

The EC Jean Monnet Programme: its impact on the higher education modernization in Latvia?

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Main Focus of the JM Programme at LU

**Implementation and promotion of
European Integration
through
interdisciplinary teaching and research in
European Studies**

Methodology of the JM Programme in Latvia

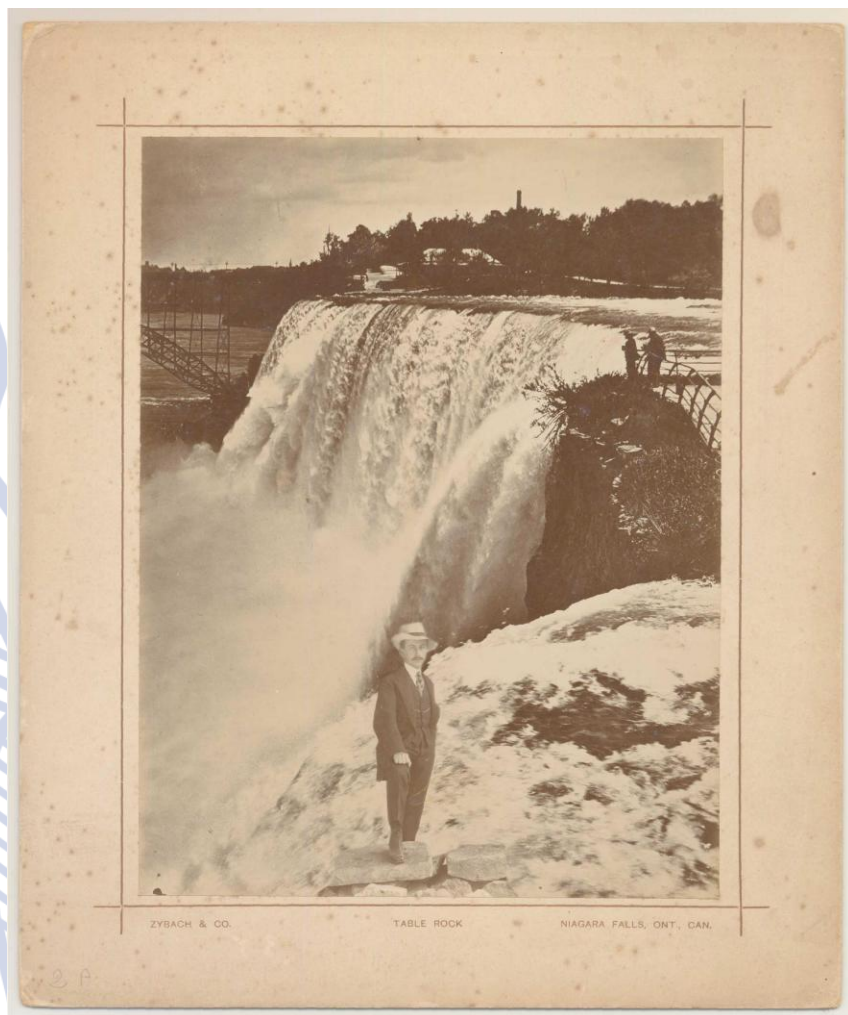
JM Programme:

In the **pre-accession** and **post – accession** to the EU periods grant schemes have supported:

- **Dialogue** with counterparts **on common and fundamental issues** for integration before and after accession to the EU
- **Starting point** for an **interdisciplinary approach** to education, theoretical and applied research on themes related to European integration.
- **Development of the human capital** as an essential priority. One of the dimensions was **training civil servants** during the accession process.
- **Involve young people:** bachelors, masters and doctoral students, in discussions on issues, which are of vital importance to all of us.

Example: (2008-2010 - capital outflows and a new wave of emigration and “brain drain”. Despite the fact that economic recession has similarities in many European countries, **the territorial distribution** of the crisis varies greatly).

- **Encourage constructive and provocative** discussions, exchange of views and experiences.



1906, his father sent him abroad to work for the family business.

Do not bring any books,”
his father advised him.
“No one can think for you.
Look out the window, talk
to people...”

Subsequently, Monnet made many business trips worldwide, travelling to Scandinavia, Russia, Egypt, **Canada**, and the United States.

Genesis and next steps JM at the UL



Outcomes of the JM Centre of Excellence:

- **Regular international scientific conferences, seminars, roundtables, guest lectures**
- **Regional Forum in Latvia**
- **JM Conference in Latvia**
- **Publications (books, collections of articles, e-books, papers, etc.)**

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JM Centre of Excellence/Conference- example

CALL FOR PAPERS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**EU EASTERN PARTNERSHIP – FROM CAPACITIES
TO EXCELLENCE: STRENGTHENING RESEARCH,
REGIONAL AND INNOVATION POLICIES IN
THE CONTEXT OF EUROPE 2020 STRATEGY**



Genesis and further stages



**CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN
AND TRANSITION STUDIES**



EIBSRS

Doctoral School

European Integration and
Baltic Sea Region Studies

**LECSA
JM Support
2001-2004 and
2014-2017**





Latvian European Community Studies Association

- **The LECSA foresees to expand the networking both within the capital and the regions.**
- **LECSA meetings are in Riga and in major cities in Latvian regions such as Daugavpils, Jelgava, Rezekne, Valmiera, Valka and Ventspils.**
- **LECSA launched a virtual platform with the aim of attracting participants from institutions in Latvia interested in European Studies.**



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EUROPEAN STUDIES MASTER PROGRAMME

EVF

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- Intensive study week at the EU institutions and NATO in Brussels and Luxembourg



- Intensive study week at the European Central Bank and Bundesbank
- Intensive EU Study Tour: Brussels – Frankfurt – Strasburg, and Luxembourg (3 weeks) in cooperation with Canadian European Studies Network



- Internships and studies at partner universities and think tanks in Europe and overseas funded by the EU
- French language courses

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

More than 500 graduates work:

- in EU, national, international public institutions and companies
- as political, economic, and legal advisers
- in diplomatic services
- as lobbyists at EU level
- as international journalists
- in universities and research centres



- Bachelor degree or equivalent degree
- English language skills (documentary proved)

DOCUMENTS SUBMISSION

- Certified copies of the diploma of undergraduate degree and diploma supplement in original language. If education documents are not in Latvian or English, a certified translation must be provided
- Motivation letter and CV in English
- Document confirming proficiency of the English language
- Completed application form (available online)
- One passport sized photo (35 mm x 45 mm)

APPLICATIONS DEADLINE

The application package is due to the end of July every year for entering the programme in the autumn of the same year.

For the exact date please check the website

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Thinking across the boundaries- is the solution

**Economics
technology
humanities
natural sciences
and innovation
and etc.**



**Thinking across
fields and disciplines
within research and
education**



**Creating
something new
and meaningful
for our societies
and economies**

◆ Interdependence of studies - an obvious trend in modern type of education at university level:

-areas of studies: governance regulation, corporate social responsibility and sustainability

-disciplines concerned: economics, political science, law, business and management, regional science, history, sociology and anthropology, ethical studies

-content of programmes: contribution from humanities, mathematics, and, possibly natural sciences

◆ ‘Marriage of convenience’



Methodology of organization and teaching

- **Relevance for the European Union**- all European Studies programmes focus on the European integration process and the European Union
- **Applicability for decisions makers** especially in public administration
- According to the common knowledge, the development of the European Union only is understandable in **a combination of various disciplines** in social science and humanities - **specific methodology** used both in teaching specific courses and in research



Results: knowledge and skills

Ability to work autonomously
Will to succeed
Capacity for applying knowledge in practice
Concern for quality
Initiative and entrepreneurial spirit
Ability to work in an interdisciplinary team

Career Opportunities

- International and National Private and Public Institutions
- Diplomatic and Linguistic Career
- Project Manager
- Entrepreneur
- Consultancy Services in the Political, Economic and Legal Sphere
- International Journalism
- Lobbying Activities at EU Level
- PhD Studies, Universities International Staff, Study Centers, and Think-Tanks





Employment of graduates- examples

Latvia's state institutions:

Ministries of
Foreign Affairs
Economy
Justice
Local Government
and Regional Affairs
State Chancellery
Public Utilities
Commission
State agencies
Private sector

European structural
funds planning
implementation of EU
2020 Strategy in
Latvia
Latvian Presidency of
the EU Council
Lobbying of Latvian
economic interests at
European Union level,
etc.

Eurostat
European Parliament
European Court of
Justice
European Central
Bank

European Union institutions:

European
Commission

Areas largely related

Study visit to...



Brussels and Luxembourg



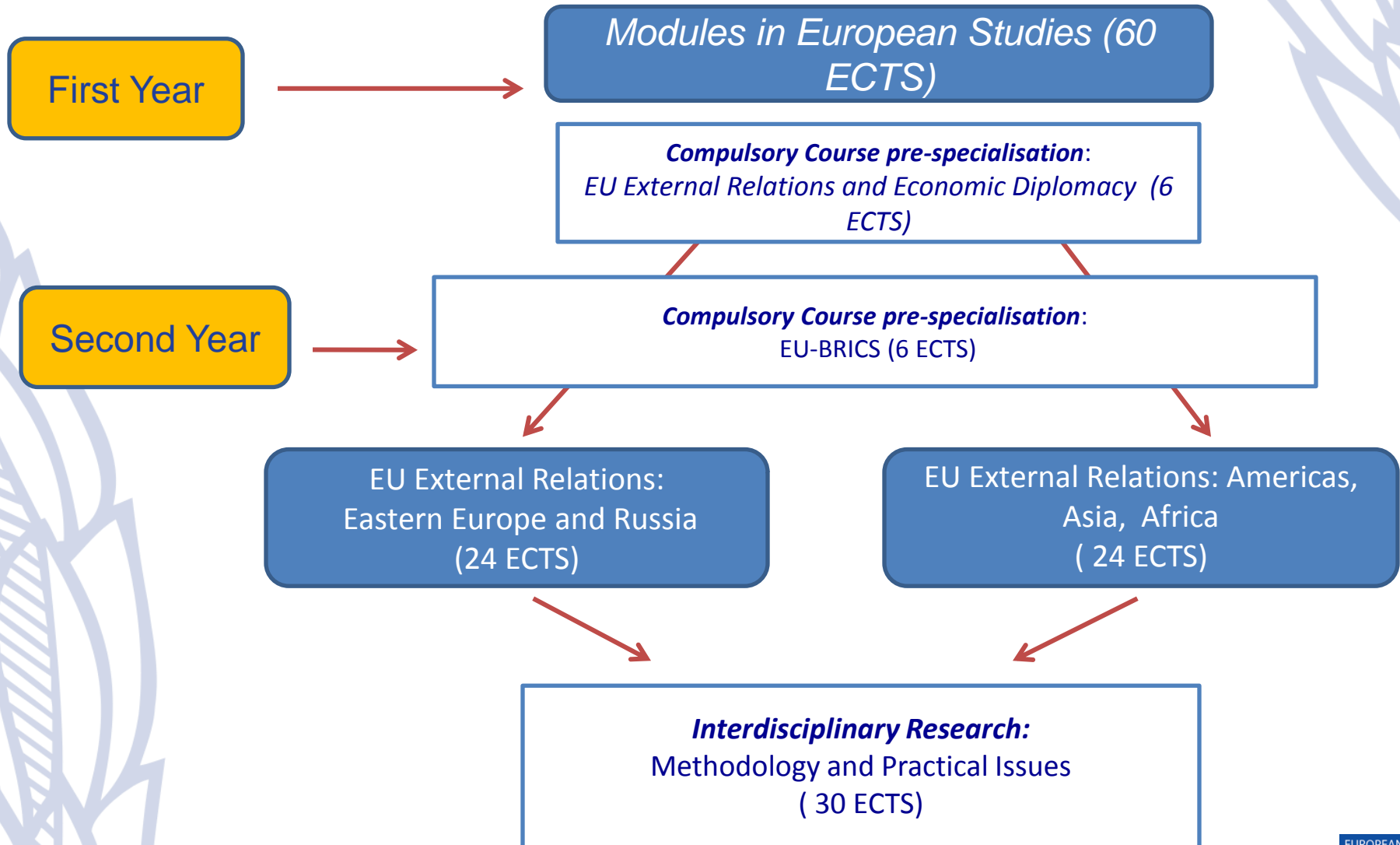
Frankfurt and Hachenburg



Canada



NEW Curricula Specialisation in EU External Relations



EU External Relations: Eastern Europe and Russia



Specialisation curricula provides students with in-depth knowledge of the European Union as a global actor in international relations.

Eastern Europe and Russia specialization aims to shape students skills regarding the EU's Eastern Partnership countries (Ukraine, Georgia, Belarus, Azerbaijan, Armenia and Moldova).

EU's Eastern Partnership is one of the main priorities of the Latvian Presidency of the EU Council. Highly skilled professionals - with wide knowledge EU role and impact on the socio-economic and legal policies on Eastern neighbor countries - are needed for a successful management of the Latvian presidency semester.

EU External Relations: Americas, Asia, Africa

Specialisation curricula provides students with in-depth knowledge of the European Union as a global actor in international relations.

The focus is on EU development on trade, legal, and political cooperation with the main countries of Asia, Africa, North America and Latin America.

Particular attention is in the field of study devoted to the EU's external cooperation with other regional institutions, BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa), and an empirical analysis of the EU-Asia, Canada and United States economic and trade agreements.



NEW Double Degree Programme



Within 4 semesters, European Studies Master Programme offers the additional opportunity to obtain a Double Master's degree in European Studies from the

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