
New joint international Europaeum Vaclav Havel MA Programme launched

PRESS RELEASE

September 26, 2013 - The Europaeum consortium has just launched a brand new joint initiative which will link leading European universities to create a new EUROPAEUM MA PROGRAMME E , combining all the strengths and specialisms of all the partner institutions, to provide potential students with a unique learning experience.

The EMAP began last autumn, linking the universities of Paris 1 Sorbonne-Pantheon, Charles University, Prague, and Leiden University, with support from scholars at Oxford University, and other Europaeum partners exploring ways to join the programme from the 2013-14 academic year.

The EMAP will function as a two-year MA Programme in European Studies, delivered over four semesters, specifically linking the fields of European Politics, European Contemporary History, and European Socio-Legal and Socio-Geographic studies, and European International Relations. All successful EMAP graduates will have the chance to study at two - or more - Europaeum partner universities and will receive a final degree validated from their Home University, with an adjunct diploma, plus a *Europaeum Certificate* .

A select number of students in each participating institution – probably up to five - drawn from the relevant cohort, across the relevant disciplines, in each participating universities, will be designated EMAP Europaeum-track students over the two-year programme. They will study at their Home University through their first year. They would identify, with supervising professors, their preferred options (in order of preference) for further study in their third and/or fourth trimesters, which comprise a second year of study.

The fourth semester will be used to write a dissertation. This could be done back at the Home University, at the Partner University, or, exceptionally, at a third Partner University. These theses would be supervised by one professor or a 'team' comprising one from the Host Partner University and one from the Home University.

The best Eurpaeum-track students also attend a three-day Europaeum Spring School at Oxford on Europe in a Global World – including the usual mix of debates and discussions, with the same graduates presenting their work. The new programme, involving lectures, graduate workshops and the course, will be named the VACLAV HAVEL PROGRAMME, after the former dissident and President of Czechoslovakia.

Professor Lenka Rovna, Professor of West European Politics at Charles University, who has spear-heading the initiative, said: *"EMAP students will benefit from new lecturers, fresh modes and different perspectives, different specialisms and different European city locations, libraries, colleagues and other resources. It will be an exciting opportunity for all those involved, including the academics who will collaborate together while co-ordinating this new programme."*

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