Syllabus: “Introduction to European Studies”
International School
Summer Term 2020, Dr. Marcus Hornung

(a) Inhalt und Ansatz | Content and Approach

- The target group of the course consists of either non-EU students, who have not been studying in Europe before, or EU students with an initial interest in European Studies. The course aims at introducing those students to the basics of researching “Europe”, its various definitions, the history and functioning of the European Union, the reflection of Europe in the world and the debate on how to define a European identity.

- Being designed as an academic introduction, the course work includes condensed but demanding academic reading, digital group work, research tasks and the submission of little projects. Given the current situation, the course is entirely taught online; students will not meet on campus. Please consult section (c) for more information on the course structure.

- Important: Please register for the course via “Stud.IP” as students will be contacted by the lecturer through the “Stud.IP” messaging system. If you are unable to register through “Stud.IP”, please contact the lecturer by email (see section (d) for contact information).

(b) Qualifikationsziele | Learning Objectives

- The qualification objectives of the course are (i) to gain basic knowledge on both Europe in general and the EU in particular so that students will be enabled to evaluate and weight arguments concerning recent discourses; (ii) to train key skills such as academic reading, presenting and writing; (iii) to raise intercultural awareness in order to experience and pass their exchange semester as convenient and successful as possible.

(c) Kursstruktur | Course Structure

- **Week 15**
  - 07/04/20, 20:00-21:00: Check-in Online Video Session
  - Approaching and Researching Europe
  - 12/04/20, 20:00-21:00: Check-Out Online Video Session

- **Week 16**
  - 14/04/20, 20:00-21:00: Check-in Online Video Session
  - History of European Integration
  - 19/04/20, 20:00-21:00: Check-Out Online Video Session

- **Week 17**
  - 21/04/20, 20:00-21:00: Check-in Online Video Session
  - EU Functioning Principles
  - EU Bodies and Institutions
  - 26/04/20, 20:00-21:00: Check-Out Online Video Session
• **Week 18**
  o 28/04/20, 20:00-21:00: Check-in Online Video Session
  o Success Story Europe
  o Europe and its Multiple Crises
  o 03/05/20, 20:00-21:00: Check-Out Online Video Session

• **Week 19**
  o 05/05/20, 20:00-21:00: Check-in Online Video Session
  o Researching a European Identity
  o Is there such “European Culture”?
  o 10/05/20, 20:00-21:00: Check-Out Online Video Session

• **Week 20**
  o 12/05/20, 20:00-21:00: Check-in Online Video Session
  o Video Projects, Questions and Examination
  o 17/05/20, 20:00-21:00: Check-Out Online Video Session

(d) **Kontakt | Contact**

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(e) **Studien- und Prüfungsleistungen | Course Assessment**

- 90 hours workload, 3 ECTS
- Project: vlog on one session (5 min)
- Assessment: written examination (90 min)