Europaeum Mission

Our mission today is to give the most talented, most energetic and most socially committed students within the Europaeum network the opportunities to develop professional qualities to shape the future of Europe for the better.

When you look out of the window, what do you see – buildings, cars, people? What you do not see is the glass! Think about how it was to live before the invention of glass. And what is the “glass” for Europe? It is the Rule of Law and the set of institutions, ideas and values handed down to us from the Age of Enlightenment and the Scientific Revolution. This is the conceptual framework that has shaped the modern western world. These are the ideas that replaced superstition with science, dogma with reason, fate with free will, and authority on high with the moral choice of the individual. All those aspects of living which have enormous value, but which go largely unnoticed.

These ideas have spread across the globe, but their origins are European. Aristotle was Greek, Spinoza – Dutch/Portuguese, Rousseau – a French-speaking Genevois, Descartes, Montesquieu and Voltaire – French, Kant – German, Locke – English, Hume and Smith – Scottish. Today, these ideas are threatened, inter alia, by populism, prejudices, fake news and conspiracy theories. And, on the wider stage, Europe faces challenges from pandemics, growing inequalities, and climate change.

The member universities of the Europaeum have unanimously agreed that, far from retrenching, this is the time to build on the foundations we have established, to reassert our values and enhance our inter-connectedness. This is why the Europaeum exists. We need more, not less, emphasis on universities engaging with the wider society; more, not less, international collaboration; and more not less, drawing together of the disciplines.

In recent years, the Europaeum has structured its activities around three themes:

European History & Culture

European Policy-Making

European Liberal Democracy & Citizen Engagement

These three themes reflect our focus on students whose disciplines lie primarily (if not exclusively) in the Humanities and the Social Sciences. Some events sit squarely within a single theme (such as the Classics Colloquium in the first or the Brussels Policy Seminar in the second), while others straddle two or three. They form the foundation of the Europaeum’s philosophy of facilitating and encouraging critical and innovative thinking about Europe and European identity. Across all three themes, we study societal problems and how they might be tackled. Almost inevitably, this requires a multidisciplinary approach, which is what many Europaeum students find so exciting and so different from much of their traditional academic study. Linguists have to talk to lawyers, economists to historians, sociologists to philosophers and all of these to practitioners and policy-makers to help us understand more about Europe’s culture, politics and people and what might be done to make Europe a better place.

Overview 2021

In 2021, the second cohort of the Europaeum Scholars Programme completed their journey, almost entirely online due to COVID-19. The four groups produced their policy recommendations which they presented as part of an international conference in Toledo, Spain. All core activities were held online except the Classics Colloquium in Madrid in November. The University of Tartu joined the network and that completes the expansion to 18 members.
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MA EUROPEAN HISTORY & CIVILISATION

The Europaeum Masters Programme in European History and Civilisation offers graduate students a special opportunity to deepen their knowledge of European history and institutions, their philosophical and historical backgrounds and underpinnings, and their social and economic contexts, through the lens of three different university worlds. This knowledge plays an increasingly crucial role in practical decision-making and strategic planning, where Europe-wide and global contact and negotiation is required. Students spend a term each in Leiden, Paris and Oxford.

In 2021, the physical presence of students in Oxford was made difficult by the COVID-19 pandemic. Some completed their degrees in Leiden, some opted for an online Oxford term and some postponed their studies to the autumn.

Wouter Baas

Weltösterreich: The Habsburg Legacy and Austrian Internationalism, 1916-1927

Thijs de Dood

A Transformation in the Shadows: The American Intelligence Community and the Indonesian War of Independence (1945-1949)

Zaza Jung

Controlling the ‘R’dical alien’: American Debates on the Prevention of Immigrant Radicalism during the First Red Scare (1917-1921)

Nuri Kurnaz

‘P’n-Islamism: An Imaginary Threat? Knowledge formation about pan-Islam in transnational Orientalist networks, 1876-1909

Caecilia Moerdijk

The establishment process of the Central Planning Bureau: A case study on economic planning in a capitalist and liberal democratic context

Marti Monso Solans

The Long Shadow of the Minister-Favourite: Conceptualizations of Power and State in Early Modern Europe

Tomasz O’Donoghue

‘Baldwin of Egypt’s Lake’: The Egyptian Overland Route and European Colonial Expansion, 1775-1798
MA EUROPEAN POLITICS & SOCIETY

This joint master’s degree is offered by Charles University (Prague) as leading partner, plus Jagiellonian University (Krakow), Leiden University and Pompeu Fabra University (Barcelona), with the help of Erasmus Mundus funding. It is a two-year programme that starts in Prague and subsequently offers different options. Students will receive a Europaeum Certificate and some will be invited to attend the Spring School in Oxford in their second year.

More information

The first cohort of students started on this two-year course in 2017/18.

MA VACLAV HAVEL

This is a specialisation offered to master’s students at Charles University (Prague), Leiden University and Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, who can spend one semester at one partner university.

The growing network of Václav Havel Scholars

Report by Anna Lukešová

In Prague, the Charles University’s Alumni of the Václav Havel Programme gathered to remember five years since the first university exchange of the Václav Havel Scholars. During this time, Charles University in Prague sent eighteen students for an exchange at Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne or Leiden University, with two other students completing their second year of the programme at present. This numerous group thus created a great team of friends who meet actively even after years.

The Václav Havel Programme gained its name after the prominent personality of the Czech ex-president Václav Havel. The programme was launched in the academic year of 2012/2013 by a trio of the Europaeum member universities: Leiden University, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne and Charles University in Prague. It is designed as a complementary two-year programme for Masters’ students of the three partner universities who focus their studies on European issues. The Václav Havel Scholars enjoy not only a one-semester exchange at one of the partner universities of the programme, but they also participate in the Oxford Spring School where they can meet with students from other member universities of the Europaeum association or students involved in other Europaeum programmes, such as History & Civilisation or European Politics & Society.

Havel graduates receive their certificates (2018)
The 2021 online Policy Seminar, organized in collaboration with the European Parliamentary Research Service (DG EPRS) was a joint effort to link academic and policy institutions, contributing to a better understanding of the process of preparation and implementation of EU policies. The programme included talks and discussions with those at the sharp end of policy and decision-making in Brussels. This on-line edition focused on how key areas of European policy are made covering core themes such as: the future of the Europe; EU crisis management; Brexit and post-COVID economic recovery; EU and global order; protecting fundamental rights and supporting democracy around the globe. There were more detailed discussions in working groups with the accent on pluralism of opinions, recommendations and understanding of key policy challenges.

28 January

Welcome and Introduction  
Anthony Teasdale (Director General, European Parliamentary Research Service / EPRS)  
Dr Marcin Walecki (Director, The Europaeum)

Opening Debate: The Future of Europe  
Chair: Dr Hartmut Mayer (Director, European Studies Centre, University of Oxford; Executive Chair, The Europaeum)  
Daniel Freund, MEP (Member of the EP Committees on Constitutional Affairs and on Budgetary Control)  
Maria Jose Martinez Iglesias (Director of Legislative Affairs, European Parliament)  
Richard Corbett (Deputy Head of Secretary General’s Cabinet for constitutional and institutional affairs, and former MEP)

Group Discussions  
Group 1, moderated by Dr Silvia Kotanidis (Citizens’ Policies Unit, European Parliamentary Research Service / EPRS)  
Group 2, moderated by Dr Hartmut Mayer (Director, European Studies Centre, University of Oxford)

Session A: COVID-19 and EU economic recovery  
Chair: Dr Andrew Graham (Trustee, The Europaeum)  
Mikołaj Dowgielewicz (Director General, European Investment Bank)  
Ben Hall (European Editor, Financial Times)

Group Discussions  
Group 1, moderated by Marcin Szczepański (Economic Policies Unit, European Parliamentary Research Service / EPRS) and Marianna Pari (Budgetary Policies Unit, European Parliament Research Service / EPRS)  
Group 2, moderated by Mikołaj Dowgielewicz (Director General, European Investment Bank)
Keynote Speaker
Dr Roberta Metsola, MEP (First Vice-President of the European Parliament)
‘The Rule of Law in the European Union’

29 January

Session B: EU-US and Transatlantic Relations after Presidential Elections
Chair: Etienne Bassot (Director, Members’ Research Service, European Parliamentary Research Service / EPRS)
Esteban González Pons, MEP (Vice-Chair, Group of the European People’s Party (EPP) European Parliament)
Kati Piri, MEP (Vice-Chair, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D), European Parliament)
Ruben Diaz-Plaja (Senior Policy Adviser, Policy Planning Unit, Office of the Secretary General, NATO)
Tania Latici (Policy Analyst, External Policies Unit, European Parliamentary Research Service / EPRS)

Group Discussions
Group 1, moderated by Tania Latici (Policy Analyst, External Policies Unit, European Parliamentary Research Service / EPRS)
Group 2, moderated by Ruben Diaz-Plaja (Senior Policy Adviser, Policy Planning Unit, Office of the Secretary General, NATO)

Closing Debate: Protecting fundamental rights in the EU and supporting democracy around the globe
Chair: Dr Marcin Walecki (Director, The Europaeum)
Isabel Santos MEP, S&D Group (Rapporteur on the European Parliament’s own initiative report on human rights and democracy in the world and the EU’s policy on the matter - Annual report 2019)
Jerzy Pomianowski (Executive Director, European Endowment for Democracy)
Pietro Ducci (Directorate-General for External Policies of the Union, European Parliament)

Group Discussions
Group 1, moderated by Dr Joanna Apap (Strategy and Innovation Unit, European Parliamentary Research Service / EPRS)
Group 2, moderated by Dr Marcin Walecki (Director, The Europaeum)

Keynote Speaker
Heidi Anneli Hautala, MEP (Vice-President of the European Parliament responsible for the Sakharov Network and for Human Rights and Democracy)‘The role of the European Parliament in promoting human rights and democracy in the world’

Closing Remarks
Dr Joanna Apap (Strategy and Innovation Unit, European Parliamentary Research Service / EPRS)
Dr Hartmut Mayer (Director, European Studies Centre, University of Oxford; Executive Chair, The Europaeum)
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St Andrews: Emily Fiedler, Philipp Schoenegger
Tartu: Mari-Liis Sulg, Maili Vilson

Student Feedback:

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“The invited lecturers were amazing and able to engage the audience with really interesting insights both from an academic and practical perspective”
This online Europaeum Classics Colloquium – the 18th in our series – explored various aspects of ancient slavery. During the colloquium, core aspects of slavery were looked at - matters that are still at the very heart of human interest.

The objective of the Colloquium was to examine ancient slavery in all its manifestations from different perspectives and with a wide range of research methods. The colloquium brought together leading international researchers and scholars including Professor Nino Luraghi (Oxford University), Prof Edith Hall (King’s College, London) and Dr Myles Lavan (University of St Andrews). Topics included how often were slaves freed and why, and the importance of manumission to our understanding of slavery. To have a full understanding of the political, social and economic dimensions of ancient slavery, the colloquium also looked in depth at slavery as a form of trade.

Thursday, 11 February

Keynote Speaker:
Professor Edith Hall (King’s College London)
‘Intermittently Visible: The Slaves in the Baggage Train of the Ten Thousand in Xenophon’s Anabasis’

Session 1: Free vs enslaved – citizens vs non-citizens
Maja Rechendorff Møller (University of Copenhagen)
‘Really Useful? - Χρηστός as a method for identifying slaves in epigraphic sources’
Matthew Hewitt (University of Oxford)
‘The Place of Manumission in the Greek World: The Use of the Theatre at Athens and Bouthroto斯’
Chair: Professor Krzysztof Bielawski (Jagiellonian University)

Session 2: Slaves in public life: Theatre in Greece and the sacred slave
Antonio Mura (University of Bologna)
‘Slavery Images in Aristophanes’ Poetics’
Javier Funes (University Pompeu Fabra)
‘Hierodouloi in Hellenistic Egypt’
Chair: Professor Christian Amitzbøll Thomsen (University of Copenhagen)

Afternoon Lectures and discussion
Professor Miriam Valdés Guía (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)
‘Atimoi and agogimoi. Reflections on debt slavery in Archaic Athens’
Dr John Latham-Sprinkle (Ghent University)
‘Slavery in the North Caucasus and its place in the wider political economy of the region in the 8th-15th centuries’
Friday, 12 February

Morning Lectures and discussion
Dr Laurens E. Tacoma (Leiden University)
‘Freedom in slavery. Status and agency in Greek stone epigrams from the Hellenistic and Roman period’
Prof. Christian A. Thomsen (University of Copenhagen)
‘Freed-men and -women beyond the family’

Session 3 Transformations: the origins of slavery and the continuation in the Americas
Marietta Kosma (University of Oxford)
‘Uncanny compulsions; on the exposition of racial violence through Hopkins’ and Wells’ work’
Simon Lobach (Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies, Geneva)
‘The African natural slave: History of an idea’
Chair: Dr Tracey Sowerby (Oxford University)

Closing debate
Slavery: Antiquity and Modernity in Dialogue
Professor Nino Luraghi (Wykeham Professor of Ancient (Greek) History, Oxford University)
Dr Myles Patrick Lavan (University of St Andrews)
Professor Edith Hall (King’s College London)

Europaeum participants not giving a paper:
Jagiellonian: Anna Borowy
Leiden: Sara Cabras, Annemijn Geelen, Cornelia Hefting
Madrid: Aida Fernández Prieto
Oxford: Kar Lok Pang, Joel Pollatschek
St Andrews: Bart Danon, Carolyn La Rocco

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“The final discussion was great, bringing everything together, drawing some final conclusions and actually bringing antiquity and modernity in dialogue with each other”
Trinity Term 2021
online

Weekly Seminar
for the graduates on the MA in European History & Civilisation, and members of the University of Oxford

European Connections

4 May
Dr Stephanie Cavanaugh, What can Conversion Teach us about Belonging in Early Modern Spain?

11 May
Dr Cathleen Sarti, Concepts of the Baltic Region: On Geography, Territories, Networks, and Trans-Territorial Connections in Historical Research

18 May

1 June
Professor Tom Buchanan, Human Rights Activism in Post-War Britain

8 June
Professor David Hopkin, The Soldier’s Tale: Military Storytelling in Revolutionary Europe

15 June
Professor Guido Bonsaver, The “Americanisation” of European Culture: General Questions and the Specifics of Pre-WWII Italy


1-3 October 2021
Toledo, Spain

Conference
Crisis as an opportunity for Europe?

Over the past three decades, Europe has experienced a series of disruptions: the collapse of communist regimes, the Balkan war, the global financial crisis, the UK’s departure from the EU, the refugee crisis, conflict in Ukraine, and the recent COVID-19 pandemic to name but a few. Yet it has been over the past 20 months that Europe has experienced one of its most significant political, economic, social and cultural crises. Although the “way of life BC (Before COVID)” might never return, this crisis could be seen as a critical juncture for new policy, political and institutional developments – regionally and globally – as well as greater awakening of the need for social justice. History illustrates that crises and major threats can be useful for directing individuals and institutions towards new solutions. Out of crises can emerge new and incredible opportunities, particularly if traditional approaches and paradigms are questioned and challenged. How have international organizations, national, regional, and local level authorities, business and universities responded to acute challenges, and have these actually made a difference? How have these institutions responded to our citizens’ needs?

30 September

Europaeum Scholars (cohort 2) presented their Projects to a Panel of Judges:
Ben Hall (Financial Times) Maria Joao Rodrigues (FEPS) and Anthony Teasdale (DG EPRS)

1 October

Keynote debate: Crises as Opportunities for Resilience and Renewal
Lord Chris Patten (Chancellor of the University of Oxford)
José Manuel Barroso (former President of the European Commission)
Chair: Sally Mapstone (Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of St Andrews)

Panel 1: The EU in Global Affairs: The Transatlantic Relationship with an Emphasis on the Challenges of China and Russia
Mira Milosevich-Juaristi (Elcano Royal Institute)
Jose María Beneyto (San Pablo CEU University)
Hartmut Mayer (Oxford University)
Chair: Wim van den Doel (Leiden University)

Panel 2: Economic Recovery: Wealth and Job Creation post-COVID
Armando Jiménez San Vicente (Ortega y Gasset Institute)
Andrew Graham (Europaeum)
Sarah Fowler (Oxford Analytica)
Chair: Ben Hall (European Editor, Financial Times)

Panel 3: Climate Change - Unresolved Problems and New Dimensions
Jürgen Großmann (Georgsmarienhütte Holding GmbH)
Marcus Lippold (Advisor to the European Commission)
Angeles Santamaría (CEO Iberdrola Espana)
Peeter Vihma (Europaeum Scholar)
Chair: James Candon (Managing Director of United Europe)

Keynote debate: Global Crisis and Opportunity for the EU
Julio Crespo-Maclennan (Ortega y Gasset Institute)
Maria Joao Rodrigues (President of Foundation for European Progressive Studies)
Pascal Lamy (former Director-General of the World Trade Organization)
Chair: Marcin Walecki (Director, Europaeum)

Conference Reception
Guest Speaker: Charles Powell (Director of Elcano Royal Institute) at El Convento de San Juan de la Penitencia

2 October

Panel 4: Crisis and Opportunity for Gen Z
Biliana Sirakova (EU Youth Coordinator)
Ariadna Petri and Tuukka Brunila (Europaeum Scholars)
Chair: Tracey Sowerby (Europaeum)

Panel 5: AI and digital transformation as Responses to Crisis
Jose Maria Lassalle (former Spanish Minister for Digital Technologies)
Robert Krimmer (University of Tartu)
Alice Trinkle, George Nikolou and Lukas Spielberger (Europaeum Scholars)
Chair: Roxana Radu (The Graduate Institute Geneva)

Debate: The Impact of COVID-19 on Democracy
Katarzyna Gardabkhadze (OSCE/ODIHR)
Kevin Casas-Zamora (Secretary General International IDEA)
Chair: Marcin Walecki (Director, Europaeum)
Panel 6: EU Institutional Reform
Richard Corbett (Deputy Head of Secretary General’s Cabinet for Constitutional and Institutional Affairs, and former MEP)
Günther H. Oettinger (President of United Europe)
Eduardo García Cancela, Lewin Schmitt and Riccardo Nanni (Europaeum Scholars)
Chair: Hartmut Mayer (Oxford University)

3 October

Panel 7: The Migrants and Refugee Crisis: Unresolved Problems and New Dimensions
Iván Martín (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)
Natasha Saunders (University of St Andrews)
Chair: Sonia Lucarelli (University of Bologna)

Closing Panel: Leadership in a time of Crisis
Roberta Metsola MEP (First Vice-President of the European Parliament)
Andrew Serazin (President of the Templeton World Charity Foundation)
Manuel Muñiz (former Secretary of State for Global Spain)
Laura Nordström (Europaeum)
Chair: Andrienne d’Arenberg (Europaeum)

18-20 October 2021
Estoril, Portugal

Estoril Political Forum - International Graduate Debate
On the 80th Anniversary of the Atlantic Charter: Structuring a New Alliance of Democracies

The Institute for Political Studies of the Catholic University of Portugal celebrated the 29th anniversary of its International Annual Meeting in Political Studies – the Estoril Political Forum - in October. The Estoril Political Forum 2021 brought together leading policy-makers and academics from the US, UK, Portugal and the rest of Europe. Keynote speakers included Marc Plattner (Co-Editor, Journal of Democracy, Washington, D.C.), Carl Gershman (President, The National Endowment for Democracy, Washington D.C.), and Professor José Manuel Barroso (Former President of the European Commission; Director, IEP-UCP Centre for European Studies, Lisbon).

On 20 October, the Europaeum hosted the “Europaeum Special Debate”. The motion debated was: “Are Big Tech and Fake News the real threats to democracies today?”

Europaeum Student participants:
Krakow/Glasgow/Tartu: Soso Dzamukashvili
Leiden: Lennart Paetz
Oxford: Jagyioseni Mandal
Prague/Leiden/Krakow: Covadonga Solares Morales
Classics Colloquium
Metabolé: Crisis and Transformation in Antiquity
With the Classics Department of Complutense University, Madrid

Metabolé is a Greek word usually rendered as a combination of "revolution" and "transformation". Aristotle used it in his philosophical works to designate a process of change implying both destruction and generation of things. It is also a key concept in ancient medicine and politics, referring to changes of health state or political regime respectively: many examples of global crisis and revolutions, from Mycenaean to Late Antique times, can be adduced here, as the uses of the concept in Aristotle or Polybius. But it is also a relevant topic for Literature and the Arts, both for the evolution of genres or motifs and for the turning points of diverse narratives. What follows is a reversal of fortune or a “transition point” in the plot: but, as in the Poetics’ treatment of tragedy, is it always for the worse? This hybrid Europaeum Classics Colloquium – the 19th in our series – puts forward the idea of crisis and transformation in Graeco-Roman History and Literature as a leitmotif much in tune with the current COVID situation.

25 November
Welcome Session
Professor Ana Jiménez San Cristobal (Vice-Dean for Research, School of Languages and Literatures, Complutense University of Madrid)
Professor Isabel Velázquez (Director of the Classics Department, Complutense)
Dr Dimitar Bechev (Europaeum).

Keynote Lecture 1
Ana Moure (Professor Emerita of Latin Philology, Complutense University of Madrid)
‘Remora Transformations of a word’

Session 1: Metabolé in Ancient Greek Politics
Chair: David Hernández de la Fuente (Professor of Greek Philology, Complutense)
Alexandros Boukouvalas (Freie Universität Berlin)
‘Crisis management in ancient Athens, or How Solon laid the foundations for Athenian democracy’
Daniel Sutton (online, University of Oxford)
‘Language in Crisis: Semantic Change and Stasis in Plato’s Republic VIII’
Simón Gutiérrez (Complutense University of Madrid)
‘Soter kings and the origins of the Hellenistic process of divinization of the ruler in Seleucid and Graeco-Asian States’

Session 2: Metabolé: Late Antique Adaptations
Chair: Francisco Javier Bran García (Assistant Professor of Latin Philology, Complutense)
Aitor Boada Benito (Complutense University of Madrid)
‘Skin and Crisis: How Skin and its Transformations Shaped Late Antique Christian Communities’
Pablo Rodríguez Valdés (Complutense University of Madrid)
‘The Transformations of Hymnography in Late Antique Greek Literature’

Round table 1 (hybrid format): Metabolé in Literature
Simon Goldhill (Professor of Greek Literature and Culture, University of Cambridge, online)
Miguel Herrero de Jáuregui (Professor of Greek Philology, Complutense University of Madrid)
Luigi Pirovano (Professor of Classics, University of Bologna, online)
Juan Signes Codoñer (Professor of Greek Philology, Complutense University of Madrid)
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Session 3: Transformations of Latin Literature
Chair: Miguel Herrero de Jáuregui (Professor of Greek Philology, Complutense University of Madrid)
Paolo Dainotti (University of Oxford)
‘Crisis and pathos a fortuna in Virgil’s Aeneid’
Hylke de Boer (University of Leiden)
Title ‘Roma Hospitis Patria’
Teresa Torcello (University of Bologna)
‘Transformation as an adaptable translation strategy - Three examples in Latin translations from Greek’

Keynote lecture 2
Arlene Holmes-Henderson (Senior Research Fellow in Classics, University of Oxford)
‘Crisis and transformation in the study of antiquity today’ (online)

Session 3: Classical Receptions in Modern Culture
Federica Pezzoli, Assistant Professor of Greek Philology, Complutense University of Madrid
Anna Borowy (University of Krakow)
‘The Transylvanian School and the Classical Tradition as an Intellectual Revolution’
Saorise McGilligan (University St Andrews)
‘Catasterism and the non-human in Ovid’s Metamorphoses’
Zoe Jennings (University of Oxford)
‘Old stories for new worlds? crisis and utopia in Metamorphosen’ [overcoming mankind] (2021; Volksbühne Berlin, dir. Claudia Bauer)

Round table 2 (hybrid format): Metabolé in Culture
Markus Janka (Professor of Classics, University of Munich, online)
Rebecca Sweetman, (Professor in Ancient History & Archaeology, University of St Andrews, online)
Federica Pezzoli (Assistant Professor of Greek Philology, Complutense University)
Rodrigo Verano. (Assistant Professor of Greek Philology, Complutense)

27 November

Keynote Lecture 3
Krzysztof Bielawski (Professor of Classics, University of Krakow)
‘Pollas metabolas metaballousa (Arist. Poet. 1449a14) - change and transition in the Greek literary culture’

Session 4: The Transformations of Ovid
Pere Fàbregas Salis (Assistant Professor of Latin Philology, Complutense University of Madrid)
Frank van den Boom (University of Leiden)
‘The Superior Human Poet in Metamorphosen 10: Ovid’s Orpheus in the Ecological Crisis and the (In)Ability to Change’
Donato Gagliastro (University of Prague)
‘From Icarus to the Heroïdes: Ovid’s Metamorphosis in Gabriele d’Annunzio’s Classicism’
Leo Kershaw (University of Oxford)
‘Tiresian Metabolë: Gender Fluidity in Ovid’s Metamorphoses and its Reception in the Poetry of Kae Tempest’

CLOSING REMARKS
Professor David Hernández de la Fuente
Professor Miguel Herrero de Jáuregui
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“The atmosphere was so friendly and confidential that when I had to present my paper, it was as if I was telling it to my best friends”
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**Module 4 – The Rule of Law in Europe**
22-26 March 2021 (online)
- Sessions on: Rule of Law in the EU, European neighbourhoods, the role of court, human rights, state capture and corruption
- Professional training in policy writing
- Group work
Followed by two short workshops in April with leading professionals from industry for the group working on transition within the automotive industry.
Module 5: Global Governance
7-11 June 2021
- Talks by experts from the WTO and the UN; also presentations on: Multilateralism; the Private Sector; Global Migration & Health Governance
- Group Work

Module 6
August 2021
A module predominantly focussing on finishing the two-page policy brief and 5000-word policy report. Scholars also received media training from Engaging Communications.

Final conference and project presentations
1-3 October 2021
Toledo, Spain, and online
Scholars presented their policy recommendations first to the assessors Ben Hall (Financial Times) Maria Joao Rodrigues (FEPS) and Anthony Teasdale (DG EPRS) and then to a broader audience of academics, policy makers and other stakeholders who attended our hybrid conference on ‘Crisis as an Opportunity for Europe’?

Some additional meetings and presentations/training sessions were held between modules
Bursaries

Due to the pandemic, a backlog of bursary recipients emerged.

Ana Luisa Bernardino came to Oxford and reports:


I am incredibly grateful to the Europaeum for its extremely generous support as I finalise my doctoral dissertation. Being the beneficiary of the Geneva-Oxford bursary was crucial in helping me progress with my research. Despite the constraints of the pandemic, I was able to take advantage of Oxford’s impressive collection of online and library resources, and to get in touch with fellow doctoral students, as well as Faculty.

Given the interdisciplinary nature of my research, being able to be in touch with professors from other fields and to attend their lectures was another particular highlight. Last but not least, I am also especially grateful to Dr Walecki and Ms Heinrich for their warm welcome and making my first days in Oxford feel like home.

Other bursary reports of successful applicants are available on our website: https://europaeum.org/bursary-reports/
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