



## MODEL EU FLORENCE

*Take on the roles of EU foreign affairs ministers, commissioners, and EU press correspondents to better understand the European Union, by proposing and discussing ideas and solutions to the most pressing issues of the day.*

3 NOVEMBER -15 DECEMBER 2023

Florence, Italy

# AT A GLANCE

## Preparatory trainings

November-December 2023, 5 on-site training days of 2 hours duration, coached by European Union faculty and high-level EU practitioners. Various locations.

## Final simulation day

15 December 2023, one full day of final simulation. Lunch and coffee breaks included.

## Course elements

- activities are carried out by mixed university teams: EUI, JMU, UNIFI.
- 3 academic training meetings led by faculty and EU practitioners.
- 2 hands-on individual team coaching meetings led by EU practitioners.
- Final simulation of an actual EU decision-making process led by EU practitioners and coordinated by faculty.

## Participants' profile

All the participants are M.A. students from the three participating programs: JMU's M.A. in European Union Policy Studies, UniFi's M.A. in European Studies, and the M.A. in Transnational Governance of the EUI.

## Language

English

## Requirements

- Good knowledge of EU institutions and decision-making processes, proven through attendance of at least one course about the EU in undergraduate or graduate studies.

- Good written and spoken knowledge of English.
- Punctuality, motivation, proactivity, availability to speak in public and be part of a team, working on group presentations that will be presented in class during the meetings.
- Availability to participate to all the meetings.

### Student fee

40 €

### How to apply

- Students need to check with their university about the application procedure. Each participating university manages the application process internally.

Admitted students will receive official communication via email from the organizing committee.

### For more information

Contact the reference person within each participating institution.

### Registration on the on-line platform

Please note that all the admitted students need to register through the EUI online platform (link will be provided by the reference person within each participating institution). Registration is mandatory for accessing the campus, and serves for materials distribution and uploading the assignments.

## SHORT DESCRIPTION

Since 2010 James Madison University in collaboration with Scuola di Scienze Politiche “Cesare Alfieri” of Università degli Studi di Firenze has organized yearly a “Model European Union Florence”, which enables students to develop and hone policy analysis, diplomacy, negotiation, team-building, and cross-cultural communication skills. In 2023, the School of Transnational Governance of the EUI joins the Model EU Florence for the first time as well.

The Model EU Florence is supported and assisted by practitioners from the EU institutions, who share with the students their invaluable insider knowledge and vision about the day-to-day workings of the EU's most important institutions and the structural, organizational, ideological and political reasons behind specific policy decisions by Brussels actors.

Working on actual EU legislative materials under the guidance of academics and EU professionals, stepping into the shoes of EU decision makers and having to negotiate solutions to the most controversial policy dilemmas of the day are experiences which allow students to truly comprehend the inner workings of the European policy-making system.

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# FINAL SIMULATION DAY

## December 15, 2023, 9.00-18.00

Students play the roles of ministers of foreign affairs, commissioners and journalists of the national and international press, and simulate multilateral decision-making processes on specific policy decisions involving multiple themes such as human rights, global trade, foreign policy, environmental and energy policy, etc.

In 2023 the topics are:

- The global consequences of the war in Ukraine
- The situation in Israel and the region

On simulation day, the teams discuss their respective positions until they reach a final conclusion.

Specific Rules of Procedure for the debates are distributed to the students to ensure a smooth session flow. A mandatory business dress code applies to the final simulation day.

Participation certificates are distributed to each student after the end of the entire Model EU Florence. With more than one absence, no certificate can be given.

The final simulation day is hosted by the School of Transnational Governance, EUI, Via Cavour 65/a, Florence.







## Schedule

**3 November-15 December 2023**

Activities indicated in **bold** are in person

Activities indicated in *italics* are on-line

<i>October 2023</i>	<i>Application period</i>
<p><b>3 November 2023</b> 12:30-14:30 Location COURT ROOM, STG</p>	<p><b>In person meeting</b> Presentation of the simulation Introductory activities</p> <p>Bakker, Borghetto, Nikolaidis, Paolucci</p>
<p><b>17 November 2023</b> 15.30-17.30 Location UNIFI</p>	<p><b>In person Training 1</b> Lecture Introduction to the Foreign Policy of the EU</p> <p>Bakker, Borghetto, Nikolaidis, Paolucci</p> <p>Assignment 1 distribution</p>
<p><i>22 November 2023</i> <i>By 23.59</i></p>	<p><i>Submit assignment 1 online</i></p>

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<p><b>24 November 2023</b> 15.30-17.30 Location UNIFI</p>	<p><b>In person Training 2</b> Discussion of the two topics of the simulation</p> <p>Bakker, Borghetto, Gonzato, Paolucci</p> <p>Assignment 2 distribution</p>
<p><i>29 November 2023</i> <i>By 23.59</i></p>	<p><i>Submit assignment 2 online</i></p>
<p><b>1 December 2023</b> 15.30-17.30 Location UNIFI</p>	<p><b>In person Training 3</b> Lecture Decision-making and negotiations in the EU Council</p> <p>Bakker, Borghetto, Paolucci</p> <p>Assignment 3 distribution</p>
<p>10 December 2023 <i>By 23.59</i></p>	<p><i>Submit assignment 3 online</i></p>
<p><b>13 December 2023</b> 16.00-19.00 Location JMU</p>	<p><b>In person Training 4</b> Teams coaching</p> <p>Gonzato, Stutzmann</p>
<p><b>14 December 2023</b> 16.00-19.00 Location JMU</p>	<p><b>In person Training 5</b> Teams coaching</p> <p>Gonzato, Stutzmann</p>
<p><b>15 December 2023</b> 9.00-18.00 Location STG</p>	<p><b>MODEL EU SIMULATION</b></p> <p>Gonzato, Stutzmann</p> <p>Bakker, Borghetto, Paolucci</p>

**Locations addresses:**

STG – School of Transnational Governance: Via Cavour 65/a, Florence.

UNIFI – Università di Firenze: Via delle Pandette 32, Florence, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Sociali (DSPS). Building D6, Room 106 - first floor.

JMU – James Madison University: Via dei Michelozzi 2, Florence.

# Simulation team

Christine Bakker



Christine Bakker holds a PhD in public international law from the European University Institute, Florence. She is currently a Visiting Research Fellow at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL, London) and an Affiliated Researcher at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in Pisa. Christine previously worked at the European Commission (DG Development), as a Research Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence, as an Adjunct Professor at LUISS University, Rome, as a Visiting Lecturer at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna and the University of Rome-3, and occasionally as a guest lecturer at the University of Siena. Her main fields of research, teaching, and high-level professional training are international human rights law including children's rights, international environmental law and climate change, international disaster law, and EU law & policies.

Enrico Borghetto



Enrico Borghetto is an Associate Professor at the Cesare Alfieri Faculty of Political Science of the University of Florence, where he teaches political science and two master's courses on European Union politics. He is also coordinating the Jean Monnet Module 2022-2025 "REPLAN-EU Implementing Resilience and Recovery Plans in Italy and Beyond" and is one of the organizers of the "EU Talks – Dialoghi sul Futuro dell'Europa" annual events in Florence. After receiving a Ph.D. in Political Studies from the Univ. of Milan, he joined their Political Science department as a postdoc. He was also FCT Postdoc and then FCT researcher at the NOVA University of Lisbon (2013-2020). He was a visiting researcher at the Univ. College London (2005), Univ. of Washington (2010), Univ. of Mannheim (2012) and Univ. of Texas at Austin (2017). His research has focused on legislative studies, political representation, compliance with EU policies, the Europeanisation of national legislation, and European decision-making.

## Silvio Gonzato



Ambassador Silvio Gonzato is Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to the UN in New York. He was previously Director for Strategic Communications, Parliamentary and Legal Affairs at the European External Action Service (EEAS). A European Union permanent official since 1988, Mr. Gonzato served as Head of the Secretariat of the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs. He has spent most of his career (thirteen years) working in different Committee Secretariats, covering both internal and external policies.

His responsibilities involved advising the Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs regarding the organization of the activities of the Committee, contacts with other EU institutions, relations with the European External Action Service, and contacts with diplomatic missions in Brussels.

## Kalypso Nikolaidis



Kalypso Nikolaidis is Chair in Global Affairs at the School of Transnational Governance (EUI). She is currently on leave from the University of Oxford and was professor at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and at Ecole Nationale d'Administration, Paris. She has worked with numerous EU institutions, including as a member of the European Council's reflection group on the future of Europe, and is a Council member of ECFR. She also served as advisor on European affairs to George Papandreu in the 90s and early 2000s, the Dutch and UK governments, the European Parliament, the European Commission, OECD and UNCTAD. At the EUI, Professor Nikolaidis teaches courses on 'Transnational Politics and Institutions', 'Responsible Negotiation', 'Transnational Democracy in the XXI Century' and EU-Africa relations as part of STG's master's, executive education and Young African Leaders programmes. Her research revolves around

internal and external aspects of European integration as well as global affairs, theaters of recognition, democratic theory, transnational legal empathy and social solidarity, global governance and international trade, sustainable integration, post-colonialism, myth and politics and the import of new technologies on international relations.

### Caterina Paolucci



Caterina Paolucci has organized the joint JMU-UNIFI Model EU simulation since 2010. She is currently On-site Director of the James Madison University (JMU) Florence Programs, and Academic Coordinator of the M.A. in Political Science with a Concentration in European Union Policy Studies of JMU. She studied political science at the Università Cattolica di Milano and the European University Institute in Florence. She has taught seminars and courses on The Formation and Consolidation of Western European Party Systems, Introduction to the EU: History, Institutions and Policies, The European Monetary Union, Political Theory from Plato to Machiavelli, Italian Political System, Italian Politics and Society. Her main interests lie in comparative politics, the history and theory of party systems and electoral behavior. She is also interested in political theory, with a special attention for theories of democracy and political representation.

### Alexandre Stutzmann



Ambassador Alexandre Stutzmann is Head of the EU Representation Office to West Bank and Gaza Strip. He was previously Minister at the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations in New York. He served as Special Adviser to the President of the UN General Assembly at the United Nations, where he was

Team Leader for social, humanitarian and cultural issues within the Office of the President of the General Assembly. Formerly he has covered roles such as Director for External Policies in the European Parliament, Head of the Secretariat of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (2014-2015), and Diplomatic Adviser to three Presidents of the European Parliament (Hans-Gert Pöttering, 2007-2009; Jerzy Buzek, 2009-2012; Martin Schulz, 2012-2014). In the EP President's diplomatic team he advised on and coordinated the President's activities in all foreign policy related areas. A graduate in German studies, political science and law from the École Normale Supérieure as well as the Sorbonne University in Paris, Mr. Stutzmann was also a postgraduate scholar at the European University Institute in Florence (1997-2001), where he focused on international relations, while teaching political science at New York University (1999-2001). A French native, his working languages include German, English, Italian and Spanish.