

Touring European Summer School 2024

Sciences Po –Dijon campus, Humboldt University Berlin, Saints Cyril and Methodius University Skopje, New Bulgarian University Sofia

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**Draft programme of the Dijon seminar
14 – 19 May 2024**

Tuesday 14 May

Groups' arrival to Dijon

Wednesday 15 May

- 8h10 (approx.): breakfast at Sciences Po
- Negotiation & mediation workshop – part 1
instructor: Francesco MARCHI (<https://www.coleurope.eu/whoswho/person/francesco.marchi>)
8h30 – 11h00: Introduction, Ice-breaking & Teambuilding exercises
- 11h30 – 12h15 (approx.): Field experience 1
Attending a public event, “Village de l’Europe”, in the Dijon City Center (meeting associations promoting European issues, citizens, local politicians, etc.).
Main purpose:
 - Engage informal discussions with people present there, on their perceptions and expectations on the EU enlargement, Western Balkans, EU reform, EP elections, etc.), present your views, your country, ...
 - Observe the way various actors engaged on the EU issues communicate with the public (what kind of arguments they use, etc.)
- 13h30: Meeting a journalist from the local branch of the French public radio (Radio France – Bleu Bourgogne) who will make a reportage about our project and/or about young Europeans' views on the EU, EP elections, etc.
NB: Only one student per group. Preferably French-speaking.
- 14h00 – 18h00: Negotiation & mediation workshop – part 2
Introduction to the key principles of international negotiations (including practical exercises)

- End of the day (to be organised by students in a flexible way): Group work 1
 - o preparation for the next field experience (see below)
 - o brainstorming on the communication on the project (how participants communicate on it, to which public they want to reach out, etc.).
- 20h00: party organised by the Sciences Po student association "Bourgogne Balkan Express", at Bodega (https://www.facebook.com/bodega.dijon/?locale=fr_FR).

Thursday 16 May

- Field experience 2 (6 groups of 4 students):
 - o "Meet French high school students" (3 groups):
 - Lycée Charles de Gaulle (9h – 11h), in English
 - Lycée St Bénigne (9h – 12h (approx.)), in English and French
 - Lycée St Joseph (10h30 – 12h), in English
 - o street interview with randomly chosen citizens using a questionnaire elaborated by participants (3 groups)
- 13h45 – 15h30 (Sciences Po): Meeting a French diplomat working on Western Balkans
Discussion with Matthieu ABGRALL, Desk officer Montenegro and North Macedonia & Security in the Western Balkans, Western Balkans Department, French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs
- 16h00: Visit to Dijon City Hall
Presentation of a few examples of the European projects implemented in Dijon
Reception in presence of Mrs. Sladana ZIVKOVIC, deputy mayor in charge of European and International relations
- 18h00 – 19h30: guided tour in Dijon (in English)

Friday 17 May

- 9h00 – 13h30 (Sciences Po): Lecture and workshops on Memory and Reconciliation in Europe; lecturer : Anne BAZIN (<https://www.sciencespo-lille.eu/annuaire-des-enseignants/mme-bazin-anne>)
- Lunch: sandwiches served at Sciences Po
- 14h30 – 16h30 (Sciences Po): Lecture & debate with Christine VERGER (<https://institutdelors.eu/en/tous-les-contributeurs/verger-christine/>):
 - o European Parliament, its role and why the EP elections matter

- Presentation of the French-German experts' report (<https://institutdelors.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/20230919-Group-of-Twelve-REPORT.pdf>) *Sailing on High Seas: Reforming and Enlarging the EU for the 21st Century*
- Restitution of the field experiences from the previous day.
- Group work 2: starting to prepare for presentations to be made in Berlin

Saturday 18 May

Introducing the EU enlargement topic

- 10h00 – 11h00 (Sciences Po): State of play and presentation of the leading ideas aiming at rethinking the accession process, lecturer: Lukáš MACEK (<https://institutdelors.eu/en/tous-les-contributeurs/lukas-macek/>)
- 11h15 – 12h15: Brainstorming on the content and the format of the final output of the project (the basic idea: *“a declaration on the EU enlargement with a set of concrete proposals aiming at advocating, streamlining and accelerating the accession of North Macedonia and Western Balkans countries in general and fostering reconciliation and convergence on key values within an enlarged EU”*)
- 14h00 – 15h30: Presentation & debate on the rival influences in the Western Balkans, lecturer: Benjamin COUTEAU (<https://institutdelors.eu/en/tous-les-contributeurs/benjamin-couteau/>) + general debate on the situation on Western Balkans and the EU accession perspectives
- 15h45 – 18h30 (aprox.):
 - A foresight exercise: working on possible scenarios “The EU in 2040”

Sunday 19 May

Departure from Dijon

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Wednesday 26 June 2024

Senate Hall, Main Building of Humboldt University Berlin (Unter den Linden 6)

9:30-9:50: Greeting Words (H.E. Grigor Porožanov, Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria in Berlin; H.E. Ylber Sela, Ambassador of the Republic of North Macedonia in Berlin)

9:50-10:10: Christian Voß (HU Berlin): Setting the Agenda: The Macedonian Question(s) in 20 minutes

10:10-10:30: Student presentation of the first OFAJ-summer school: "What has happened in Dijon?"

SCHOLARSHIP I: Internationalization and public understanding

10:30-11:00: Dr. Yoan Vilain (Vice-Provost for International and European Affairs, HU Berlin): How to develop an international strategy in an European and French-German context?

11:00-12:00: Frank Morawietz (coordinator DFJW/OFAJ for SEE 2000-2023): Evaluating the first years of RYCO (Regional Youth Cooperation Office)

12:00-13:00: Prof. Hannes Grandits (HUB): The Macedonian Issue and Its Yugoslav Frame

13:00: Common Lunch at JOLLY (Kupfergraben 4/4a, Berlin)

15:00-17:00: GERMAN POLICYMAKERS I:

Visit of Bundeszentrale für Politische Bildung (Friedrichstrasse 50)

15:00-16:00: Presentation "Politics of Memory" by Dr. Chr. Schmödeke

16:00-17:00: Presentation "Political Reeducation of Germany after 1945" by Katerina Berg, Referent for SEE

Thursday 27 June

Main Building of HU Berlin, Unter den Linden 6, Room 1066e, 9:00-12:30

SCHOLARSHIP II: Memorization and Medialization

9:00-10:30: Dr. Naum Trajanovski (University of Warsaw): State of the Art on Memory Studies on Macedonia

10:30-11:30: Adelheid Feilcke (Head of Deutsche Welle Europe): Media Cooperation and Reconciliation: The German-French Case

12:00-14:00: "Balkan-Stammtisch #2" at the Federal Foreign Office (Internationaler Club): Lunch Lecture with the writer Aleksandar Hemon ("The World and All That It Holds"); Entry: Kurstraße 36

14:30-15:30: *GERMAN POLICYMAKERS II:*

Federal Foreign Office: Meeting with Dr. Niels von Redecker, Head of Division Western Balkans: Discussing the German engagement in the Western Balkans: The "Berlin Process"

16:30-18:30: Institute for Slavonic and Hungarian Studies (Dorotheenstrasse 65; rooms 5.57 and 5.42):

16:30-17:30: Prof. Christian Voss (HU Berlin): "Whose is Goce Delčev?" How to share history?

17:30-18:30: Group working session: Preparing the project eBook

Friday 28 June

Main Building of HU Berlin, Unter den Linden 6, Room 1066e

SCHOLARSHIP III: Soft Power and International Relations: Economy and Culture

8:30-9:30: Anja Quiring/Antje Müller (Regional Director SEE/German Eastern Business Association): Economic relations as subversion? Bulgaria, North Macedonia and the neighborhood

9:30-10:30: Andreas Sitzmann (University of Vienna; Translator): Heterostereotypes in Macedonian and Bulgarian literature

GERMAN POLICYMAKERS III:

11:00 Meeting with the Committee European Union Affairs of Deutscher Bundestag, Chairman of the CDU/CSU-parliamentary party Gunther Krichbaum, MdB. Guided Tour through the Bundestag

13:00: Common Lunch at GAFFEL BRÄU (Dorotheenstrasse 65)

15:00-16:30:

GERMAN PUBLIC HISTORY 1:

“Documentation Centre for Displacement, Expulsion, Reconciliation” (with Audioguide)
(Stresemannstraße 90)

17:00-19:00: Institute for Slavonic and Hungarian Studies (Dorotheenstrasse 65; rooms 5.57 and 5.30):
Group working session: Preparing the project eBook

Saturday 29 June

GERMAN PUBLIC HISTORY 2 and 3:

10:00: Museum Karlshorst: “Site of surrender, May 1945”

12:30: Guided tour at “Topography of Terror. Documentation Centre” (Niederkirchnerstraße 8)

14:00: Common Lunch, “Ristorante Marea” (Leipziger Platz 10)

Afternoon: Cultural Program: Visit of Potsdam (Sanssouci etc.)

Sunday 30 June

Departure from Berlin

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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Sofia seminar

30 October – 3 November 2024

Wednesday 30 October

Groups' arrival to Sofia : all student groups are stationed at Hotel Forum, Sofia, 41 Tsar Boris III Blvd, <http://hotel-forum.bg/en/>)

Thursday 31st October

Venue: Institut Français de Bulgarie
3, place Slaveykov, 1000 Sofia

8: 15 - 8:30: Arrival of participants at the French Institute

8:30 – 9:00 Welcome words

M Jérôme KELLE, Conseiller Politique, Conseiller Presse, Ambassade de France en Bulgarie
& Mrs Deborah Lavall, Culture and Press Officer of the German Embassy in Sofia (TBC)
Prof. Plamen Doynov, Rector of the NBU (TBC);
Prof. Evelina Staykova, Chair of Department of Political Sciences

09: 00 - 10: 15

“Dimensions for improving the cooperation between Sofia and Skopje”, Students' presentations of the achievements from two first seminars of the OFAJ/DFJW-project held in Dijon and in Berlin, (4 students, one per institution)

Moderator Petia Gueorguieva

10: 15 – 10:30 Coffee break

10: 30– 12: 30 Lectures and discussions

- “Bulgarian-Macedonian Relations in Bulgarian Politics and Debates.”, Prof. Antony Todorov, New Bulgarian University
- "The Next Mile of EU Enlargement: Think Tanks for the Future of EU Enlargement Program (TFEP)", M. Marin Lessenski, European Policies Program Director, Open Society Institute – Sofia.

12:30 – 13 :30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00

Discussion “The French Proposal for the start of EU accession talks with North Macedonia: Charting the way forward” with Mrs Maria Simeonova, Head of Sofia office, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

16:00 – 20:30

Session co-hosted by the Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany and the Embassy of France in Bulgaria

Venue: Residence of the Embassy of Germany, 38 Gen. Chteryu Atanasov, str. (entrance from Latinka str.)

16:00-17:00 Conference and discussion: H.E Joël MEYER, Ambassador of France and H.E. *Irene Maria Plank*, Ambassador of Federal Republic of Germany with the participants on EU enlargement. The participants share their observations, comments and suggestions on the project « Touring European Summer School »

17:15 – 18:15: Press conference with the participation of two coordinators and four students (one from each group)

18:30-20:30 Reception offered by two Ambassadors with the presence of the Ambassador of Republic North Macedonia, representatives of the Diplomatic corps in Bulgaria, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Members of Parliament and all participants in the project and Sofia seminars

Friday 1 November

Venue: New Bulgarian University, 21 Montevideo Str., 1618 Sofia

9:30 -11: 00

“Deepfake: a threat to democracy or a tool to strengthen democratic engagement?” , SOLARIS team members (Amsterdam) and Brand Media Bulgaria (Sofia): Dr. Andrew McIntyre, Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Media Studies, Institute for Logic, Language and Computation (ILLC), University of Amsterdam and Mrs Assenia Dimitrova

11 : 15 -12 :30

"Strengthening NATO's Eastern flank: Security and Defense Cooperation in South-East Europe", M. Yordan Bozhilov, President of the Sofia Security Forum. He is former Deputy Minister of Defense of the Republic of Bulgaria (Presentation& discussion)

Afternoon Session at the National Assembly of Republic of Bulgaria,
Knyaz Aleksander I, sq. I“ №1, 1169 Sofia

14:00- 15 :30 “EU integration of Republic North Macedonia and Western Balkans”, meeting and discussion with MPs from Standing parliamentary committees on EU affairs and EU funds monitoring and Foreign policy.

15:30 – 17: 00

Street Interviews : 6 teams (4 students per team) carry out interviews with Bulgarian citizens on the issue of the relationship between Sofia and Skopje and on the European integration of North Macedonia

17:00 – 20:00 Cultural and Social Programme

Saturday 2 November

9:30 – 11:00

“ The open-ended narratives on anti-corruption: Meanings, uses, and structural conditionalities of integrity fights in Romania ”, Prof. Alexandra Iancu, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Bucharest, Romania. Presentation & Discussion (on line Zoom)

11:00 – 13:00

“Deportations from Macedonia (March 1943) and their Place in Bulgarian-Macedonian Relations (1991-2024)”. Prof. Stefan Detchev, NBU Presentation & Discussion

13:00 -14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15: 00 Students’ Workshop

Students work in groups: deliberation, presentation of results of interviews and writing of statements and suggestions

Cultural program: National Museum of History and Bojana Church and historical tour in Sofia

Sunday 3d November

New Bulgarian University

9:00 – 12:30

Workshop: Teams of students’ writing of results of deliberations and works in Sofia and proposals what can be done to improve the relationship between Bulgaria and Republic North Macedonia

13:00 Departure to Skopje
From New Bulgarian University

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Skopje seminar draft programme
3 – 7 November 2024

Sunday 3 November

Groups' arrival from Sofia

Accommodation: Osten Art Hotel,

Address: Vasil Glavinov, no.7, 1000 Skopje

(<https://www.booking.com/hotel/mk/osten-art.en-gb.html>)

Monday 4 November

Venue: UKiM Students Cultural Center

Bldv. Mitropolit Teodosij Gologanov no. 28

Ethnic identity conflicts, history, memory and reconciliation

- 8:45-9:00h Welcoming speech – prof. Saso Georgievski, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
- 9:00 h – Lecture & debate: Deep dive into the Macedonian – Bulgarian dispute: historical legacies, ethnic identities, political myths
Nenad Markovic, professor, Political Science Department, Faculty of Law, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, former consultant of the Joint Multidisciplinary Expert Commission on Historical and Educational Issues between Bulgaria and North Macedonia
- 10:45h - Coffee break
- 11:00 h – Lecture & debate: Macedonian – Bulgarian dispute and the role of historical commissions in reconciliation: experiences from the Joint Multidisciplinary Commission between Bulgaria and North Macedonia
Petar Todorov, professor, Institute of National History, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, former member of the Joint Multidisciplinary Expert Commission on Historical and Educational Issues between Bulgaria and North Macedonia
- 13:00-15:00h - Guided tour and discussion at the Holocaust Memorial Center for the Jews of Macedonia
Address: str. Iljo Vojvoda no.2
- 15:00h – Lunch break

- 17:00h Reception event organised by the German and French embassies in Skopje.
Venue: tbc.

Tuesday 5 November

Venue: UKiM Students Cultural Center
Blvd. Mitropolit Teodosij Gologanov no. 28

EU Accession Challenges in North Macedonia and the Western Balkans

- 9:00-10:45h - Lecture & debate: EU accession perspectives of the Western Balkans: a civil society viewpoint
Simonida Kacarska, director, European Policy Institute – Skopje
- 10:45- 11:00h – Coffee break
- 11:00 – 12:45h – Lecture & debate with Nikola Dimitrov, president of the Balkan Center for Constructive Policies - Solution, former Vice-President of Government for European Affairs and Minister of Foreign Affairs, former Macedonian Ambassador to the U.S.A. and the Netherlands
- 13 – 14h - Lecture & debate: Understanding the EU and EU member states toolkit for overcoming the Western Balkans EU accession conundrum: differentiated integration, Berlin process and the Growth plan for the WB. Is it working?
Zoran Nechev, Head the of the Center for EU Integration of the Institute for Democracy 'Societas Civilis' Skopje, Associate Fellow of the German Council of Foreign Relations
- 14:00h – 16:00h Cultural activity: tour of the city (old town, old bazaar and city centre)
- 16:00h – 17:30h - Street survey with a random sample of citizens on the Macedonian-Bulgarian relations and the EU accession perspectives (6 teams; 4 students per team)

Wednesday 6 November

Venue: UKiM Students Cultural Center
Blvd. Mitropolit Teodosij Gologanov no. 28

- 9:00 – 11:00 - Restitution of the field experiences from the previous day/ comparative overview of the street surveys carried out in Sofia and Skopje/ student work on the final outputs of the project
- 11:00 – 13:00h - Lecture & debate with Stevo Pendarovski, former President of the Republic of North Macedonia
Venue: Office of the President, str. 8ma Udarна Brigada
- 13:00 – 14:00h – Lunch break
- 14:00 – 17:00h - Closing session: what we learned and what is ahead? Discussion and working on the final outputs of the project

- Evening: Farewell dinner

Thursday 7 May

- Departure from Skopje