Syllabus: “Introduction to European Studies”
International School
Winter Term 2019, 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, group work, intercultural training elements and an on-site visit to Weimar.

(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

- **Introduction and Perspectives (4 LH)**
  - 11/10/19, 13:00-14:30: Introduction to the Course and its Intercultural Idea
  - 11/10/19, 15:00-16:30: Approaching and Researching Europe

- **The European Union (12 LH)**
  - 08/11/19, 13:00-16:30: History of European Integration
  - 22/11/19, 13:00-16:30: EU Functioning Principles
  - 08/12/19, 09:15-12:30: EU Bodies and Institutions

- **Europe as a Global Actor (4 LH)**
  - 08/12/19, 13:00-14:30: Success Story Europe
  - 08/12/19, 15:00-16:30: Europe and its Multiple Crises

- **Being European (8 LH)**
  - 05/01/20, 09:15-10:45: Researching a European Identity (Field Trip)
  - 05/01/20, 11:00-16:30: Is there such “European Culture”? (Field Trip)
• **Wrap-Up (2 LH)**
  - To be discussed: Wrap-Up, Questions, Videos and Concluding Remarks

(d) **Kontakt | Contact**

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

- 30 course hours, 90 hours workload, 3 ECTS
- Input presentation (5 min)
- Reading: literature will be provided by the lecturer
- Written examination (90 min)