Edito. NEW Master (2 years) in European Studies

From September 2015 onwards, the Institutes for European Studies of Saint-Louis University, Brussels and of University of Louvain (UCL) will offer a two-year Master in European Studies. This new academic program is characterised by the following aspects:

Multidisciplinary: The programme is characterised by high academic standards and takes a uniquely multidisciplinary approach that covers law, political science, economics, sociology and philosophy. It provides the knowledge and analytical tools necessary to understand and analyse the issues that affect a contemporary Europe and the process of European integration.

Multilingual: Students can follow this programme in English or in a bilingual basis (in English and in French).

Renowned teaching staff: Students also benefit from leading academics, top EU officials (such as Mr. BARRIOSO, MR. VAN ROMPUY, MR. DE KERHOVE), and practitioners from European institutions, diplomats, etc. Their unique expertise sheds further light on the daily functioning of the EU and offers high quality resources for the students’ work.

European Studies opens up a wide range of career opportunities for students, in such diverse fields as European and International institutions, diplomacy, government organisations, NGOs or international business.

The two-year programme takes place at UCL, which is located in Louvain-la-Neuve. Once a year, an « alternative week » is organised at Saint-Louis University in Brussels. This intensive week offers students practice-oriented seminars on EU affairs as well as organised group visits to the European institutions.

Please click here for enrolment information.

Edition 2015 de la Semaine européenne : le bilan

Au cours de la dernière semaine de mars, s’est tenue l’édition 2015 de la Semaine européenne organisée par les étudiants du Master 120 en études européennes. Cet événement, organisé annuellement depuis une quinzaine d’années maintenant, comprend notamment une simulation du Parlement européen, des cycles de conférences et de débats, ainsi que des visites des institutions de l’Union européenne.

Cette année, la Semaine européenne a rassemblé 60 participants de 19 nationalités différentes, dont nombre de non-européens en provenance, notamment, des États-Unis, du Honduras ou encore du Brésil.

A l’occasion d’une conférence-débat consacrée, le mardi 24 mars, au traité transatlantique, M. Pierre DEFRAINE et Mme. Léa AUFFRET, ont évoqué le potentiel impact du partenariat transatlantique sur les relations internationales, et sur un certain nombre de préoccupations de la société civile, telles que la transparence des institutions ou le droit des consommateurs. M. Nicolas DE SAEDELER a animé le débat, n’hésitant pas à mettre en exergue les enjeux juridiques des négociations transatlantiques.

Africa, China and Europe : Conference & Book Launch – May 11, 2015

The last two decades have witnessed the acceleration of the growth of China’s influence in Africa in the spheres of trade, investment, aid and diplomacy. The transformation of China from a quasi-autarchic rural economy into a heavy industrialized open economy that has been taking place these last three decades has generated a new complementarity with the African economies that challenges the incumbent dominant position held by Europe on the African continent.

Nevertheless, the historical, economic, diplomatic and cultural ties between Europe and Africa built through the colonization and decolonization processes remain strong. The aim of this conference is to assess the resilience of the European-African relations vis-à-vis the rising influence of China by analyzing a variety of interrelated research questions.

Following the conference, the book « China, the European Union and the Developing World. A Triangular Relationship » will be launched. This book, edited by Jean-Christophe DEFRAINE (Saint-Louis University - Brussels), Jan WOUTERS and Matthieu BURNAY (K.U.Leuven) provides a comparative analysis of Chinese and EU influence across five different regions of the developing world: Asia-Pacific; South and Central Asia; the Middle East and North Africa; Sub-Saharan Africa; and Latin America.

While there is broad acknowledgement that the importance of China is rising across the developing world, this book offers a comprehensive and comparative account of the relative increase of the Chinese presence in the various different regions. It highlights its impact on the relationship between the EU and the developing world regions and shows how the rise of China affects the relations between these regions and Europe.

This comprehensive study will appeal to researchers and scholars interested in global governance, European foreign policy, Chinese foreign policy, EU-China relations, as well as trade compared with developing countries around the world. Students of European studies and Chinese studies, as well as policymakers in the areas of external relations and EU-China relations, will also find this book a useful guide.

Eventhough this event is free and open to public, pre-registration is required.