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EUCOPAS Newsletter

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EUCOPAS was initiated in September 2015 as Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence together with our partner Sciences Po Paris. Our yearly newsletter presents all EUCOPAS activities. In the academic year 2018 four EUCOPAS events took place which attracted a high number of students, academics and the interested public. In January, we started with an excellent PhD Workshop in Paris. Young researchers presented their work in an academically fruitful environment. This event is particularly interesting for networking and to present research on the international academic scene. In June, the international and interdisciplinary MA summer school took place in Brussels. Students with different academic backgrounds came together to discuss current EU-Third Country relations. These five intense days created new panEuropean friendships and academic exchange beyond borders. Within the framework of the summer school, the EUCOPAS Final Conference was carried out in. Together with Sciences Po Paris the topic "Inter-institutional balance: towards a new institutional architecture?" as well as the speakers attracted a large audience. In December, the EUCOPAS dissemination event took place in the framework of the CETEUS annual meeting.

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EUCOPAS PhD Workshop

"Democracy in the EU and its member states"



10 PhD candidates and early post-docs from several countries took the chance to discuss their research and papers during the EUCOPAS PhD workshop on 25-26 January 2018.

The doctoral seminar has been organised and hosted by Sciences Po Paris and convened by Prof. Renaud Dehousse (European University Institute and Centre d'études européennes de Sciences Po), Prof. Wolfgang Wessels (Jean Monnet Chair, University of Cologne), Prof. Sven-Oliver Proksch (Chair for European Politics, University of Cologne), Associate Prof. Olivier Rozenberg (Centre d'études européennes de Sciences Po), and Anja Tomas, PhD (Centre d'études internationales de Sciences Po).

Topics of the vivid discussion were determinants of democratic processes in the member states, democracy and the crisis of the Eurozone, representative democracy in the EU as well as democracy and EU institutions.

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EUCOPAS / Proteus Summer-School

"The post-2020 EU Budget Negotiations and Democratic Norm Violations - a European Council simulation game"



In June 2018 the multinational and interdisciplinary Summer School took place. Besides the highlight of having a final simulation of budget negotiations the participants had the chance to gain insights into Europe Unions everyday life.

Students from the University of Cologne, Sciences Po Paris, Charles University Prague as well as the Turkish-German University Istanbul participated in the European Council simulation game focusing on the post 2020 EU-Budget Negotiations and Democratic Norm Violations. The group of 29 students had a talk with MEP Dr. Ingeborg Gräßle about democratic norm violations as well as about the students matters of concern. Adding to this the students visited the European Policy Center, where Director of Studies Janis Emmanouilidis introduced the group to a Policy Think Thank's work.

EUCOPAS final conference

The Inter-institutional balance: towards a new institutional architecture?



On 5th June EUCOPAS' Final Conference brought together young and experienced researchers as well as students and the general public who have not yet been in regular contact with EU-related topics. The discussion around the question of inter-institutional balance gave a meaningful end to the EUCOPAS project.

The conference started with a Keynote Speech held by Jim Closs (General Secretariat of the Council of the EU) and gave the participants insights into EU bureaucracy. The first panel discussion was about the evolution of the European Council and its impact on the institutional architecture. It was followed by a panel dealing with the impact on institutional architecture but with focus on the European Parliament. The third panel had to discuss the setting of teaching the institutional architecture and the arising question of a transnational curriculum development.

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Read the full report [here](#).

'Full steam ahead?' Following up on this question, EUCOPAS dissemination conference took place in the framework of the CETEUS annual meeting. The dissemination event raised a debate on the Future of the European Union and Developments in EU-Turkey Relations on 13 December 2018 at the Institut Français in Cologne. Within two panels, experts from international institutions and universities shed light on different aspects of EU politics from both an academic as well as practical perspective. Therefore, the conference dealt with the European Union including the challenges and priorities for the upcoming legislative period of the European Parliament from 2019 to 2024 from a German-French perspective. An additional panel later that day discussed the current Austrian EU Council Presidency, which also led to a more general controversy on the scope and future role of Council Presidencies.

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