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## **European Politics and Society**

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### Leiden Track and **Krakow Track**





## A Year of Self-

#### Governed Expertise

During the two final semesters, students have a variety of choices of facultative courses that reflect the added value of each member of the consortium. During the two final semesters, students have a variety of choices of courses that reflect the added value of each member of the consortium, including internship. Beyond that, the programme offers a wide range of joint events (seminars, round tables, cultural events) in cooperation with a vast network of Associated Partners.











semester 2

semester 3 & 4



Universities

204 Alumni of the Programme

55 Home Countries of EPS Students

Associated Partners

## **Successful Implementation**

- Consortium composition
- National rules and regulations
- Institutional commitment
- Personal dedication
- Jointness















## Jointness

Shared values
Student selection and services
Joint curriculum
Quality assurance
Joint diploma
Associated partners

## **Shared values**

- Importance of shared values
- Promotion of the programme
- Interdisciplinarity

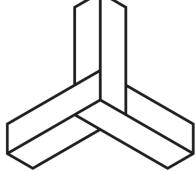




### Václav Havel Legacy

The identity and values of the Programme reflect the importance and content of the legacy of the first post-communist president of the Czech Republic Václav Havel. The EPS Programme relates to Havel's idea of Europe that goes beyond just integration and places its EU-related courses into a broader European context.







#### **EU Values**

EPS is a truly "European project" that demonstrates good working cooperation among partners from different EU countries. It shows that partners from Southern/Western/Central and Eastern Europe that represent old and new member states are able to build a high quality project together.

#### Diversity in EPS

EPS has developed, in cooperation with the EPS Student council, a set of measures EPS Diversity Strategy. The Strategy covers three main areas: diversity in dissemination and admission, diversity in the EPS curriculum and diversity in extracurricular events all of which function to uphold and perfect the idea of Diversity.

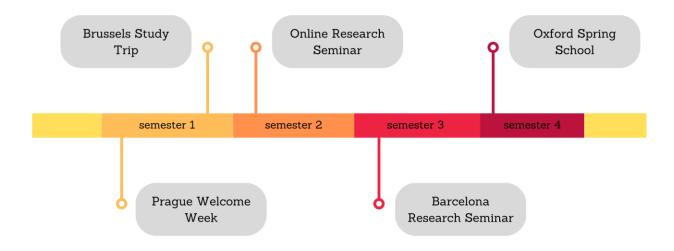




### **Shared workload**

- Joint selection procedure
- Student handbooks
- Communication tools
- Joint events
- Alumni

### JOINT EVENTS TIMELINE



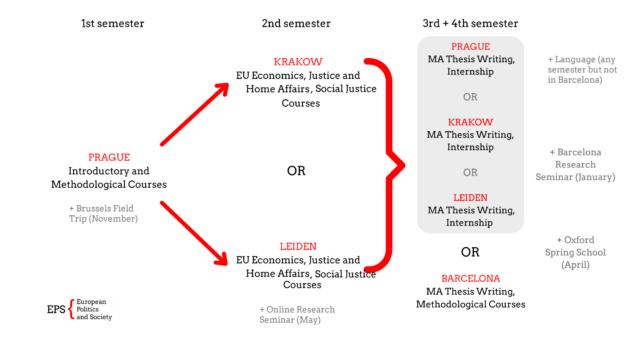
## Joint curriculum



## **Learning and Teaching**

- Defined learning outcomes
- Jointly taught courses
- MA thesis writing
- Joint defence
- Digital tools

## **Study Paths**

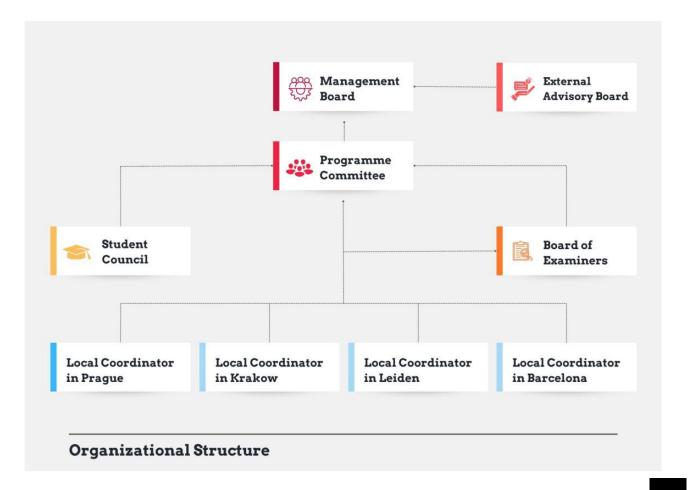


## **Quality Assurance**



## **European Approach for QA**

- European Approach since 2023 through Leiden
- Joint Programme Rules and Regulations
- Internal QA
- External QA
- Key role of BoE



## **Joint Diploma**





### UNIVERZITA KARLOVA

#### UNIVERSITEIT LEIDEN

#### UNIVERSITAT POMPEU FABRA

Reino de España

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## **Associated Partners**



## **Intensive cooperation**

- 8 non-EU academic partners
- 15 EU non-academic partners
- Internships
- Research cooperation
- Mobility
- Student outreach

## **Global outreach**



## **Opportunities**



- Increasing prestige
- Cooperation with new partners
- Institutional spill-over effects
- Attracting excellent students from all the World
- Funding for developing new learning tools
- Mobility possibilities
- Building alumni network

## **Challenges**



- Different national legal and university systems
- Visa related issues
- Not full institutional commitment
- Different academic practices
- Force majeure (pandemic, geopolitics)
- Student issues (mental health, accommodation)



## Conclusion

# Despite all of this, it's worth to do it!