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Greetings
Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission

Michael Hoch, Rector of Bonn University

Christian Koenig/Ludger Kühnhardt, Directors at ZEI

Class of 1999 - 2003 Spirit of Optimism

Class of 2004 - 2008 Diversity United

Class of 2009 - 2015 From Crisis to Crisis

Class of 2016 - 2018 Time for Renewal

ZEI Alumni Network: Opening doors
The year 2017 brought wind back into Europe’s sails: a solidifying economic recovery, more Europeans in employment and a renewed unity and purpose at the core of the Union of 27. In March 2017, my Commission launched a White Paper on the Future of Europe, encouraging reflection on the direction and the depth of our joint project. Looking ahead to 2025 and beyond, the document purposefully views Europe through an inter-generational lens, pointing to our shrinking share of the global population.

Against this backdrop, it is crucial that we work together to defend our common interests. But it is just as important that we prepare a next generation of leaders for the world to come—a world in which Europe holds the potential to stand for a caring continent, a Europe that protects but also empowers, a place that celebrates democracy, diversity and dialogue. Graduating over 600 students in the past 20 years, the Master of European Studies Program at the Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI) has stood for the best that Europe has to offer. It is therefore with heartfelt sincerity that I extend my warmest congratulations to this important anniversary. I’m counting on your graduates to help me and others write the next chapter of the European story.

Happy 20th Anniversary, ZEI — and on to the next 20 years of success and accomplishment.
Bonn University is proud of each and any ZEI Alumni and their personal contribution to the global profile of our university. The Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI) is the flagship of our European work in research, outreach and teaching.

ZEI Alumni have carried their good experience at our university into very many different countries and institutions, into the private sector and into many spheres of public service.

Bonn University celebrates its 200th birthday in 2018. Our university combines great academic traditions and fascinating perspectives for the future. Our commitment to Europe is and remains of the essence. ZEI Alumni are a source of inspiration for us and will always be part of our academic family. We are grateful that they have chosen Bonn University and our Center for European Integration Studies to advance their academic skills and personal careers.

On behalf of Bonn University I wish all current and future ZEI Alumni well. I hope that they will continue to stay in touch with ZEI and our university for many years to come.
Governance and regulation in the European Union – the emphasis of ZEI’s research and teaching brings together two aspects whose critical interplay shapes the EU, its impact on citizens’ lives and its role globally. Lecturers from all over the European Union teach ZEI Master Fellows. Excursions to the institutions of the European Union add to the unique international atmosphere at ZEI.

In twenty years of teaching, promising young personalities from 123 countries have successfully completed ZEI’s “Master of European Studies” and other study programs offered at ZEI. More than once, ZEI offered our Master Fellows the first opportunity to contribute to academic research with a publication of their own. Since 1998, we are opening doors and remain in touch with our alumni. Regularly, ZEI alumni contribute to our ongoing research and policy analysis. We are proud of each and every of them.

ZEI Alumni always remain part of the ZEI family and have a home away from home in Bonn.
Karen Carstens (Canada/Germany), Volodymyr Kukhar (Ukraine), Stefan Gänzle (Germany), Ann Mettler (Sweden/Germany), Karsten Geburtig (Germany), Jo-Ann Ong (Singapore), Andreas Thomas Geiger (Germany), Christiane Schleithoff (Germany), Berthold Hoffmann (Germany), Katharina von Schnurbein (Germany), Martin Kagel (Germany), Maya Voynova (Bulgaria), Stephan König (Germany)
“The ZEI Master prepared me for my career by giving me the economic, institutional, political and legal underpinnings of the European Union”

Ann Mettler (Sweden) is the head of the European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC), the in-house think tank of the European Commission.
ZEI Director Prof. Jürgen von Hagen is discussing the EMU findings with Prof. Otmar Issing, member of the Directorate of the European Central Bank.

ZEI, together with academic colleagues around the European Union, monitored the parameters for preparing the introduction of the Euro. The „EMU (European Monetary Union) Monitor“ was widely recognised in politics and the banking sector.


EU in 1999: Amsterdam Treaty
"Being part of the first ZEI master class we felt like pioneers. The most precious result is that all of us are still in regular contact."

Katharina von Schnurbein (Germany) is the European Commission Coordinator on Combatting Antisemitism.
Angela Bajramovic (Germany), Honor Mahony (Ireland), Mengning Chen-Schwetz (China), Sibel McGee (Turkey), Marta Fiorencis (Italy), Holger Moroff (Germany), Maria Gaitandjieva (Bulgaria), Jordi Gomez Jimenez (Spain), Andrea Powell (USA), Ermir I.Hajdini (Albania), Fabian Seiderer (Germany), Alexandra Halpern (Germany), Will F.Stephens (USA), Heike Hennemann (Germany), Jadranca Tadic (Croatia), Virginia Horstmann (Ireland), Anna Titkova (Russia), Saulius Lukas Kaleda (Lithuania), Heiner Walbaum (Germany), Toni Luksic (Croatia)
“The atmosphere fostered collaboration among students, and I learned a lot from my fellows, as we became a close group of friends enjoying our time in Bonn. I enjoyed the visits to the European institutions, without at the time expecting that I would spend important part of my career between these walls.”

Saulius Lukas Kalėda (Lithuania) is a Legal secretary at the Court of Justice of the EU (Chamber of Advocate General Szpunar) and lecturer at the Jagiellonian University (Krakow, Poland).

Hans Dietrich Genscher, long-term German foreign minister, was chairman of ZEI’s international board from 1999 to 2004. He is seen here with Bonn University Deputy Rector Willi Hirdt and ZEI’s founding Directors Christian Koenig, Ludger Kühnhardt and Jürgen von Hagen.

EU in 2000: Lisbon Strategy
„The ZEI Master of European Studies programme gave me good fundamental knowledge about EU law, EU institutions as well as the knowledge on the functioning of the internal market and other economic aspects of the EU. The understanding of EU secondary legislation and the decision making processes was particularly helpful in my work prior to Croatia joining the EU, but also even more so once Croatia became a Member State.“

Toni Luksic (Croatia) is Head of Department at the Croatian Financial Services Supervisory Agency.

Tomas Ilves, Foreign Minister of Estonia and later his country’s President, Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of Latvia and Valdas Adamkus, President of the Republic of Lithuania presented at ZEI the case of the three Baltic republics as an integral part of a free and united Europe. For several years, ZEI advised the Baltic republics on their way to EU membership.
,,The purpose of the establishment of the Master of European Studies was threefold: First, we wanted to underline and strengthen the interdisciplinary approach of the center by creating a program which was devoted to the studies of the economic, political and legal dimensions of European integration. Second, we wanted to establish a program which proved ZEI’s purpose to make further education one of the most important pillars of its agenda. As there is a great need for comprehensive expertise in European affairs at both public and private levels, the center wanted to contribute to the training of young professionals and prepare them for future careers in these fields by offering a combination of theoretical and practical elements in the curriculum. Third, by meeting highest international standards in the course structure and teaching all classes in English, the center wanted to attract as many excellent foreign students as possible and strengthen its internationality."

Prof. Stefan Fröhlich (Visiting Professor at ZEI) was the first Master of European Studies Program Coordinator and is now Professor for International Politics at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg.

EU in 2000: Lisbon Strategy
Ypek Aynuksa (Turkey), Sylwia Golonka (Poland), Frederik Becher (Belgium), Seyda Hanbay (Turkey), Tomislav Belovari (Croatia), Lars Kindervater (Germany), May Brüggemann (Germany), Rolf Peter (Germany), Karlo Culo (Croatia), Julia Pilgrim (Germany), Michelle Daley (USA), Shamal Ratnayaka (UK), Matthew Downey (UK), Bernd Schumacher (Germany), Tatjana Filipova (Bulgaria), Karlis Svikis (Latvia), Elisabeth Glas (Switzerland), Alina Tanasescu (Romania)
May Mahnken (Germany) passed the selection procedure at the German Foreign Office and worked for the German Embassy in Belgrade, Buenos Aires and Jaunde. She now works at the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin.

**Prince Hassan bin Talal of Jordan**, President of the Club of Rom, made a powerful plea for the intercultural dialogue, especially between Christians, Muslims and Jews at the workshop “Does Culture Matter?” organised by ZEI. The prince and his wife are seen here with University of Bonn Rector Klaus Borchard and Bonn’s Mayor Bärbel Dieckmann.

*EU in 2001: Treaty of Nice*
Class of 2001

Viviane Reding, EU Commissioner responsible for Education and Culture gave a keynote address at ZEI about “The Role of the European Community in Creating the Knowledge and Information Society.”

EU in 2001: Treaty of Nice

“For me, ZEI stands for a top-class knowledge, priceless addition to a CV and friendships and memories that will last forever.”

Karlis Svikis (Latvia) is a senior associate at the Riga office of Bnt attorneys-at-law.

“Thanks to my richful experience at ZEI, I directly found a job in the financial industry. Few years ago, I set up my own business (Accounting & Tax advisor).”

Frederik Becher (Belgium) is Managing Partner of BCFisc sc sprl.

EU in 2001:

Treaty of Nice
The French Minister for Europe, Pierre Moscovici, and the German Minister of State, Günter Verheugen, called for a Europe-wide vision and restated the need for a European Political Union, during a conference titled “What condition is Europe in? What constitution for Europe?” at ZEI.
Class of 2002

Stefan Brost (Germany), Boris Mesaric (Slovenia), Viktor Dovhan (Ukraine), Antonio Milososki (Macedonia), Esther Fittinghoff (Germany), Rebeca Neumann Monteiro (Germany/Brazil), Johannes Hanfland (Germany), Narcisa Poturak (Bosnia and Herzegovina), David Hartstone (Germany), Dejan Siljanovski (Macedonia), Glori Husi (Albania), Jan Sötebier (Germany), Samia Kabariti (UK/Jordan), Zeynep Uruk Gülcin (Turkey), Maria A. Kapustina (Russia), Robert Velikonja (Slovenia), Saban Kardas (Turkey), Alena Vysotskaya (Belarus), Rainer Lückheide (Germany), Domen Zadravec (Slovenia)
“Having friends, literally from all around the world as well as the embracing culture of ZEI is affecting each and every step I take both privately and career-wise, even after 15 years after the graduation. I am proud to have experienced all the diversity around me and fortunate to carry it until today. Big thank you ZEI!”

Narcisa Poturak-Dömnez (Bosnia and Herzegovina) is working for the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW), Sarajevo.
Helmut Kohl, Honorary Citizen of Europe and former German Chancellor, outlined the historic importance of the Euro at an event organised by ZEI.
ZEI Senior Fellow Michael Gehler speaking with Hans von der Groeben, German co-author of the Treaties of Rome, and member of the first EEC Commission. With tears in his eyes, von der Groeben received his first “Euro-Starterkit” at ZEI. Even though he never dreamed to see it in his lifetime, he was always convinced the European project would lead to a common currency. Von der Groeben passed away at the age of 97 in 2005.

“I decided to do the Master Program in order to start a professional career in Brussels. The Master of European Studies was one of the most important qualifications to start my career in European public affairs.”

Stefan Brost (Germany) is currently head of the EU office of the German Football Association in Brussels.
Maria Barlou (Greece), Yuki Itakura (Japan), Markus Brock (Germany), Julia Keutgen (Germany), Olga Cajide Doval (Spain), Martina Kuhlmann (Germany), Marisol Cárcamo Crespo (Chile), Suyoung Lee (South Korea), Susan Lynn Cheyne (Germany), Christine Melchert (Germany), Rebecca Anne Clark (UK/Germany), Shogo Ohira (Japan), Damir Davidovic (Serbia), Florian Osterloh (Germany), Ketil Magnus Dokset (Norway), Vladimir Pavicevic (Serbia), Justin James Earl (USA), Frederick James Pfarrius (USA), Ulrike Ellmann (Germany), Svetoslav Pintev (Bulgaria), Oliver Carsten Füg (Germany), Rastislav Prokopic (Slovakia), Sujata Ghorai (Germany), Andreas Seip (Germany), Slobodanka Goseva (Macedonia), Kaoru Shimizu (Japan), Iwona Hamulecka (Poland), Ksawery Filip Sommerfeld (Poland), John Earl Hasler (USA), Tristan Suffys (France), Anton Horshkov (Ukraine), Max Wirsching (Germany)
“ZEI prepared me for my career by giving me a solid understanding about the EU, processes and specific politics. It gave me a network of friends interested in EU affairs, who are still working in EU circles and helped me when applying for jobs by adding an international dimension to my curriculum.”

Tristan Suffys (France) is Secretary General at the European Heating Oil Association (Eurofuel) in Brussels.

Guido de Marco, President of Malta, outlined his vision for the Mediterranean at ZEI. He spoke of the Mediterranean vocation of Europe.
"Everything I learned at ZEI was very helpful for my career, because today I can understand and explain the internal European market in my daily work."

Karl Shimizu (Japan) is an international manager with NTT Data, a leading innovator in the Japanese information technology industry.

A ZEI study group chaired by ZEI Fellow Dr. Markus Höreth on the Constitutional Treaty assembled economists, political scientists and legal scholars researching and teaching at the institute.

EU in 2003: Constitutional Treaty signed
Accreditation agency gives stamp of quality to ZEI study course

by Brigitte Linden

A great success for ZEI: The Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation (FIBAA) has awarded the postgraduate further education fulltime study course “Master of European Studies” the stamp of quality, and in the elaborate assessment, all quality standards of FIBAA have been met as either good or excellent.

ZEI shared European experiences in regulatory governance with several partners around the Mediterranean, most notably with Israelis and Palestinians in the context of a summer academy. ZEI Director Prof. Christian Koenig and ZEI Administrator Dr. Hartmut Ihne are seen at the event in Jerusalem.

EU in 2003:
Constitutional Treaty signed
Class of 2004

Christel Bade Rubio (Mexico/Germany), Ksenija Milivojevic (Serbia), Caroline Blanchard (France), Nilufer Mirel (Turkey), Pavol Borovsky (Slovenia), Michael Mizhinski (Russia), Monika Botz (Germany), Vasko Naumovski (Macedonia), Núria Solana Dalmau (Spain), Robert Olma (Germany), Céline Agnès Domecq (France), Aurora Quesada Hernández (Spain), Stephanie Ducreux (France), Ashkaan Rahimi (USA), Katrin Fuhrmann (Germany), Ung Chol Ri (North Korea), Christoph Gammel (Germany), Joseph M. Sandor (USA), Anita Jasnos (Poland), Ana Sentis-Roqué (Spain), Eva Jeslíková (Czech Republic), Patrick Schäfer (Germany), Chol Nam Jong (North Korea), Zsófia Sipos (Hungary), Branislav Karadžić (Montenegro), Bianca Cornelia Sokola (Germany), Serah Kekeç (Turkey), Jobst-C. Wellenkamp (Germany), Linda Kopecká (Czech Republic), Martin Zimmek (Germany), Gabriel Miedzianowski (Poland)
“There are two very important success factors for an international career: excellent academic skills and international experience. I am convinced and know that ZEI provides both.

Martin Zimmek (Germany) is the Head of Sales and Business Development South America at Bombardier Transportation.

Conference on transatlantic relations with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, at ZEI. Here participants are seen at the formal dinner to conclude intensive discussions at the Petersberg near Bonn.
ZEI accompanied the process of EU enlargement over several years with a Parliament’s Forum on EU Accession, bringing together the policy makers of all accession countries and policy makers from the EU. Peter Altmaier, German member of the EU Convention on the Constitution for Europe, addressed participants.
“The ZEI Master Program was crucial for my professional and academic career, since I was able to apply my knowledge in government positions, as well as in teaching and research. Personal relations are still maintained, we still work for our common goal: Europe whole, free and at peace.”

Vasko Naumovski is the Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia to the United States of America.

EU in 2004:
10 new member states join the EU
Class of 2005

Eva Maria Ares Alvarez (Spain), Young Hee Lee (South Korea), Ali Aybey (Turkey), Wei-Chieh Lin (Taiwan), Annamaria Bonnici (Malta), Maria Listrovaia (Russia), Ayse Celenk (Turkey), Marisa Mac Isaac (USA), Nickolaos Chasiotis (Greece), Alexandra Mihai (Romania), Gueorgui Dimitrov (Bulgaria), Johannes Noack (Germany), Henning Fahland (Germany), Zübeyde Öztürk (Turkey), Anna Karin Hedin (Sweden), Ana Plecas (Serbia), Fabian Kaiser (Germany), Eduardo Quintana Pacheco (Mexico), Susanne Kiefer (Germany), Daniella Schneider (Germany), Nenad Koprivica (Montenegro), Katherine Simpson (USA), Christian Krappitz (Germany), Lubos Slovak (Slovenia), Laetitia Kraus (Germany), Dane Taleski (Macedonia), Kristina Kurze (Germany), Erman Topcu (Turkey), Kostadin Kus Ivanov (Macedonia), Christian Weitzel (Germany)
ZEI, together with several EU partner institutions, founded “EPIN”, a network of EU Research Institutes, with the goal to monitor developments in the Constitutional Convention negotiations, but also in order to share sound expertise with leading representatives of the Convention. ZEI scholars regularly met members of the Convention and academic colleagues in Brussels and in Bonn.

“I very much enjoyed my time at ZEI and still benefit from it. Looking at the EU from the perspectives of lawyers, economists, and political scientists made for very concrete insights, helped along by the regular exchanges with EU practitioners. Then there is the network: today, 12 years later, seven of our class of thirty are based in Brussels, and I still regularly cross other fellow alumni in my job in South East Europe.”

Johannes Noack (Germany) is a Member of Cabinet for the Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Johannes Hahn.

EU in 2005: Constitutional Treaty fails
ZEI contributed to the modernisation and Europeanisation of academic life in South East Europe following the four secession wars in Yugoslavia. At the centre of ZEI’s work in promoting the renewal of European Studies in southeast Europe was the development of the “Bulgarian-Romanian Interuniversity Europe Centre” (BRIE) in Russe (Bulgaria), the first Centre of Excellence in European Studies in the region. ZEI Senior Fellow Dr. Emil Mintchev with colleagues in front of the BRIE building.

EU in 2005: Constitutional Treaty fails
Prof. Dr. Ayşe Ashlan Çelenk (Turkey) became Head of the Department of International Relations at Erciyes University in Kayseri. With several other ZEI Alumni from Turkey she has benefited from the process of EU-Turkey negotiations (receiving a scholarship from the Turkish Ministry for European affairs). ZEI monitored EU-Turkey relations for over a decade.

EU in 2005:
Constitutional Treaty fails
Anke Barnewold (Germany), Velyana Nickolova (Bulgaria), Marvin Cuschieri (Malta), Elif Özkaragöz (Turkey), Mladen Dragasevic (Montenegro), Mariyana Radeva (Bulgaria), Nina Eschke (Germany), Song Ho Ryang (Korea), Manasi Shailaja Gopalakrishnan (India), Valdet Sadiku (Kosovo), Anna von Groote (Germany), Kristina Saikeviciutė (Lithuania), Anna Holl (Germany), Onur Saylan (Turkey), Martina Jüttner (Germany), Christiane Sieveking (Germany), Myong Chol Kim (South Korea), Arnar Sigurdsson (Iceland), Brenda Kramer (Netherlands), Inga Skucaitė (Lithuania), Olga Laletina (Russia), Eunsi So (Korea), Irina Leonenko (Ukraine), Luca Tagliaferro (Italy), Fabian Lohne (Germany), Christiana Tings (Germany), Oliver Lorenzen (Germany), Zeynep Turhalli (Turkey), Thomas Malick (USA), Kalman Varga (Romania), Liesa Naumann (Germany), Catalina Villegas (Columbia)
“The ZEI Master Program at the University of Bonn helped me to develop my skills further, broadened my knowledge on European affairs and prepared me well for professional career. Bonn not only gave me one of the best experience of my life and expanded my professional network but also introduced me to a group of very good friends from all over the world that I still call my best friends.”

Arnar B. Sigurdsson (Iceland) is working as a Senior Energy Specialist at the U.S. State Department.
The “Bernd Lier combo”, Jazz friends of ZEI.

EU in 2006:
The “.eu” internet domain opens
“I have seen with great satisfaction that career development is no longer a unique ‘phenomenon’ at German Universities. Private and public universities seem to have realized that it is essential to advise students on the career track they desire.

My major objective at ZEI was to provide ZEI fellows with trainings and advice that would allow them to realize their professional desire – a career in international organizations, national top-administrations and alike.

I wanted to help them to better identify their individual career target on the basis of their potential and to present themselves in a way that employers could hardly say “no”.”

Dr. Cordula Janowski (Germany) was Program Director of the ZEI Master of European Studies until 2007 and is now Head of Executive Education at the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin.
Mareike Ahrens (Germany), Lina Li (China), Matthieu Bertrand (France), Tatjana Manne (Lithuania), Inga Maria Buchkremer (Germany),
Joseph Anthony McHale (Ireland), Chi Lun Chung (Taiwan), Ghislain Nicolas (France), Elisabeth Cousin (France), Anja Petri (Germany),
Marie-Pascale Dorè (Canada), Nadja Maria Podzimek (Germany), Marie-Thérèse Irmgard Fuchs (Germany), Djordje Popovic (Serbia),
Codruta Maria Guran (Romania), Julija Postolova (Macedonia), Katharina Heiß (Germany), Denis Presova (Macedonia), Radko Hokovsky
(Czech Republic), Nadina Roncevic (United Kingdom), Peter Hughes (USA), Türkay Sipahi (Turkey), Stephanie Jensen (USA), Aleksander Trivic
Lovcanski (Serbia), Karnchanok Khunmuang (Thailand), Ioannis Tsantoulis (Greece), Jens Koslowsky (Germany), Dervis Fikret Ünal (Turkey),
Göksel Kuslu (Turkey), Konstantina Lakafosi (Greece)
“One of the strongest aspects of the program is that the professors teaching the program are people with first-hand knowledge and experience in EU affairs and in the EU institutions.”

Matthieu Bertrand (France) is working as an EFSI (Investment Plan for Europe) Mandate Manager at the European Investment Bank in Luxembourg. He was a member of the Cabinet of the EU Commissioner Michel Barnier.
Together with the German Foreign Office, ZEI conceived and wrote a brochure containing “50 Arguments for Europe”. This brochure was published in the framework of the German EU Presidency, in order to provide facts demonstrating the practical effects of the European idea.

“The Master of European Studies at ZEI offers a rich and varied program. The teaching team, some of whom are based at ZEI and some of whom are visiting professors, are all well-established figures in their respective academic areas. The course provides an excellent grounding and qualification for a wide range of careers in both the public and private sectors.”

Neill Nugent, (Visiting Professor at ZEI), Professor of Politics, Jean Monnet Professor of European Integration at Manchester Metropolitan University.
Lina Li has pursued a highly successful career in several public institutions and in the private sector since returning to her home in Shanghai (China). “What I learned at ZEI enriches my whole life,” said Lina Li during a conversation with ZEI Director Prof. Ludger Kühnhardt and her Chinese academic supervisor, Mingqi Xu, Director of the Shanghai Institute for European Studies.

“ZEI Energy Talks“ consisted of conferences gathering prominent participants from the energy industry, law firms, politics and sciences. Increasing the dialogue between practice and research in a critical field of network economies, the “ZEI Energy Talks” chaired by ZEI Director Prof. Christian Koenig took place twice a year, on the Petersberg near Bonn and in Berlin.
Class of 2007

Summer Academy in Comparative Regional Integration
with Hans Gert Poettering, President European Parliament

Olga Konyo Addo (Guyana), Jessica Jones (Barbados), Florencia Antia (Uruguay), Faith Kazembe Chimwemwe (Malawi), Walter J. Alexander (Guyana), Phyo Win Latt (Myanmar), Tricia Barrow (Trinidad and Tobago), Nelson Magbagbeol (Nigeria), Tamian Beckford (Jamaica), Larona Makgoeng (Botswana), Yldiz Beighle (Suriname), Stephen Oswald Maluka (Tanzania), Sherwin Bridgewater (Trinidad and Tobago), Augustine Madigora (Zimbabwe), Natalia Carrau (Uruguay), Allister Mounsey (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines), Norma Cerrato (Honduras), Mauren Navarro (Costa Rica), Chow - Coleman (Belize), Jean Emile Nkiramuye (Rwanda), Fabiano Corrêa (Brazil), Gbadebo Odularu (Nigeria), Alvaro Cuadros (Bolivia), Andrianaivo Régis Rakotomanana (Madagascar), Rizki Damayantin (Indonesia), Mercedes Retamoso (Uruguay), Beatriz Véliz Argüeta (Guatemala), Ximena Romero (Ecuador), Karma Wangchuck (Bhutan)

EU in 2007: Lisbon Treaty
“My experience at ZEI has contributed to my professional career. At the Foreign Ministry of Suriname, I am now looking into the aspect of capacity building and the important formation of strategic alliances.”

Yildiz Pollack-Beighle, Foreign Minister of Suriname, ZEI Alumni, Summer Academy in Comparative Regional Integration 2007.
Diana Amado (Poland), Cristina-Gabriela Prata (Romania), Tobias Buchmann (Germany), Robert Richter (Germany), Aurore Colella (France), Claudia Roese (Germany), Lili Deyanova (Bulgaria), Annette Röthfuss (Germany), Michaela Dienhart (Germany), Sonja Ana Luise Schröder (Germany), Hristina Dojcinova (Macedonia), Fabio Speciale (Italy), Laura Flamm (USA), Milos Stanojevic (Serbia), Ewelina Gulbinowicz (Poland), Maria Zofia Staszkiewicz (Poland), Soo-Yeon Laura Jin (South Korea), Filip Tosevski (Macedonia), Niall Judge (Ireland), Ana Maria Trias López (Uruguay), Claus Königs (Germany), Meredith Catherine Tunick (USA), Elodie Lafitte (France), Vladimir Varavkin (Russia), Anke Müller (Germany), Denise Von der Osten (Germany), Anna Niemann (Germany), Oğuzhan Yanarisik (Turkey), Deniz Özgür (Turkey), Wan Tung Perlie Yu (United Kingdom)
“I can honestly say that choosing to quit my job and move to Germany to attend the ZEI Masters Program in 2007, was the single best career-enhancing decision that I’ve ever made. I came away from the experience with a tremendous amount of tangible and useful knowledge, as well as a beneficial network of contacts that I still utilize today when representing Bosch in Washington, D.C. The experience certainly reshaped my world view, allowing me to improve my understanding of different cultures and varying political points of view.”

Meredith Tunick (USA) serves as Manager for Federal Government Affairs at Robert Bosch LLC, Washington, D.C., and is responsible for managing and coordinating Bosch’s federal government affairs activities.

“Let me commend ZEI on its farsightedness and commitment to promoting and developing excellence in the field of European integration studies. I wish the program continuing success in the years to come.”

Ján Figel’, European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth.

EU in 2008:
Treaty of Lisbon rejected by Ireland
Class of 2008

Hans-Gert Pöttering, President of European Parliament, discussed with ZEI students about the role of EU in advancing regional integration and intercultural dialogue around the world.
“My time at ZEI gave me a 360 degree experience that has seen me through the time since I left. In practical terms with visits to the EU institutions and other international organisations or invaluable interview practice, through to the thought-provoking academic training.”

Niall Judge (Ireland) is Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission.

EU in 20008: Treaty of Lisbon rejected by Ireland
Class of 2008

Master of European Regulatory Network Industries (MERNI)
with Hans Gert Poettering, President European Parliament

Sonja Fechtner (Germany), Müge Özercan Pasaoglu (Turkey), Johanna Renee Herman (USA), Mehmet Omur Pasaoglu (Turkey),
Georgios Iliopoulos (Greece), Maira Serrano Prados (Panama), Lea Jaletzke (Germany), Suobin Wang (China), Vasilios Kempapsis (Greece),
Katharina Wenzel (Germany), Fabian Kohlhof (Germany), Pinar Yildizhan (Turkey), Alexandra Kryaneva (Russia),
Gabriela Zaujecova (Slovakia), Philip Maessoumi (Germany), Francisco Marcos Zorrilla Mateos (Mexico)
Class of 2008

Summer Academy in Comparative Regional Integration
with Alexander Count Lambsdorff, Member of European Parliament

Athanase Atannon (Benin), Ibi Ikpoki (Nigeria), Michelle Cave (Barbados), Apronius Mbilinyi (Tanzania), Ayangafac Chrysantus (Cameroon), Marcello Mondelli (Uruguay), JB Cronje (South Africa), Ambassador Onoja (Nigeria), Antony Dawson D’silva (India), Damián Paikin (Argentinia), Daouda Fall (Senegal), Bala Kumar Palaniappan (Malaysia), Liwaaddine Fliss (Tunisia), Tobias Milward (Malawi), Alvaro García Otorola (Costa Rica), Safari Vincent (Rwanda), Luciana Victoria Gil (Argentinia), Ruilei Xing (China), Monica Hangi (Tanzania), Maria Emilia Yugovich Medina (Paraguay), Chaminda Hettiarachichi (Sri Lanka)
Genevieve Baer (USA), Íñaki Maillard (Mexico), Hana Balajková (Czech Republic), Rónan McGee (Ireland), Anina Bubek (Germany), Adrian Nicolae (Romania), David Coelho (USA), Alexandra Pană (Romania), Emanuela Dimova (Macedonia), Charlotte Poigné (Germany), Sebastian Ehreiser (Germany/USA), Dalibor Rogan (Croatia), Stefanie Forster (Ireland), Ana-Violeta Sacaliuc (Germany), Courtney Foster (USA), Frank Schiller (Germany), Alena Falathová (Czech Republic), Sabine Stang (Germany), Carola Gegenbauer (Germany), Daniela Stoycheva (Bulgaria), Erato Georgakopoulou (Greece), Boyan Tanev (Bulgaria), Karolina Grzyb (Poland), Réka Török, (Romania), Itai Keshet (Israel), Tammy Tsoi (China), Emmanuelle Maddocks (Ireland), Ana Iuliana Varvara (Romania)
“ZEI made it possible for me to pursue a career at the World Bank Group. The comprehensive program set in a small-classroom environment gave me a greater understanding of the European Union and it’s role in the larger context. ”

Genevieve Decker, née Baer (USA/Luxembourg) is a Communications Specialist at The World Bank Group - International Finance Corporation in Washington D.C.
“What makes our Master of European Studies special is its internationality. In recent years, ZEI hosted approximately 30 students per year coming from nearly 20 different countries. More than half of the lecturers and experts come from European countries other than Germany. Furthermore, all classes are taught in English. This combination makes this master a genuine international program. A second important reason is that the Master of European Studies Program is not exclusively academic. It also includes practical elements such as workshops and dialogues with practitioners, as well as a Career Development Program. This mixture of theory and practice prepares fellows to successfully enter the job market, which is an integral part of the Master of European Studies.”

Tabea Leibbrand coordinated the ZEI Master of European Studies from 2008-2012. She is currently working at the University of Applied Sciences Bielefeld.
“My studies and degree at ZEI were an important milestone and a door opener to my professional career firstly with the European Commission in Brussels and later in the Luxembourg finance industry when dealing with investment houses, European institutional bodies and international stakeholders to promote the alternative investments funds business in the Benelux and the DACH (Germany D, Austria A, Schitzerland CH) region.”

Hana Balajkova (Czech Republic) is a Senior Business Development Manager at Aztec Financial Services (Luxembourg) S.A..

Wiebke Drescher worked in the ZEI Master of European Studies office until 2013. She is currently working at the Internationale Hochschule Bad Honnef (IUBH) as an Institutional Development Officer.
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Mouhamed Assani (Benin), Felix Y. Pwol (Nigeria), Kalifa Sougue (Burkina Faso), James Freeman (Sierra Leone), Bouréhima Ould Aidara (Ivory Coast), Kassah Traoré Zouréhatou (Togo), Belarmino Monteiro Silva (Cape Verde), Cheick Abdel Kader Dansoko (Mali), Nana Antwiwaa Dodoo (Ghana), Daouda Fall (Senegal), Alpha Yaya Diallo (Guinea), Jonas Dedou P. Hemou (Togo), Vicente Poungoura (Guinea Bissau), Essien Abel Essien (Nigeria), Salhatou Amani (Niger), Gaspard Akou Adjogou (Togo)
Adaku Apugo (Nigeria), Juan Carlos Iniesta Corbacho (Spain), Johannes Boehmer (Germany), Margaux Laspeyres (France), Sandra Dennis (Germany), Martin Lerch (Germany), Kicheon Choi (South Korea), Ka Wai David Wilck Leung (China), Valentina Andreea Dimulescu (Romania), Parul Lihla (India), Ana Dobrosavljevik (Macedonia), Susana Lin (Spain), Chiara Donadoni (Belgium/Italy), Denise Martins Silveira (Brazil), Burak Erdinç (Turkey), Christina Osusky (Germany), Alena Falathová (Czech Republic), Blanka Regeny (Romania/Germany), Ana Isabel Ferreira da Silva (Portugal), Claudia Rommel (Germany), Patricia Fontaneda (Spain), Angélique Solomonides (Cyprus/France), Martine Fulbert (France), Lorenzo Torti (Italy), Enzhe Finaisovna Gareeva (Russia), Nikola Zivkovic (Serbia), Phillip Green (USA)
“The content of the program helped me to understand how the institutions work with each other and how decision making processes interact. ZEI helped shaping my career in EU projects.”

Margaux Laspeyres (France/Germany) is a Project Manager at the University of Oxford working on the EU-funded project “Consortium for Organ Preservation in Europe” (COPE).
“I have great memories about my time in ZEI related to all aspects of my daily life i.e. wonderful colleagues, lecturers and programme coordinators as well as a great city for studying and living.”

Juan Carlos Iniesta Corbacho (Spain) is a Strategy Manager at Telefónica Deutschland

“The Master of European Studies is a unique academic program that prepares future leaders with insight about the complex dynamics of European decision- and policymaking. The very high academic aptitude and cultural diversity of the post-graduate students that follow the Master of European Studies provides a conducive atmosphere within which one can conduct interactive seminars and discussion sessions.”

Stephen Calleya, (Visiting Professor at ZEI), Professor of International Relations and Director at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta.
EU-Commissioner for Energy, Günther H. Oettinger calls for the “Europeanisation” of energy policy, in a speech at the Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI).
Master of European Regulatory Network Industries (MERNI)

with Günther Oettinger, EU Commissioner, and Jürgen Nimptsch, Mayor of Bonn

Leticia Anoro Falcon (Spain), Manuel Montiero (Portugal), Arman Bekbergenov (Kazakhstan), Pablo A. Morales Andrade (Ecuador), Cong “Sharon” Du (China), Seong-Eun Oh (South Korea), Isabelle Grohe (Germany), Yvonne Trauschies (Germany), Alper Emre Güler (Turkey), Eveline Visbeck (Germany), Cosmas Jacobi (Germany), Cord Wiesner (Germany), Jian Jiang (China)
Summer Academy in Comparative Regional Integration
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Samantha Chaitram (Trinidad & Tobago), Edgar Juan Saucedo Acosta (Mexico), Carlos Nahuel Oddone (Argentinia), Muhammad Ajisatria Suleiman (Indonesia), Daniel Walusako Wycifée Ghambi (Malawi), Shakti Srichandan (India), Corinna Frances Cabanilla (Philippines), Miranda Fondem Atembeshu (Cameroon), Emmanuel Dieudonné Kam Yogo (Cameroon), Roshene S.Betton (Jamaica), Edjabou Aqtime Gnouleleng (Togo), Ernesto Orlando Moscoso Calderón (Bolivia)
Natan Albahari (Serbia), Béatrice Geiger (France/Germany), Anders Arvidsson (Sweden), Iwo Hidzow (Poland), Jan-David Blaese (Germany), Desislava Kraleva (Bulgaria), Orce Bonev (Macedonia), Liudmila Myachkova (Russia), Mila Brnovic (Montenegro), Joachim T. Nyingo (Tanzania), Ianire Cobeaga Belausteguiotitia (Spain), Elisabeth Reichetseder (Austria), Colin Coté (USA), Dominique Roch (Germany), Ahlam Elyassir (USA/Germany), Tomáš Rovník (Slovakia), Caroline Eriksson (Sweden), Astar Sobol (Israel), Isabel Fienhold (Germany), Katia Taipale (USA), Nora Fritzsche (Germany/Finland), Carina Waidhofer (Austria), Fangfang Gao (China), Theresa Wiesböck (Germany), Malte Tim Zabel (Germany)
“ZEI was not only a great international experience but also gave me the professional knowledge necessary in order to work for a leading European think tank.”

Malte Tim Zabel (Germany) is an Advisor to the Chairman of the Executive Board of the Bertelsmann Stiftung.

ZEI’s modern infrastructure comprises a library on European integration matters, conference facilities, computer labs for ZEI fellows and last but not least, a cafeteria, the daily meeting place under the culinary leadership of Margot Warzecha.

EU in 2011: First “European semester”
Class of 2011

Anticipating the “Relance Européenne”, a joint IFRI-ZEI research project.

"The success of ZEI’s Master of European Studies based on an excellent selection of postgraduate students, both in professional and in geographic terms. As a result, a two-way exchange of ideas, personal experience, priorities and looking at global, regional and local developments represent a unique enrichment not only for the students but for professors alike. It fosters the network of global cooperation but also our common responsibility for our future, with special regard to “investment into innovative societies”.

Prof. Dr. András Inotai, (Visiting Professor at ZEI) Research Professor at the Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest.
ZEI Master Fellows Class of 2011 with Dr. Vladimir Pavicevic, Member of Parliament in Serbia, ZEI Alumnus, Class of 2003.

EU in 2011: First “European semester”
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with Jürgen Fohrmann, Rector of Bonn University, and Kornelija Utevska-Gligorovska, Ambassador of Macedonia to Germany

Rajendra Antony (India), Juan Carlos Iniesta Corbacho (Spain), Volker Bache (Germany), Franz A. Wenzel (Germany/USA), Jude Callistus Chukwurah (Germany), Aminath Shazlee Mohamed (Maldives), Ionna-Despoina Mersinia (Greece)
Class of 2011

Summer Academy in Comparative Regional Integration
with Axel Voss, Member of European Parliament

Daniel Yeboah (Ghana), Norberto Pontiroli (Argentina), Guy Marcel Nono (Cameroon), Rafael Delgado Delgado Elvir (Honduras), Michel Ndayikengurukiye (Burundi), Shirley Medina-Jimenez (Peru), Jiuan Zhang (China), Mona Greer (Syria), Lena Le (Vietnam), Zumrad Sagdullaeva (Uzbekistan), Shreya Pandey (India), John Leslie (USA), Valeria Novak (Argentina)
Class of 2012

with Marc Jan Eumann, State Secretary for European Affairs Northrhine Westphalia

Muratcan Akel (Turkey), Dorota Kozubovska (Lithuania), Deniz Akkuş (Turkey), Bing Li (China), Monica Genoveva Albrecht (Romania), Ana Mikacic (Croatia), Danijar Amat (Kyrgyzstan/Germany), Marie Sophie Ruth Quecke (Germany), Hana Bartakova (Czech Republic), Eduard Rehl (Germany), James Bowers (United Kingdom), Juliane Roth (Germany), Minkook Choi (South Korea), Jana Sadirov (Germany/Russia), Pukhraj Choudhary (India), Oscar Sandoval (USA), Erna Daskejtsch (Germany), Anna-Lena Schröder (Germany), Olimpia Dumitru (Canada/Romania), Flandra Syla (Kosovo), Boban Žunić (Montenegro), Normann Teja Teufel (Germany), Viola Huth (Germany), Pagona Tsormpatzoudi (Greece), Hivin Jabo (Syria), Marko Vujacic (Serbia), Li Jiang (China), Sally Watkins (Australia), Nenad Kovacevic (Serbia), Sarah Wing (United Kingdom)
“The ZEI Master included a good mix of courses and extra-curricular activities that were key for my professional development. Career coaching, field trips and practical training on European integration were aspects of the program which I found unique. As a side note, I had a truly “fun” year and made some very good friends.”

Pagona Tsormpatzoudi (Greece) is a Senior Counsel, Privacy & Data Protection, Mastercard Brussels.

Prof. Dr. Ryszard Rapacki (Visiting Professor at ZEI), Warsaw School of Economics, was awarded “Best Lecturer” of the Master of European Studies.

EU in 2012: First “European semester”
“I frequently meet Master of European Studies alumni in conference rooms in Brussels, Strasburg and in ministries around Europe. They are either undertaking an internship or have a full time position within EU-related institutions. I always encounter the same reaction, namely Master fellows say to have very fond memories of the time they spent at ZEI: “Do you remember me? I did the ZEI Master of European Studies few years ago and I can still remember quite well your workshop on EU negotiation strategies. I now apply and experience some of the approaches you taught us in my daily work with pleasure and success.

It is always gratifying for a lecturer to hear such encouraging comments from former students. I am therefore convinced that the inclusion of praxis-oriented elements into Master of European Studies curriculum corresponds to the right method to successfully educate and prepare graduates to enter the labor market.”

Dr. Klaus-Jörg Heynen (Visiting Professor at ZEI), former Director-General, German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection.

EU in 2012: First “European semester”
The EU as seen by the Asia-Pacific region: How do Asians see the EU? Do they observe it at all? How is the EU represented in Asian media? Are EU topics discussed at all in the Asia-Pacific region? Jean Monnet Professor Martin Holland, Christchurch University New Zealand, presents recent survey at ZEI.

EU in 2012: First “European semester”
Kamo Gabrielyan (Armenia), Erika Ruth Koerner (Germany), Walid Barakat (Egypt), Khamini Kordes (Germany), Relja Bozic (Serbia), Maja Kranjc (Slovenia), Petru Butmalai (Romania), Emine Bengi Lostar-Özdemir (Turkey), Tanguy Danzé (France), Valeria Petaeva (Czech Republic), James Dittrich (USA), Óscar Rodríguez Fernández (Spain), Grisel Fernández Ángel (Spain), Marion Schlotmann (Germany), Risto Gjorgjiev (Macedonia), Elvana Tafilaku (Albania), Branko Vucinic (Serbia), Yassen Gyurov (Bulgaria), Christina Wunder (Germany), Raija Hawly (Germany), Max Jan Kemperink (The Netherlands)
“ZEI taught me the general functioning and “basics” of the EU as well as how to connect the dots to the big picture. It helped prepare me for my career by introducing me to some key contacts in the institutions; I got my traineeship in the Commission thanks to an Alumna recommending me.”

Christina Wunder (Germany) is a press officer for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission in Brussels.

EU in 2013: The ‘Fiscal Compact’ enters into force
Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament, encouraged ZEI graduates to contribute with heart and soul to safeguard a good path for the EU.

EU in 2013:
The “Fiscal Compact” enters into force

“The work of a research institute is rather demand driven than static. It has to take current events into account and analyze them”, ZEI Director Prof. Dr. Ludger Kühnhardt stated in his remarks to the delegation of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) that visited ZEI to offer academic cooperation.
“In order to shape the future of Europe, we need to know how Europe works. ZEI’s Master Programme equips its students with the expertise and experience for starting a successful career in European affairs.”

Yasen Gyurov (Bulgaria) is a Policy Coordinator for Education and Research at the Council of the European Union.

The Honorary President of the Association of former European Parliamentarians, Prof. Dr. Uwe Holtz, presented the initiative of Europe’s parliamentary elder statesmen in support of further democratization in the Arab neighborhood at a workshop organised by ZEI and the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) in Bonn.

EU in 2013: The ‘Fiscal Compact’ enters into force
Anja Abramovic (Montenegro), Thomas Panayotopoulos (Greece), Nasima Akaloo (Trinidad and Tobago), Deepak Raj Pandaya (Nepal), Michael Amoah Awuah (Ghana), Adam Ryckaert (USA), Grigoriani Bougatsa (Greece), Robert Stüwe (Germany), Annabel Ruth Edevbie (Nigeria), Tornike Sulaberidze (Georgia), Sarah Gansen (Germany), Micol Visciano (Italy), Anna Francesca Giachin (Germany), Mirsad Vitia (Kosovo), Johanna Leufke (Germany), Silvia Vlasseva (Bulgaria), Julian Wilhelm Marenbach (Germany), Dragan Momčilović (Serbia), Yasemin Mentes (Turkey), Anna Pokorna (Czech Republic), Hong Tian (China), Kevin Butkovsky (USA)
“My days on the ZEI Master programme in 2013-2014 were incredibly insightful. It gave me the tools to develop a unique perspective and work towards a different professional direction in academia.”

Michael Amoah Awuah (Ghana) is a doctoral student under the supervision of ZEI Director Prof. Dr. Ludger Kühnhardt.
ZEI hosted the 4th Regulation Meeting in cooperation with the Institute for Information, Telecomunication and Media Law (ITM) of the University of Münster as well as the E-Plus Group. The keynote speaker was Peter Hustinx, the European Data Protection Supervisor, here seen with ZEI Director Prof. Dr. Christian Koenig.

EU in 2014:
Juncker Commission takes office
“Every hour spent in the classroom, unravelling European institutions of repute, alongside a highly equipped faculty conversant with EU’s politicosocial landscape, has accounted for the best one year of my career. It acted like a life support system when I went on to become a Marie Curie doctoral fellow.”

Deepack Raj Pandaya (Nepal) is a Marie Curie Early Stage Researcher (ESR) at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and a doctoral fellow at the University of Hamburg, Germany.

2014-2019. The detailed online project is accompanied by comments and background analysis, edited by Robert Stüwe and Thomas Panayotopoulos who are seen presenting the results to the Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker together with other ZEI Alumni.

EU in 2014: Juncker Commission takes office
Hacer Merve Ayvaz (Turkey), Carla Manzanas Parra (Spain), Christina Bonhoff (Germany), Sasa Mester (Serbia), Federico Bowen (New Zealand), Carolin Pütz (Germany), Marina Bulatovic (Serbia), Hannah Radzko (Belarus), Lamin Dampha (The Gambia), Matteo Scotto (Italy), Caleb Fagade (Nigeria), Guillermo Sulub (Mexico), Liudmila Fisciuic (Moldova), Ekaterina Tumanyan (Russia), Dennis Flück (Germany), Nikola Veselinovic (Serbia), Maria Kapiniaris (Australia/Greece), Julija Vitanova (Macedonia), Sabine Klasen (Germany), Aliaksandra Liakh (Belarus), Balázs Kubinszky (Hungary)
“The ZEI Master of European Studies is a great opportunity to gain strong competencies on EU topics on the one side, and experience a wonderful year in a very international context on the other.”

Matteo Scotto (Italy) is a Research Fellow at Villa Vigoni - the German-Italian Centre for European Excellence.
“What impressed me from the outset with the ZEI Program is the fellows’ keen interest in European issues, wherever they come from and whatever their background is. As a practitioner in Brussels for more than ten years, it is particularly striking to see how many of them actually find their way into the institutions or into related legal and policy jobs.”

Robert Klotz (Visiting Professor at ZEI) is a partner in the Antitrust & Competition Practice Group in the firm Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP (Brussels office).

Hannelore Kraft, Prime Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, defined further European Integration as a central interest of the most densely populated German state.

EU in 2015: Migration Crisis
A West African Institute-ZEI Study Group Meeting with Prof. Djeneba Traore, Director of the West Africa Institute (WAI), Prof. Volker Nitsch, (Visiting Professor at ZEI), economist at Darmstadt University and other colleagues, was held in Praia, Cape Verde.

Balázs Kubinszky (Hungary) is a Business Consultant.

“The Master of European Studies was a challenging and formative experience for me, which has widened my academic horizons and has proven once again that diversity fosters progress. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in the program.”
Malin Berg von Linde (Sweden), Seniye Gül Yıldırımkaya (Turkey), Lindsey Brown (United Kingdom), Julia Kannengießer (Germany), Kyle Buchli-Kelly (Canada), Katharina Kant (USA), Wilson W Chou (USA/Taiwan), Sanni Kunnas (Finland), Aiveen Donnelly (Ireland), Jiyain Liu (China), Kim Förster (Germany), Brittney Marzullo (USA), Natalija Gjergjeva (Macedonia), Mariama Ndow Jarju (The Gambia), Jovana Gudzic (Serbia), Ksenija Nikolic (Croatia), Grace Harper (Australia), Susanna Novick (USA), Luz Naliby (Columbia), Liska Wittenberg (USA/Germany), Ignatius Oli (Nigeria), Jariya Raithel (Thailand), Hannah Sanders (Germany), Kritika Singh (India), Genevieve Odamtten (Ghana)
“From the coordination team to the tutors, there was an always ready ambience to listen, guide and assist at every step of the way during our program and afterwards.”

Ignatius Oli (Nigeria),
Department of Political Affairs, Elections Assistance Unit of the African Union Commission in Addis Abeba.
The WAI-ZEI Cooperation project offered scholarships for West African young professionals to study the “Master of European Studies - Governance and Regulation“ at ZEI. The photo shows the ZEI alumni Mariama Ndow Jarju (The Gambia), Faith Gabriel and Ignatius Oli (Nigeria)

EU in 2016: Brexit-Referendum

The Deutsche Fachverlag in cooperation with ZEI organised the second German Conference on Postal Law at ZEI.
“Although challenging, the programme gave me the necessary knowledge and confidence to succeed on the labour market and in hindsight I’m very happy to see that all the hard work paid off.”

Sunni Kunnas (Finnland) is a Policy Advisor for European Energy and Climate Policy and Digital issues at the German Chemical Industry Association (VCI) in Brussels.
Nicole Ayo von Thun (New Zealand), Cristina Palii (Moldova), Joseph Hughes (USA), Nadia Aulia Arifin (Indonesia), Teodora Ladjic (Montenegro), Renjith Thampan (Qatar), Ashley Goossen (USA), Carolina Paz Guzman Alvarez (Chile), Kateryna Petrychenko (Ukraine), Rim Kallel (Tunisia), Arwa Al-Qahtani (Saudi Arabia), Min-Chun Hsu (Taiwan), Edmon Bejanian (Iran/Armenia), Faith Gabriel (Nigeria), Maija Pusinska (Latvia), Michèle-Agnes Schlautmann-Siegers (Germany), Marko Kostic (Serbia), Ayse Yalova Gökce (Turkey), Carmen-Geta Kaiser (Romania), Aashish Kamal (India)
“I can surely say that I have never progressed so much during one year of my life. Not only did the Master program make me raise the bar towards myself and experience an immense academic and professional self-improvement, but it also gave me the opportunity to make great friends with inspiring people from all over the world.”

Maija Pusinska (Latvia) is a Business Analyst at BearingPoint in Munich.

ZEI and the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) in Malta regularly bring together young diplomats from Arab countries and ZEI Master Fellows. In 2017, the root causes of migration and security issues in the Mediterranean were discussed.
Honoring Germany’s long time Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the former Chairman of the ZEI Board (1999-2004), the City of Bonn has changed ZEI’s address to “Genscherallee 3”. The picture shows Hans-Dietrich Genscher at a ZEI conference promoting EU membership of the Baltic States in 1997.
“ZEI has a very friendly and modern infrastructure in order to provide the best possible education. In my 20 years at ZEI, I can say that we are always working towards one goal: to serve new generations of young leaders.”

Ralf Meyer (Germany) has been working as ZEI Administrator since 1998 and coordinates the ZEI Master of European Studies since 2014.
Albert Lee Angeles (Philippines), Idda Repha Awiti (Kenia), Felicia Badalova (Moldova), Anil Bhandari (Nepal), Subhadip Biswas (India), Veronika Maria Cieslak (Germany/Poland), Rim Dawa (Syria), Jessica Gaitskell (Germany), Austin Gonzales (USA), Javier González López (Spain), Einar Gisli Gunnarsson (Iceland), Fatou Binta Jula (Germany), Meral Karaaslan Erzurum (Turkey), Ravi Khanal (Nepal), Yashneira Lalia (Philippines), T K Abdul Latheef (Canada), Gabriela Alexandra Moita Minervino (Portugal/Brasil), Yuliya Mysko (Portugal), Katarzyna Nowicka (Poland), Bonan Shan (China), Abhishek Tiwari (India), Patrick Tonissen (USA), Halime Türköz (Turkey), Yi Wang (China), Khushhal Yousofi (Afghanistan), Rohit Zutshi (India)
“It is a great honour to support these extraordinary Master of European Studies students and be part of their career path. I love their working attitude and interdisciplinary problem solving approach.”

Bettina Hegmann (Germany) is working as a Career Development Coach.
Christine Neuhold, (Visiting Professor at ZEI), Professor of Political Science, at the University of Maastricht, lecturing the “Class of 2018” on democratic legitimacy in the EU.

EU in 2018: Populism or renewal?
“The successful careers of so many of alumni and the continued contact they have with ZEI means that there is always a helping hand for fellow alumni and current students. Through ZEI’s international students and the multidisciplinary background of our students, the network extends around the world and across many sectors.

This network is invaluable to students and allows alumni from different “Classes” to connect and extend their professional networks.”

Sally Brammer (Australia) completed the Master of European Studies at ZEI in 2012. She has been a research fellow at ZEI since 2013 and since 2017 she is ZEI’s Academic Coordinator.
ZEI Alumni: a global network

Abramovic, Anja (Prelevic Law Firm, Podgorica); Addo, Olga Konyo (Caribbean Community, Secretariat, Georgetown); Adjogou, Gaspard Akou (Economic Community of West African States, Commission Monitoring und Evaluation Unit, Abuja); Ahrens, Mareike (Veridos-Identity Solutions, Berlin); Ahsan, Fazeela (University of Colombo, Colombo); Aidara, Bouréhima Ould (Office de Sécurité des Transports, Yamoussoukro); Akaloo, Nasima (Volkshochschule, Köln); Akel, Muratcan (Republic of Turkey, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara); Akkus, Deniz (United Nations World Food Programme, Gaziantep); Albahari, Natan (International and Security Affairs Center, Belgrade); Albuquerque Silva, Carolina (Republic of Brazil, Ministry of Agriculture, Brasilia); Amado, Diana (BNP Paribas, Lisbon); Amani, Salhatou (Republic of Niger, Ministry for African Integration); Anoro Falcon, Leticia (United Nations Institute for Training & Research, Geneva); Antia, Florencia (Universidad Republica De Uruguay, Institute for Political Science, Montevideo); Apugo, Adaku (Republic of Nigeria, National Assembly, Abuja); Arifin, Nadia Aulia (Provado Business Management, Bonn); Arvidsson, Anders (Kingdom of Sweden, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Stockholm); Assani, Mouhamed (Independent Consultant in Regional Trade, Cotonou); Athanase, Atannon (Economic Community of West African States, Court of Justice, Abuja); Avellino Buccino, María Inés (Mercado Común del Sur Secretariat, Montevideo); Awuah, Michael Amoah (Center for European Integration Studies, Bonn); Ayangafac, Chrysantas (United Nations Development Programme Ethiopia, Addis Ababa); Aybey, Ali (Republic of Turkey, Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Ankara); Aynuksa, Ypek (Republic of Turkey, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara); Ayo von Thun, Nicole (New Zealand, Embassy, Berlin); Ayvaz, Hacer Merve (Aydin University, Istanbul); Bache, Volker (Redeker, Sellner, Dahs Law Firm, Bonn); Backes, Markus (Federal Network Agency, Bonn); Bade, Christel (Universidad Anáhuac, Faculty of Global Studies, Mexico City); Barlou, Maria (NGO, Athens); Barnewold, Anke (Federal Republic of Germany, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Berlin); Barrow, Tricia (Caribbean Community, Secretariat, Georgetown); Bartakova, Hanna (European Communities Trade Mark Association, Brussels); Becher, Frederik (Bureau Comptable & Fiscal, Brussels); Beckford, Tamian (Gevani’s Transport Inc., Kingston); Bejanian, Edmon (Entrepreneur, Tehran); Bekbergenov, Arman (Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Astana); Belovari, Tomislav (Republic of Croatia,
ZEI Alumni: a global network

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