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Topic:

**Europe Online –
International Discourse and Perspectives**
European-American virtual encounter (“Maymester”)

Date:

19 - 27 May, 2021

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<u>Seminar leader:</u>	Nicola Speer, EAO
<u>Co-leader:</u>	Alexander Metternich, EAO
<u>Language:</u>	English
<u>Participants:</u>	Students from Germany, Spain, The Czech Republic and the USA
<u>Beginning:</u>	19 May, 2021 9:00 (EST)
<u>End:</u>	27 May, 2021 14:00 (EST)
<u>Venue:</u>	- Online zoom platform - Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen gGmbH (EAO) Europahausstraße 35 66620 Nonnweiler Germany Tel.: +49 6873 662-414 Fax: +49 6873 662-350 www.eao-otzenhausen.de
<u>Seminar fee:</u>	50 €

Target audience

The participants will be university students from Kennesaw State University (USA), the Prague University of Economics and Business (CZ), Paderborn University (DE) and the Berg Institute of the Universidad Alfonso X El Sabio in Madrid (ES), University Koblenz-Landau (DE).

Objectives

The seminar has set itself the following objectives:

- Participants should deepen and broaden their knowledge of current European and Global issues. This should lead to a better understanding of the European integration project and its interactions with global developments and sharpen the holistic view of common political, economic and social challenges, especially in today's challenging climate.
- Young people from both sides of the pond should have the opportunity to exchange ideas, work together on current topics in politics, culture and society and to broaden their own horizons and critically question themselves by dealing with different perspectives and experiences.
- By experiencing an international encounter, participants should deepen their own intercultural skills and develop a better understanding of other countries and cultures.
- To give young people who are in their training/studies or at the beginning of their professional development the opportunity to build networks on an international level. This refers both to peers from different countries and disciplines and to meeting experts.

The participants study different subjects and are also at different degrees/levels of progress. We want to take advantage of this heterogeneity by creating various peer learning effects, by finding different approaches to learning, understanding and also connections: how do I understand something, how do I ask questions, where do I make connections in terms of content and how do I convey these? Thus, it should not only be about conveying pure expert knowledge, but also about the use of knowledge and ideas within the seminar group. And thus be able to see oneself as an active part of a group and networking with each other. We aim to present and communicate a European perspective on the topics.

The language of encounter will be English in order to be able to make contact and interact in discussion forums, break-out sessions and cultural simulations. The intercultural experience and the thematic diversity are thus intended to make people "want more" and "the real thing", the encounter with others on site, for the future.

Methods

We apply a variety of educational methods including e.g. expert lectures with following discussion, workshops, breakout-sessions, moderated discussion rounds, virtual tours.

PROGRAM *

Wednesday, 19 May	Welcome
15:00 – 15:30	Connectivity Check
15:30 – 16:30	Introduction to the Program Seminar Team: Nicola Speer and Alex Metternich, EAO (DE)
16:30 -17:00	Getting to Know Each Other Seminar Team
30 min	Lunch / Dinner Break
17:30 – 18:00	Virtual Tour of our Region Alex Metternich, EAO (DE)
18:00 – 20:00	Developing Intercultural Competencies Intercultural Communication: "Hands on" Brief presentation and subsequent exercise (Story Circles Method, Prof. D. Deardorff) Prof. Sabine Smith, KSU (US), Nicola Speer, EAO (DE)
Thursday, 20 May	The Global Pandemic
15:00 – 15:30	Connectivity Check
15:30 – 15:45	Our Group – welcome/starting point Seminar Team
15:45 – 16:30	Intercultural Competence and Communication Input Nicola Speer, Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen (DE)
15 min	Short Break
16:45 – 18:15	Why are we here? How the Coronavirus Pandemic Affected Me. Story Circles Method - exercise Prof. Sabine Smith, KSU (US), Nicola Speer, EAO (DE)
15 min	Lunch / Dinner Break
18:30 – 19:30	How the Coronavirus Pandemic has Affected Us -What is important? You decide! Group Work Seminar Team: Nicola Speer and Alex Metternich, EAO (DE)
19:30 – 20:00	How the Coronavirus Pandemic has Affected Us Presentation of Results Seminar Team
Friday, 21 May	Common Values – Human Rights
15:00 – 15:30	Connectivity Check
15:30 – 15:45	Our Group – welcome/starting point Seminar Team
15:45 – 17:45	How do We Talk About General Values? Within the European Union: "Democracy and Tolerance"; the Importance of and Respect for Human Rights... Lecture and workshop Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Inken Heldt, TU Kaiserslautern (DE)
17:45 – 18:15	Lunch /Dinner Break
18:15 – 19:15	Human Rights Lecture and discussion Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Joaquin Gonzalez Ibanez, UAX Madrid (ES)
19:15 – 20:00	What are Discourses and How are They Done? Short keynote Nicola Speer, EAO (DE)
Saturday, 22 May	The European Union
15:00 – 15:30	Connectivity Check
15:30-15:45	Our Group – welcome/starting point Seminar Team

15:45-16:00	The European Institutions – Do You Know Them? Online Memory Game Seminar Team
16:00-17:15	The Nuts and Bolts of the EU Input and discussion Assist. Prof. William Daniel PhD, University of Nottingham (GB)
17:15 - 17:45	Lunch / Dinner Break
17:45 - 18:30	Brexit – What Does it Mean for the European Union? Input and discussion Prof. Christoph Ehland, University of Paderborn (DE) (TBC)
18:30-20:00	EU Pub Quiz Sebastian Zeitzmann, LL.M., Universität Saarbrücken (DE)
Sunday, 23 May	Free Day
Monday, 24 May	Climate Including visiting participants from the Department of Architecture, KSU (US)
15:00 – 15:30	Connectivity Check
15:30-15:45	Our Group – welcome/starting point Seminar Team
15:45-17:15	Climate Change as a Governance Issue Input and discussion Prof. Dr. Antje Bruns, Head of the Governance and Sustainability Lab, University of Trier (DE)
17:15 – 17:45	Lunch / Dinner Break
17:45 – 20:00	„Climate Migration is already there!“ – Impressions, Questions & Approaches from Clarkston, Georgia (USA) Lecture, insights and exchange Elizabeth Martin-Malikian, Edwin Akins II, KSU (US) (TBC)
Tuesday 25 May	Migration Including visiting participants from the Department of Architecture, KSU (US)
15:00 – 15:30	Connectivity Check
15:30-15:45	Our Group – welcome/starting point Seminar Team
15:45-17:15	Migration and Migration Policy Lecture and discussion Christian Kiefer, EAO (DE) (TBC)
17:15-17:45	Lunch / Dinner Break
17:45 – 20:00	Coming to Germany, being here – My Point of View Input and discussion/exchange Tarek Salhab, (Syria / DE) (TBC)
Wednesday, 26 May	International Affairs
15:00 – 15:30	Connectivity Check
15:30 – 15:45	Our Group – welcome/starting point Seminar Team
15:45 – 17:30	International Relations – How we Work Together Lecture and discussion Prof. Dr. Robin Dorff, (USA)
17:30 – 18:00	Lunch / Dinner Break
18:00 – 20:00	Virtual Tours Participants' Presentation
Thursday, 27 May	Wrap-up and Outlook
15:00 – 15:30	Connectivity Check
15:30 – 15:45	Our Group – welcome/starting point

	Seminar team
15:45 – 17:45	My understanding, my ideas... what do I take with me in terms of content, what will I continue to work on, e.g. Seminar Team
17:45 – 20.00	Wrap-up and Outlook Farewell, pictures taken, ... Seminar Team

* Parts still may be subject to change!