis, allowing a better understanding of the impacts of several concurrent major societal crises challenging the world in the form of a polycrisis. Initiated in late 2023, PolyCIVIS allows discussion, collaboration and action arising out of the collaboration between universities in Europe and Africa. A Jean Monnet Network, (Policy Debate: Foreign policy issues: EU-AFRICA), PolyCIVIS mobilises a consortium of 21 universities: all 11 CIVIS Alliance universities, all 6 CIVIS African strategic partners, and an additional 4 African universities.

In January of 2024 the IEE-ULB hosted Polycivis' launch conference. This 4-day internal conference included: a keynote by Prof. Malte Brosig (University of the Witwatersrand) on “From Neologism to Promising Research Agenda? The Global Polycrisis and IR”; and Agora forum: bringing together academics and practitioners to discuss ‘the common EU-Africa vision for 2030 in the face of polycrisis: challenges for democracy and security’ involving two daily-long roundtables with both researchers and civil society personalities to discuss, as well as a number of consortium meeting aimed at launching the network's teaching and research agendas.



# RESEARCH COMMUNITY

Academics and researchers from across the ULB can affiliate to the IEE if their work refers to European integration in all its forms and is congruent with the IEE's research agenda. The IEE also welcomes external scientific collaborators and visiting researchers.

By the end of 2023-2024, the academic community brought together by the IEE-ULB included some 139 members. It included 111 affiliated ULB-based researchers - 54 academics as well as 57 doctoral and post-doctoral fellows. Furthermore, 29 external researchers joined the community temporarily - including 15 scientific collaborators and 14 visiting researchers.

2023-2024 saw a net growth of 13% in the number of affiliated research. This was the result of 33 ULB-based researchers formally joining the ranks of the IEE, as 19 left for a range of reasons, such as graduation, move or end-of-contract.

The interdisciplinarity of the IEE-ULB refers to European integration in all its forms and is congruent with the IEE's research agenda. 13 research centres and units from across 5 Faculties: the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences; the Faculty of Law and Criminology; the Faculty of Arts, Translation, and Communication; the Faculty of Psychology, Education Sciences and Speech Therapy; and Solvay Brussels School of Economics & Management.

## IEE AFFILIATED RESEARCHER

Researchers affiliated to the IEE are necessarily also member of a disciplinary research centre in their original faculty.

### FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**CEVIPOL - Centre for the Study of Political Life:** Ana ANDGULADZE, Dimitrios ARGYROULIS, Claudia BADELISCU, Kenn BASTIAN, Fabio BOLZONAR, Céleste BONNAMY, Arthur BORRIELLO, Nathalie BRACK, Ioanna CHRISTODOULAKI, Ramona COMAN, Anemona CONSTANTIN, Amandine CRESPI, Natsuko D'APRIL, Pascal DELWIT, Serafine DINKEL, François FORET, Seda GURKAN, Marylou HAMM, Édouard HARGROVE, Isis KLASSEN, Piotr MARCZYNSKI, Vlad-Grigore MARGINAS, Adalgisa MARTINELLI, Aude MERLIN, Tiago MOREIRA RAMALHO, Camille NESSEL, Alvaro OLEART, Ekaterina PIERSON-LYZHINA, Leonardo PULEO, Lara QUERTON, Emilia SALMINEN, Fanny SBARAGLIA, Laura SCHMEER, Luigi Nicolò SEGARIZZI, Viola SHAHINI, Pauline THINUS, Luca TOMINI, Emilie VAN HAUTE, Jing Syuan WONG, Anna Sophie Elektra ZECH.

**CTP - Centre for Political Theory:** Martin DELEIXHE, Eric FABRI, Justine LACROIX, Jean-Yves PRANCHERE, Vedat SEMIZ

**GERME - Group for Research on Ethnic Relations, Migration & Equality:** Matteo GAGLIOLIO, Federica INFANTINO, Dirk JACOBS, Alexandre LEROUX, Andrea REA, Antoine ROBLAIN, Esteban MARTINEZ

**MMC - Contemporary Modern Worlds:** Kenneth BERTRAMS, Nicolas VERSCHUEREN

**REPI - Research and Studies in International Politics:** Lorenzo ANGELINI, Isaline BERGAMASCHI, Quentin DEFORGE Véronique DIMIER, Xavier GILLARD, Julien JEANDESBOZ, Thierry KELLNER, Elisa LOPEZ LUCIA, Christian OLSSON, Frederik PONJAERT, Marie RUYFFELAERE, Jihane SFEIR, Bruno THEODORO LUCIANO, Syuzanna VASILYAN, Christophe WASINSKI, Romain WEIKMANS

**ASG - Atelier Sexualité et Genre:** David PATERNOTTE, Piotr GODZISZ

### FACULTY OF LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY

**CDE – Centre de droit européen:** Chiara ARMENI, Benedetta ARRIGHINI, Julio BAQUERO CRUZ, Ali BOUNJOUA, Emmanuelle BRIBOSIA, Chloé BRIERE, Julie BRUCHETT, Philippe DE BRUYCKER, Paul DERMINE, Marianne DONY, Ilaria GAMBARELLA, Viktor KAZAI, Giulia LA TORRE, Caroline LECLERQ, Yuliya MIADZVETSKAYA, Areg NAVASARTIAN, Amy WEATHERBURN, Anne WEYEMBERGH, Cecilia RIZCALLAH

**CDP - Centre de Droit Privé:** Arnaud NUYTS, Erik VAN DEN HAUTE

**CDPS - Centre de Droit Public et Social:** Emmanuel SLAUTSKY, Marie BEUDELS

**Perelman - Centre Perelman de philosophie du droit:** Louise FROMONT, Isabelle RORIVE, Arnaud VAN WAEYENBERGE

### SOLVAY BRUSSELS SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT

**ECARES - European Center for Advanced Research in Economics and Statistics:** Paola CONCONI, Bram DE ROCK, Patrick LEGROS, Glen MAGERMAN, Jean-Luc DE MEULEMEESTER, Laura PUCCIO

### FACULTY OF ARTS, TRANSLATION AND COMMUNICATION

**ReSIC - Research in Information and Communication:** Cécile BALTU, Laura CALABRESE, François HEINDERYCKX, Valériane MISTIAEN, Amandine VAN NESTE-GOTTIGNIES, Laura CALABRESE

### FACULTY OF PSYCHOLOGY, EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES AND SPEECH THERAPY

**CECUP - Center for Social and Cultural Psychology:** Assaad AZZI, Laurent LICATTA

## RESEARCH COLLABORATORS

Researchers affiliated to other institutions than the ULB can collaborate with the IEE either as a scientific collaborators or as visiting researchers.

### IEE SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATORS

Scientific collaborators are advanced researchers, professors, practitioners and other experts in European Studies and EU affairs not affiliated to the ULB, whose scientific or professional activities are related to one of the IEE's research themes and teaching activities. Their scientific collaborators status reflects that they actively participate in the development and implementation of the Institute's research and teaching agenda.

During the academic year 2023-2024, the IEE welcomed 14 scientific collaborators.

- CHIRULLO Marco (Bruegel, Belgium)
- BRADLEY Andrew (RED-SPINEL, Belgium)
- BURTON Joe (Lancaster University, UK)
- CANIHAC Hugo (Université Saint Louis, Belgium)
- COCQ Celine (Tribunal d'Avignon, France)
- DENUIT François (EP, Belgium)
- DOTTI Nicola (VUB, Belgium)
- LECLERQ Christophe (MediaLab, Belgium)

- MATTHEIS Frank (UNU-Cris, Belgium)
- PUCCIO Laura (European Commission, Belgium)
- SABOURIN Amandine (ECDPM, Belgium)
- VASILIAN Syuzanna (Belgium)
- WEILANDT Ragnar (NTNU, Norway)
- WISSENBACCH Uwe (EEAS, Belgium)

Each year, the IEE Council selects the application of visiting researchers from around the world to share and expand their knowledge in European studies through stays ranging from 1 to 12 months.

During the academic year 2023-2024, 14 visiting researchers were hosted by one of the IEE's standing academics.

- APOLLONIO Andrea (University of Turin, Italy) hosted by Professor François Foret
- BLAZQUEZ BARQUILLA Maria (UC3M, Spain) hosted by Pr. Ramona Coman
- BREIDING Malte (Lund University, Sweden) hosted by Pr. Ramona Coman
- DOMINICI Allegra (University of Urbino 'Carlo Bo' hosted by Professor Chloé Brière
- FAURE Samuel (Sciences Po Saint Germain, France) hosted by Professor François Foret
- GALENDE SANCHEZ Ester (UAM, Spain) hosted by Professor François Foret
- GIRAUDO Giulia (Scuola Normale Superiore Sant'Anna, Italy) hosted by Professor Amandine Crespy
- HERNANDEZ Gisela (IPP-CSIC, Spain) hosted by Professor Ramona Coman
- KAKARNIAS Theofanis (Universidad Pompeu Fabra, Spain) hosted by Professor Seda Gürkan
- MAKARADZE Soso (University of Salzburg, Austria) hosted by Pr. Ramona Coman
- MEINERS Paul (NTNU, Norway) hosted by Professor François Foret
- RODRIGUEZ SAMUDIO Ruben (Waseda, Japan) hosted by Professor Anne Weyembergh
- SANCHEZ DEL VALS Rocia (UAM, Spain) hosted by Professor François Foret
- WEBER Katharina (UvA, Netherlands/LUISS, Italy) hosted by Pr. Ramona Coman

## INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH HUB

Beyond its own research community, the IEE- ULB also aims to be a hub for international scientific dialogue, both European and global in scope. This includes participation in international consortia or networks, as well as bilateral strategic partnerships.

### INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS & CONSORTIA



#### ECLAN - European Criminal Law Academic Network

The European Criminal Law Academic Network (ECLAN) was set up by Anne Weyembergh and Serge de Biolley in 2004. Its activities were launched on 1 December 2004. It is now co-coordinated by Anne Weyembergh (ULB), Katalin Ligeti (University of Luxembourg) and Valsamis Mitsilegas (Queen Mary University of London). The network covers 32 states, i.e. the 27 Member States of the European Union, as well as 5 third States (Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and the UK) with which the Union maintains close relations in the field of police and criminal justice. It brings together more than 150 professors and researchers specialised in European criminal law.

During the 2023-2024 academic year, several annual activities of the ECLAN network were organised. The annual doctoral seminar took place at the University of Liverpool in November-December 2023.

• **The network's Management Committee (MC Meeting)** meetings were held on 30 November 2023 and 3 May 2024, notably to evaluate applications for new members and network contact points and to discuss the planning of ECLAN activities for the coming years.

• **The annual conference « Collection and Admissibility of Evidence in Europe »** was held on May 3, 2024, organized by the University of Vienna.

• **The network's summer school «The EU Area of Criminal Justice»** was held in a hybrid format for participants (all speakers were invited to the Institute) from July 1 to July 5, 2024.

Other regular network activities include:

**1. The publication of Newsletters No. 30 and No. 31**, exhaustively covering new legislative and jurisprudential developments in European criminal law, as well as new and upcoming publications and conferences organized on the subject for the period from July 2023 to July 2024.

**2. The coordination of the «Hart Series in EU Criminal Law» (Hart Publishing)** by the network's co-coordinators, as well as co-sponsorship and collaboration with the specialized scientific journal *New Journal of European Criminal Law* (SAGE).

**3. The publication of collective works in collaboration with network members**, such as

- A Lazowski and V Mitsilegas (eds.), *The European Arrest Warrant at 20*, Hart Publishing (forthcoming, 2025).
- J Burchett and A Weyembergh (eds.), *Stronger Victims' Rights in EU Law?*, Hart Publishing (forthcoming, 2025).



## ODYSSEUS -European Migration and Asylum Law Network



The ODYSSEUS Network is the largest network of academics and experts on immigration and asylum law in Europe. The ODYSSEUS Network was established in 1999 and it is coordinated by its founder, Philippe De Bruycker, who is a professor at the Centre de droit européen and the Institut d'études européennes. The Network's objective is to provide expertise on EU law relating to borders, visas, immigration and asylum. It currently comprises over 50 experts from each of the EU Member States, as well as from Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Turkey.

The conclusion of the lengthy process culminating in the European Union's final agreement on the Pact on Migration and Asylum was reached in the spring of 2024. The ODYSSEUS Network's activities reflected this reform through the following initiatives:

- **A Special Collection on the EU Asylum and Migration Legislation in the Context of the Pact:** Odysseus Network intends to undertake a comprehensive review and detailed analysis of each instrument adopted in the framework of this extensive reform. This will be achieved through the publication of a special collection of blog posts written by eminent experts from across Europe.
- **The 2024 Summer School**, which took place in Brussels from 1 to 12 July 2024, aimed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of European migration and asylum policies from a legal perspective, including the latest developments in 2024. The programme was led by academics from various Member States and high-ranking officials from the European Institutions, particularly the European Commission.
- **The European Conference 2024**, entitled European Asylum Legislation after the Pact, was held in Brussels on 17 and 18 October 2024. The conference was structured around the series of blog posts published on the Odysseus Network website. A book containing the conference proceedings is scheduled for publication in 2025.

## GEM PhD School – Globalisation, Europe & Multilateralism



The latest in the long series of GEM PhD School supported Summer School's the 2024 edition hosted at the IEE in June of 2024 focussed on gathering all of the doctoral fellows involved in the production of the forthcoming textbook, on "Impact and Social Sciences: A Conceptual A-to-Z". Overall 18 doctoral fellows attending the event in-person with a further doctoral fellow joining online.

The summer school was co-organized with EUQualis and was held over two days. It provided participants with an opportunity to review and refine the first drafts of their handbook entries. 16 doctoral fellows presented their drafts entries, engaged in critical discussions, and received constructive feedback from both their peers and the attending co-editors (i.e. Ramona Coman, David Paternotte, and Frederik Ponjaert). In the words of the participants themselves, "the collaborative atmosphere and friendly exchanges made this experience truly beneficial for all involved".

The format of the summer school was designed to maximize the quality of the entries and the discussions. Each entry was circulated a week before the event, allowing us all to read each other's entries and to prepare our comments and feedback in advance. During the sessions, each entry was discussed for about 30 minutes, starting with the session's discussant's comments, followed by an open floor for further questions and suggestions. This structure ensured focused and constructive feedback, aimed at improving the specific entries and enhancing the overall consistency and coherence of the handbook.

The 2024 GEM PhD summer school put a particular emphasis on collaborative learning. PhD fellows were encouraged to share our drafts with the whole group and engage in discussions, fostering a sense of mutual support between all involved in the project. This approach not only deepened their understanding of the subject matter but also allowed them to learn from each other's insights and perspectives. Moreover, the experience provided them with a firsthand look at the immense effort involved in creating a collective volume.

## KEY PARTNERSHIPS

### ULB-VUB Joint Research Group with BSoG



The IEE has a long-standing partnership with its counter-part at the VUB, the Brussels School of Government (BSoG). This partnership has taken on various guises, with two major co-organized conferences becoming the centrepiece of the cooperation: on the one hand, the Interdisciplinary Conference in Advanced European Studies (IDEAS) hosted in the month of May in even years, and the European Union in International Affairs (EUIA), hosted in the month of May in odd years. As such, the IEE and BSoG (along with the University of Warwick) collaborated in 2023-2024 with an eye on organising the 2024 iteration of the IDEAS conference entitled 'Inequality and the European Union. New frontiers in European Studies'. Equally organised as part of the EUQualis centre of Excellence, further details on the IDEAS 2024 conference are available above in the section detailing the EUQualis' activities. Additionally, in academic year 2023-2024, to further consolidate their cooperation BSoG and the IEE jointly submitted a successful funding application their respective authorities which saw the creation of a joint Research Group scheduled to run over the next two academic years (2024-2025 & 2025-2026) with an eye on further developing the two aforementioned conferences.

### Brussels and Florence as Political and Intellectual 'capitales' of Europe: collaboration IEE-EUI



The IEE has been at the vanguard of the partnership agreement signed in 2023 by the European University Institute (EUI) and the ULB. Its interdisciplinary drive and European purpose are in full congruence with the EUI's missions. Collaborations range from scientific and teaching activities to contributions to the public debate. A joint seminar 'Narrating Europe' was organized from February to April 2024 with the inputs of EUI colleagues (Loïc Azoulay, Renaud Dehousse, Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol, Kalypso Nicolaïdis, Claudio Radaelli, Olivier Roy). Students and scholars commuted between both institutions for academic stays. The IEE hosted a visit of the Young African Leaders Fellows (YALFs) of the EUI on the 20 October 2023. The director of the Robert Schuman Centre Erik Jones integrated the Strategic Council of the IEE to mutualize institutional experiences. These first achievements pave the way for future common projects.



### Privileged Partnership with Waseda University

The IEE strategic partnership with the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS) at Waseda University consolidated further across all dimensions of the IEE's activities. In terms of mobility, a new Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Law faculty of Waseda university to facilitate academic mobility of legal scholars over the next four years. The exchange program linking GSAPS and the IEE's interdisciplinary specialisation master saw further mobility in 2023-2024 with students heading in both directions. The Double Master in European and Asian studies continued to attract registrations at a stable rate. The International Chair integrated into the specialisation master allowed the invitation of guest lecturers from Waseda. Joint research and publications continued to develop, notably at the 2024 EU-Japan Forum hosted in March of 2024.



### Privileged Partnership with University of Warwick

The bilateral partnership between the IEE at the ULB and the Politics and International Affairs (PaIS) department of the University of Warwick stretches back over two decades. Initiated by the late professor Eric Remacle in the field of European external action, it has since grown in scope to cover all four of the IEE's research agendas.

Over academic year 2023-2024 the partnership was involved in the following initiatives:

- as part of the "Area of socio-economic governance" it contributed to co-organisation of the IDEAS24 conference on inequalities in the EU;
- as part of the "EU in the World" it co-hosted the final CYDIPLO conference in Tokyo and continues to work on the scheduled deliverables;
- as part of the "Area of Common values" axis Warwick and the IEE co-created an elite survey on the prospects for European liberal democracy and the rule of law, which is scheduled to run during the next academic year.

## FLAGSHIP RESEARCH EFFORTS

The four research themes – Europe as an Area of Freedom, Security and Justice; Europe as Area of Economic and Social Regulation; Europe as a Community of Norms and Values; Europe in the World – encompass both individual and collective research pursued at the IEE-ULB. The Research Committee of the IEE-ULB encourages transversal initiatives bridging between these themes.

Over the course of the academic year 2023-2024, the IEE supported the launch and continuation of some flagship collective projects, including:

### NARRATING EUROPE-NARRATEUR

NarratEur studies the efforts made by European institutions to develop policy and communicative narratives that are both effective and compatible with democratic accountability. It discusses the challenges set to political 'storytelling' by the singularities of the EU institutional model, societal disenchantment, multiculturalism and digitalisation of governance. The EU is compared to other polities across time and space (in particular Japan and the US). With the support of several funding agencies (FNRS, WBI...) and academic partners (EUI), NarratEur develops an interdisciplinary research agenda combining social sciences and arts. It offers a platform for creative pedagogic practices inviting the IEE students to mobilize theatre or literature as scientific tools to produce and disseminate knowledge and soft skills for professionalization. Finally, NarratEur creates new agoras to dialogue with cultural actors and reach out for wider audiences that are not accessible by usual academic channels.

### THE IDEAS24 CONFERENCE AS PART OF EUQUALIS

The IDEAS24 conference hosted at the IEE-ULB on the 15th, 16th and 17th of May 2024, was the second edition of the IDEAS conference, an Interdisciplinary conference in European Advanced Studies. The conference title in 2024 was 'Inequality and the European Union. New frontiers in European Studies' and it was organised as part of the EUQualis Centre of Excellence. It aimed to explore the new frontiers of our respective disciplines and foster further interdisciplinarity.

70 scholars across different disciplines joined the conference in-person to discuss the concept of inequality, notably what forms of inequality are affecting citizens and how are they changing? Which legal and policy instruments is the EU using to tackle inequality? Are they effective? What are the underlying political debates?

Attending scholars, across IDEAS24's 16 panels, included all careers stages and hailed from a broad range of disciplines (including history, sociology, political science, political economy or law) who presented their research

The 16 panels at IDEAS24 reflected the following ten topics:

- Topic 1: Social Security: Old Concept, New Challenges
- Topic 2: Market and Social Citizenship in the EU
- Topic 3: The EU agenda for a "Just Transition": Groundbreaking or Greenwashing?
- Topic 4: Mobility: a Tool for Reducing or Fueling Inequalities?
- Topic 5: The role of the EU in managing migrations
- Topic 6: European social classes: myth and reality?
- Topic 7: Digital Divide & Inequalities in the EU
- Topic 8: Gender, Inequality and Intersectionality
- Topic 9: Inequality and the EU's fiscal policy
- Topic 10: Social Inequality in Public Health

Besides the 16 topical papers involving scientific paper presentations, the conference featured two keynotes:

- IDEAS24 Opening Keynote on “European Social Citizenship in Perspective” given by his keynote was given by Professor Martin Seeleib-Kaiser from the University of Tübingen and Professor Zoe Lefkofridi from the University of Salzburg. Both universities are partners of the ULB in the framework of the CIVIS alliance. The keynote addressed issues respectively about the obstacles to and prospects for a genuine European social citizenship, and EU policies to promote equality in terms of gender and LGBTQ+ rights. The keynote was filmed and published after the conference.
- IDEAS24 keynote Policy Panel on “Affordable Housing and (In)equality in the European Union” which was co-organised with the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and gathered experts from European and local level as well as from the civil society to exchange on the pressing topic of affordable housing in Europe. The focus of the discussion was on housing inequalities and the role of EU policymaking to help member states deliver more affordable housing, support social housing and energy efficiency of buildings.

Besides IDEAS24, academic year 2023/24 also saw EUqualis produced a podcast season on “Inequalities in the EU” as part of the IEE’s ‘Making Sense of EU’ Podcast series; supported the production of two policy briefs and a special issue of the student run ‘Eyes on Europe’ Magazine; hosted two guest lectures, and supported the opening conference of the IEE’s 2023-2024 academic year.



## GEM-DIAMOND

Coordinated by the IEE-ULB, GEM-DIAMOND is led by Professor Ramona Coman and involves 17 partner institutions. Academic year 2023/24 saw GEM-DIAMOND consolidated its activities and continued to accompany its’ 16 doctoral fellows. Activities hosted over the course of academic year 2023-2024 included: (i) an international conference on Dissensus over liberal democracy: Insights from European judges and civil society organisations (Oct 2023), (ii) the 2024 GEM-DIAMOND Annual Conference hosted at LUISS Guido Carli University in Rome (March 2024), (iii) and the 2024 Summer School a 2-day workshop focussed on the project’s forthcoming textbook, on “Impact & Social Sciences” (June 2024).

## RED-SPINEL

Coordinated by the IEE-ULB, RED-SPINEL is led by Professor Ramona Coman and involves 11 partner institutions. Academic year 2023/24 saw RED-SPINEL continued to develop its shared research agenda. In practical terms events supported by RED-SPINEL over the course of the academic year included: (a) (i) an international conference on Dissensus over liberal democracy: Insights from European judges and civil society organisations (Oct 2023), (ii) a WP3 - Citizens’ Forum & Innovation Lab: Innovative practices in the fight against autocratisation in the European Neighbourhood (February 2024), (iii) the 2024 RED-SPINEL Annual Conference with the central theme of, ‘Facing Dissensus: From Initial Research Findings to Ongoing Policy Discussions’, which included a Keynote by Professor Daniel Keleman (Georgetown University) (February 2024), Seminars for WP5 on (iv) ‘Economisation of EU Rule of Law and Democracy Mechanisms’ (May 2024) and for WP2 on (v) ‘Politicisation and Democratisation’ (May 2024); and a (vi) a WP4 Expert Workshop on Citizen Participation Practices in the 21st Century Liberal Democracies (June 2024), and (vii) a WP5 Consolidation Citizen Forum on ‘Innovative Economic Governance Practices and 21st Century Liberal Democracies’ (Sept. 2024) Additionally RED-SPINEL launched its own Podcast season (8 episodes) as part of the IEE’s “Making Sense of EU” series. Equally the project saw the production of 11 open access intermediary publications in the guise of a range of working papers, policy briefs and country reports. These are all accessible via the project’s website.

## JAPAN WEEK @ULB 2024

From March 9th till March 16th, 2024, a series of events dedicated to Japan and the EU-Japan relationships were organised by the IEE-ULB, in collaboration with the ULB’s East Asian Studies (EASt) Research centre, the REPI, the CEVIPOL, the CDE, and the Waseda University Brussels Office. Notably the collaborations with Waseda and Kansai University have allowed for the development of: shared research programs, joint teaching programmes and multiple exchange programmes for both researchers and students linking the ULB and Japan. To highlight the range of events, the IEE-ULB coordinated a series of activities which included a workshop on Crossed Views on the Digital Service Marketplace in Japan and in Europe, an ULB-Kansai University Interregional Workshop, JSPS Briefing on Research Funding Opportunities in Japan, and a the 2023 EU-Japan Forum which included panels on “European and Japanese Approaches to International Criminal Justice”, “Hate Speech and Abusive Language” as well as ‘Political Narratives in Europe and Asia Compared’

## NAVIGATOR 2024

The IEE-ULB leads two critical work packages—Migration and Dissemination—for the Horizon Europe project NAVIGATOR. Throughout the 2023-2024 academic year, the IEE-ULB has met several strategic milestones, advancing NAVIGATOR’s objectives in both research and outreach.

Key achievements include:

- **Publication of a NAVIGATOR Newsletter** (December 2023): A comprehensive update sharing project milestones, research highlights, and upcoming initiatives with a broad network of stakeholders.
- **Organization of the First External Expert Group Meeting** (June 2024): This milestone event convened 49 experts from academia, policy, and industry, featuring keynotes by **Prof. Joris Larik** (Leiden University) and **Gurvan Le Bras** (European External Action Service). The meeting fostered significant exchanges on project themes, aligning NAVIGATOR’s vision with wider multilateral objectives.
- **NAVIGATOR Board Meeting** (June 2024): Bringing together NAVIGATOR team members, this meeting refined project strategies and ensured alignment with the project’s objectives.

Additionally, the IEE-ULB launched a dedicated NAVIGATOR podcast series as part of season 3 of the “Making Sense of EU” series, designed to broaden NAVIGATOR’s outreach and engage the public.

# PUBLICATIONS

The IEE manages three peer-reviewed book series in European studies. Edited and directed by scholars affiliated to the IEE, the series are published in collaboration with recognized academic publishing houses, two of them with the editions de l'Université de Bruxelles and one with Routledge. These series covering the full gamut of disciplines involved in European studies, provide a qualitative and highly visible outlet for ongoing research being developed at the IEE-ULB and its partner institutions.

## Commentaries J. Mégret - Éditions de l'Université de Bruxelles

Series Editors: Marianne DONY

Series published by the University of Brussels. Founded in the 1970s by Prof. Jacques Mégret and directed by Prof. Marianne Dony; this series provides systematic commentaries on the articles of the European Treaties. With over 40 volumes already published, it serves as a reference in the field of European law.

## Collection: European Studies - Éditions de l'Université de Bruxelles

Series Editors: Marianne DONY & François FORET

The collection publishes legal and political science works on the major themes of European integration. Created and directed from 1968 to 1999 by Jean-Victor Louis, the collection has been directed since 2012 by Prof. Marianne Dony and François Foret. The works published in the collection are characterized both by their critical vision of current issues in European construction and their methodological and disciplinary rigor: from constitutional law for Europe to the European Criminal Justice Area, from comparative politics to international relations, from the history of political ideas to analysis of the evolution of the EU's institutional system. This collection is accessible both to professionals working in the field of European integration, and to anyone wishing to learn more about European affairs.

## Globalisation, Europe, Multilateralism - Routledge

Series Editors: Ramona COMAN & Frederik PONJAERT

Launched in 2013 by Prof. Mario Telò and Frederik Ponjaert, this series includes books, monographs and manuals aimed at contributing to scientific innovation in the fields of European and international studies. With 27 volumes published to date and four more already scheduled for the academic year 2023 - 2024, this series continues to position itself as a reference for both research and teaching professionals. Of particular importance over the past year (2022-2023) has been the further increase in the number of monographs by early-stage researchers that were either published or greenlit for publication. As such, the series confirms its role as a publication outlet for high quality doctoral theses linked to the IEE, and this besides its function as a dissemination platform for interdisciplinary collective research produced by the IEE and its partners.

## A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF PUBLISHED BOOKS

The following is an indicative and non-exhaustive list of monographs and edited volumes published either in one of the IEE-coordinated book series, or edited by one of the IEE-ULB's affiliates over the course of academic year 2023/2024 (in alphabetic order of the initial listed author):

- Chen, X. (2024). *Understanding the EU's Norm and Policy Diffusion in ASEAN through Trade and Security Cooperation: Normative or Normal Power?*. GEM Book series. Routledge. Taylor & Francis.
- Coman R. & Sierens V. (Eds) (2024). *EU Council Presidencies in Times of Crises*, Palgrave Studies in European Union Politics.
- Croissant A. & Tomini L. (Eds) (2024) *The Routledge Handbook of Autocratization*, Routledge.
- Dermine P. (2023) *Le plan de relance "Next Generation EU" de l'Union européenne: Analyse constitutionnelle d'une initiative historique*. Bruylant
- Meyer, T., & de Sales Marques, J. L. (Eds.). (2024). *The EU and China: Avoiding a New Cold War*. GEM Book series. Routledge. Taylor & Francis.
- Oleari A. (2023) *Democracy Without Politics in EU Citizen Participation: From European Demoi to Decolonial Multitude*. Palgrave Macmillan
- Rone, J., Brack, N., Coman, R., & Crespy, A. (Eds) (2023). *Sovereignty in Conflict: Political, Constitutional and Economic Dilemmas in the EU*. Palgrave Studies in European Union Politics
- Telo M. (Ed) (2024). *Towards a common EU strategic culture?*. Éditions de l'académie.



# CONTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC DEBATES

The IEE-ULB is not only a research and teaching institute, but also a public space where exchange and debate are encouraged. Through the organisation of conferences, media interventions and the dissemination of publications, the IEE seeks to put theory into practice. It brings together researchers, students and decision-makers to discuss issues of European integration.

## PODCAST OF THE IEE: MAKING SENSE OF EU

Making sense of EU is a podcast in which researchers and academics from the IEE-ULB and members of the IEE's partner universities take part as part of its various research projects. It is organised into themed seasons of 5 to 10 episodes each. Since its launch in September 2022, Making Sense of EU has become a source of inspiration for the IEE's students, who decided to launch a 'mirror podcast' entitled 'Talking with EU: The Students' POV', to share their thoughts and ideas on the subjects covered with our researchers and academics.

During the academic year 2023-2024, the second season of "Making sense of EU" focused on the challenges facing liberal democracy in the European Union. On the eve of the 2024 European elections, it was noteworthy to step back and assess how the EU's actions over the past decade have impacted on the relative health of liberal democracy and the rule of law in Europe. This season included 7 episodes and was the fruit of the Horizon Europe RED-SPINEL research project. In 2023 our podcast won the « Prix de la diffusion scientifique ULB ».



Did you know that IEE-ULB has a YouTube channel where you can find a number of guest lectures and keynote talks ?


In 2023-2024, we posted more than 20 videos, including the panel discussions of the IEE60 anniversary conference and highlights from the IDEAS24.

# EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE IEE

The IEE brings students together with practitioners and experts from the European institutions and the wider 'Eurosphere' who are invited to participate in specific courses, seminars, colloquia and lecture series. The IEE continues to organise scientific conferences and 'Agora Forums', where the academic community, policy makers and members of civil society can meet and exchange views. Over the course of 2023-2024, we have organised around 40 face-to-face, distance and hybrid events, which are listed below.





## September


15/09/2023  Séance d'accueil des nouveaux étudiants

## October


10/10/2023  Conférence de rentrée académique avec la Prof. Béa Cantillon

20/10/2023  Conférence : Dissensus over liberal democracy: Insights from European judges and civil society organisations


19/10 - 20/10/2023  GEM DIAMOND réunion d'évaluation et workshop ouvrage collectif


20/10/2023  EUI - The IEE welcomes the Young African Leaders Fellows


## November

15/11/2023  «From the Ivory tower to the House» by MEP René Repasi


## December

05/12/2023  A Union for health equity? Policy and power in the post-COVID EU, Euqualis guest lecture by Eleanor Brooks


11/12/2023  Online presentation by Theofanis Kakarnias: «Understanding Domestic Determinants of Rule of Law Europeanisation in the Western Balkans and Turkey»

14/12/2023  Book launch 'Le plan de relance 'Next Generation EU' de l'Union européenne - Analyse constitutionnelle d'une initiative historique' by Paul Dermine


## January


30/01/2024  PolyCIVIS launch conference, including a keynote by Prof. Malte Brosig (University of the Witwatersrand) "From Neologism to Promising Research Agenda? The Global Polycrisis and IR"

## February


06/02/2024  Citizens' Forum & Innovation Lab: Innovative practices in the fight against autocratisation in the European Neighbourhood

15/02/2024  Raconter l'Europe avec Prof.Olivier Roy (Récits européens et déculturation)


19/02/2024  RED-SPINEL Keynote : «Will Europe Escape its Autocracy Trap», by Prof R. Daniel Kelemen (Georgetown University)

22/02/2024  Raconter l'Europe avec Saskia Bricmont (Comment dire l'Europe aux citoyens.ne.s. Retour d'expérience sur un premier mandat)


27/02/2024  L'IEE-ULB a 60 ans

29/02/2024  Narrating Europe with Erik Jones (Telling the story of Europe: Manipulation, misperception, and the 'vision' thing)

## March

01/03/2024  Narrating Europe with Kalypso Nicolaidis ( Citizen Power Europe)

04/03 - 07/03/2024  EU Japan Forum

07/03/2024  Raconter l'Europe avec Bruno Freyssinet (New Bauhaus: quand l'UE stimule le récit de la transition environnementale par la création artistique)

08/03/2024



EU studies: online information session for prospective students

12/03/2024



ULB - Kansai University: interregional workshop

14/03/2024



"The Unruly Paths to Climate Neutrality: The Case of Critical Raw Materials", EUqualis guest lecture by Sanja Bogojević

14/03/2024



Raconter l'Europe avec Noé Debré (L'Europe à l'écran. Raconter, filmer, partager une histoire européenne)

19/03/2024



Dialogue on the accession of Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro and Ukraine to the European Union

20/03/2024



Session d'information lors de la Journée Portes ouvertes (JPO)

21/03/2024



Narrating Europe with Claudio Radaelli (Analyzing and using policy-narratives. Lessons from the narrative policy framework)

28/03/2024



Raconter l'Europe avec Loïc Azoulai (Droit européen et récit du grand remplacement)

## April

18/04/2024



Narrating Europe with Emmanuel Murlon-Druol (Narratives of European Integration since 1945: challenges and promises of exploring 75 years of newspapers archives)

22/04/2024



Raconter l'Europe avec Louis Colart et Joël Matriche (Journalisme d'investigation, rapport aux sources et controverse en milieu européen. L'exemple du `Qatargate`)

24/04/2024



IEE Mentoring Thursdays - How to find your first job after graduation

25/04/2024



Raconter l'Europe avec Nimis Group (Atelier théâtral sur l'Europe et la migration)

30/04/2024



Seminar on the Populist Agenda-Setting with Professor Vivien A. Schmidt

## May

15/05 - 17/05/2024



Conférence IDEAS24 'Inequality and the European Union. New frontiers in European Studies'

15/05/2024



IDEAS24 Keynote: European Social Citizenship in Perspective

16/05/2024



IDEAS24 Policy Panel: Affordable Housing and (In)equality in the European Union

## June

12/06 - 13/06/2024



NAVIGATOR's Inaugural Expert Groups Meeting

12/06 - 13/06/2024



Summer School Gem Diamond

## July

01/07 - 05/07/2024



ECLAN Summer School : "The EU Area of Criminal Justice"

01/07 - 12/07/2024



Odysseus cours d'été: Droit et politique de l'immigration et de l'asile de l'Union européenne

## September

11/09 - 13/09/2024



Formation RED-SPINEL: le contentieux stratégique en cas de violation de la Charte des droits fondamentaux de l'Union européenne

## October

12/10/2024



Cérémonie de proclamation de la promotion Jacques Delors







INSTITUT D'ÉTUDES EUROPÉENNES

Université libre de Bruxelles  
Avenue F.D. Roosevelt, 39  
1050 Bruxelles  
CP 172  
[iee@ulb.be](mailto:iee@ulb.be)  
[www.iee-ulb.eu](http://www.iee-ulb.eu)