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Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

“The EU and Global Challenges “– EUGLOBE (2014-2017)

From 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2017 Jean Monnet Centre at the University of Trento, under the direction of Prof. Marco Brunazzo, was awarded a EU Grant of € 78.242 within Erasmus+ Call (Jean Monnet Action) for the promotion of a series of activities aimed at increasing the awareness about the opportunities offered by European integration.

Thanks to the European Commission support, the Centre has studied three main groups of “global challenges” the EU is facing, such as:

- the need to change current ways in which essential **natural resources are used**;
- the need to anticipate and adapt to **societal changes** - including political, cultural, demographic and economic transformations;
- the need for more effective and transparent **governance for the EU** and the world- through the creation of more accountable forms of governance, able to spread democracy and transparency on a global level.

The complexity of the topics addressed (from poverty to populism, from global warming and water scarcity to migration and terrorism) required a collective, interdisciplinary approach and the involvement of established scholars from the University of Trento and other Italian and foreign universities.

It also implied the involvement of different publics (mainly university students and civil society) with a specific emphasis on those never reached by JM activities.

Among the main findings of this project, there is the acknowledgement that the challenges analyzed are systematically interrelated and can only be dealt with collectively via supranational action on an international level.

A short list of the activities offered in the context of the “EU and Global Challenges” theme is the following:

The MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) “The EU and Global Challenges”: 26 videos produced and published.

Each video deals with one of the several global challenges:

1st Edition

1. [The UE and global challenges](#)
2. [The EU and biodiversity](#)
3. [The EU and the use of natural resources](#)
4. [The EU and globalization](#)
5. [The EU and demographic changes](#)
6. [The EU and its social model](#)
7. [The EU and better legislation](#)
8. [The EU toward 2030](#)
9. [The EU decision-making process](#)

2nd Edition

1. The EU and the democratic deficit
2. The EU and the better regulation
3. The EU and the enlargement
4. The EU and the immigration
5. The EU and the occupation
6. The EU and fertility and life expectancy

3rd Edition

1. Introduction: the EU and global challenges
2. The European global strategy
3. The EU and Brexit
4. The European Energy Union
5. The EU and Russia
6. The EU and Central Asia
7. The EU and the western Balkans
8. The EU and populism
9. The EU and terrorism
10. White Paper on the future of the EU

- **2 International Summer Schools:**

In 2015, the summer school “Understanding crisis and transformation in the EU 2015”, involved 16 lecturers and 25 selected international participants.

In 2017 the summer school "The EU and Global Challenges" involved 8 lecturers, and 22 international participants.

This prepared the ground for two more editions of Summer Schools “on Global Challenges” in summer 2018 and 2019, held by Prof. Vincent Della Sala (who succeeded Prof. Marco Brunazzo in January 2017) and specifically addressed to international students within the strategic plan of UniTrento

(video on the 2018 edition:

<https://youtu.be/YE6jleNZe4U?list=PLOTNy3Uulqbbm1TJ7pUPIFwCIL2ANztpy>)

- **JM Seminar Series:**

about 40 seminars and roundtables to promote informed discussion and exchange on current issues and research in European politics, economy, society and international relations.

Prominent local and non-local speakers provided students and Professors with up-to-date findings and information on a broad range of issues connected to the “Global Challenges” the EU has to cope with, in relation with the three main topics explored:

the use of natural resources, societal changes and European and global governance.

- **“JM Fellowships for Visiting Professors”:** 6 scholars in residence, 9 seminars held

Each year the Jean Monnet Centre offered two fellowships to international EU studies scholars, who were invited to spend one month at the University of Trento to develop their research related to the "EU and global challenges" topic. This initiative contributed to the trans-national mobility of researchers across Europe and the strengthening of the cooperation links between Universities.

Jean Monnet visiting professors were invited to present their research projects to the University students and professors.

- **EU Project Management Course: a 5-day intensive course organized in 3 editions:**

In the context of EUGLOBE, the Jean Monnet Centre offered a five-day intensive course on “EU Project Management”, characterised by a very practice-oriented approach and aiming at covering all phases of EU projects. Held by high level experienced professionals, this interactive training helped overcome the general lack of knowledge on the access and management of EU funds, by providing the participants with the necessary competences to handle the EU funding system.

The course still has been held each year since and is open to students and researchers and is highly appreciated

<https://webmagazine.unitn.it/en/news/cjm/76168/euro-projecting>

- **15 EU Aperitifs**

consisting in a series of public meetings, aiming at informing students and civil society about European and global issues in a friendly and informal environment. The Aperitifs combined academic contributions with artistic performances to enhance discussions on global challenges in a creative way.

Edition 2017 included a 2-day “seminar-aperitif” in the mountains, called “A new narrative for Europe”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIYTIJ6BGvQ>

The two-day residential seminar still is carried on a yearly basis, on different themes, and is highly appreciated by the students.

- **20 Films/documentaries** shown and commented by experts within “JM Film Exhibition” to explore the theme “The EU and Global Challenges” from different perspectives and increase knowledge on the EU and global dynamics, policies and competences among students.
- **12 JM scholarships** awarded to master’s degree students for thesis research abroad about EU issues
- A **TV Program “L’Europa in Trentino”**, to give a greater visibility of the EU in TV
RAI website with the 6 episodes
http://www.rai.it/dl/RaiTV/programmi/page/Page-5266c5d4-d667-4ff4-b8d3-6d020e704b76.html?refresh_ce
- **The JMC Newsletter**, now the most diffuse one about the EU in the local community