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# **THE EU AND THE EAEU**

**SUMMER SCHOOL**

at Armenian State University of Economics (ASUE), Yerevan, RA

June 5-9, 2023

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# SUMMER SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

The summer school will bring together graduate students in the field of political science, international affairs and economics to explore the EU/EAEU relationships, state of the art, most recent developments in the field and the impact on small states such as Armenia or other regional players. The summer school will be conducted in English, thus enabling the participation of interested people not only from Armenia, but also other EAEU and EU member states. It will have two tracks – political and economic with around participants in each of them.

## **Track 1: Political**

Participants who chose political track as their first preference will focus on the issues such as democracy promotion of the EU vs. autocracy promotion of the EAEU. Essentially, in their final essays the participants have to analyze whether Russia-centered EAEU promotes autocracy in the member states or not. Moreover, the participants will be introduced a number of theories of International Relations, both “grand” and “mid-range” which will help them to understand the political considerations behind the formation of the EAEU and the choice of the leaders enter in or cooperate with the EAEU. The former will inter alia draw upon the post-colonial literature, while the latter on David’s theory known as Omni balancing. The participants will also be invited to ponder over the choice of Armenia in light of securitization theory of International Relations with the aims to broaden the somewhat simplified discourse on EU-EAEU relationship as a zero-sum game where Armenia has to choose sides. To make the summer school interactive participants will be offered trainings on individual and collective negotiations skills. At the end of the training, they will have a simulation game on imaginary meeting between the members of the European Council and Supreme Eurasian Economic Council. In addition, a study visit will be organized to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the National Assembly of the RA. Overall, the following four subjects will be taught in then political track, each with 10 academic hours

1. Introduction to EU and EAEU institutions
2. Introduction to IR theories
3. Negotiations

## **Track 2. Economic**

The students will be introduced to the economic aspects of both European and Eurasian integration. The economic policies of the EU such as CAP, fisheries, regional harmonization, single market and monetary policies of the ECB will be briefly introduced and paralleled with the existing practices in the EAEU. The focal point will be the analysis of the monetary policies of Eurozone states in light of the theory of optimal currency zone. The latter will be applied to check the expedience of introducing common currency in the EAEU, a hotly debated topic in political and economic circles of the member states. At the end of the summer school, the participants will be tasked to choose a sector of Armenian economy and to analyze it against the background of the EAEU accession. In addition, a study visit will be organized to the Central Bank and the Ministry of Economy of the RA. Overall, the following four subjects will be taught in then political track, each with 10 academic hours:

1. Introduction to economic integration
2. Ex-ante and ex-post evaluation of economic integration
3. Introduction to pivotal economic policies and practices in EU and the EAEU

Apart from the ASUE professors, the EUCON project members and the representatives of relevant public offices will be invited to teach in the summer school and take part in open discussions.

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## AGENDA FOR POLITICAL TRACK

Venue: Hall at the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Monday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00-12.30	Introduction to EU and EAEU institutions	<b>Albert Hayrapetyan</b> PhD, Lecturer at ASUE Head of Payment Systems Division at the Ministry of Economy of the RA
12.30-14.00	Lunch break	
14.00-15.30	Introduction to EU and EAEU institutions	<b>Albert Hayrapetyan</b> PhD, Lecturer at ASUE Head of Payment Systems Division at the Ministry of Economy of the RA
Tuesday, June 6 <sup>th</sup>		
09.45-10.00	Registration of participants	
10.00-10.30	Opening Ceremony Welcome speeches	<b>Prof. Diana Galoyan</b> Rector of ASUE  <b>Dr. Hannes Meissner</b> Senior researcher and lecturer at the Competence Centre for Black Sea Region Studies of the University of Applied Sciences BFI Vienna (Austria) Coordinator of the Project  <b>Mr. Karen Azaryan</b> Trade officer Delegation of the European Union to Armenia  <b>Arpine Jraghatspanyan</b> Program Manager National Erasmus+ Office in Armenia  <b>Albert Hayrapetyan</b> PhD, Lecturer at ASUE Head of Payment Systems Division at the RA Ministry of Economy
10.30-11.30	Introduction to EU and EAEU institutions	<b>Albert Hayrapetyan</b> PhD, Lecturer at ASUE Head of Payment Systems Division at the Ministry of Economy of the RA
11.30-11.50	Coffee break at 217 classroom	
11.50-12.30	The current status of the EU and its future international relations. Ways to effective decisions in EU foreign and security policy	<b>Julian Plottka</b> Research Associate at the Jean Monnet Chair for European Politics at the University of Passau and at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Universität Bonn <b>Florence Ertel</b> Research Associate, PhD candidate at the Jean Monnet Chair for European Politics, Director of the Science Hub for Europe (SHE) and Strategic Advisor to the University Vice-President for Europe at the University of Passau (Germany)
12.30-14.00	Lunch break	
14.00-15.00	EU and EAEU projects implemented at ASUE	<b>Anzhelika Musayelyan</b> Head of International Relations Division, ASUE

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15.00-16.00	The EU's transformative influence on legal systems of third countries	<b>Dr. Anna Khvorostiankina</b> Head of Law Department, Jean Monnet Chair Holder (EU Law and Legal Approximation)
16.00-16.30	Questions & Answers	
<b>Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup></b>		
10.30-11.30	Introduction to IR theories	<b>Albert Hayrapetyan</b> PhD, Lecturer at ASUE Head of Payment Systems Division at the Ministry of Economy of the RA
11.30-12.00	The Concept of Political Risk	<b>Dr. Hannes Meissner</b> Senior researcher and lecturer at the Competence Centre for Black Sea Region Studies of the University of Applied Sciences BFI Vienna (Austria) Coordinator of the Project
12.00-13.00	The current status of the EU and its future international relations. Ways to effective decisions in EU foreign and security policy	<b>Julian Plottka</b> Research Associate at the Jean Monnet Chair for European Politics at the University of Passau and at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Universität Bonn <b>Florence Ertel</b> Research Associate, PhD candidate at the Jean Monnet Chair for European Politics, Director of the Science Hub for Europe (SHE) and Strategic Advisor to the University Vice-President for Europe at the University of Passau (Germany)
13.00-14.30	Lunch break	
14.30-15.10	The EAEU and the Geopolitics of Authoritarian Cooperation	<b>Anna Lazareva</b> Project associate and lecturer at the University of Applied Sciences BFI Vienna (Austria)
15.10-17.30	Visit to Armenia Securities Exchange	
<b>Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
10.30-11.30	Introduction to IR theories	<b>Albert Hayrapetyan</b> PhD, Lecturer at ASUE Head of Payment Systems Division at the Ministry of Economy of the RA
11.30-12.30	Political Risk Management of MNEs in Ukraine	<b>Dr. Hannes Meissner</b> Senior researcher and lecturer at the Competence Centre for Black Sea Region Studies of the University of Applied Sciences BFI Vienna (Austria) Coordinator of the Project
12.30-14.00	Lunch break	
14.00-16.30	Visit to National Assembly of RA	
<b>Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup></b>		
10.30-11.30	Introduction to IR theories	<b>Albert Hayrapetyan</b> PhD, Lecturer at ASUE Head of Payment Systems Division at the Ministry of Economy of the RA
11.30-12.00	Geopolitical Shifts: New Realities of Political Risk Management	<b>Dr. Hannes Meissner</b> Senior researcher and lecturer at the Competence Centre for Black Sea Region Studies of the University of Applied Sciences BFI Vienna (Austria) Coordinator of the Project
12.00-12.45	“The EAEU and the Geopolitics of Authoritarian Cooperation”	<b>Anna Lazareva</b> Project associate and lecturer at the University of Applied Sciences BFI Vienna (Austria)
12.45-14.00	Closing Ceremony Award of Certificates	
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## AGENDA FOR ECONOMIC TRACK

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<b>Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup></b>		
10.00-12.30	Ex-ante and ex-post evaluation of economic integration	<b>Susanna Aghajanyan</b> PhD, Lecturer at the Armenian State University of Economics
12.30-14.00	Lunch break	
14.00-15.30	Regulation of labour migration in EAEU	<b>Tatev Vardanyan</b> PhD, Lecturer at the Armenian State University of Economics
<b>Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
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10.30-11.30	The EEU: its aims and policies	<b>Susanna Aghajanyan</b> PhD, Lecturer at the Armenian State University of Economics
11.30-11.50	Coffee break at 217 classroom	
11.50-12.30	How to assess the effects of economic policies? The case of Armenia	<b>Narek Karapetyan</b> PhD, Head of Fiscal and Monetary Policy Coordination Division at the RA Ministry of Finance
12.30-14.00	Lunch break	
14.00-15.00	Introduction to economic integration	<b>Hamlet Mkrtchyan</b> PhD, Expert at the Ministry of Economy of the RA
15.00-15.30	Impact of Circular Economy Challenges on Business Sector	<b>Marián Kováč</b> PhD. in Crisis management, obtained at University of Žilina, Assistant Professor at Department of Management and Marketing and Director for International Relations and co-founder of the young science conference platform
15.30-16.00	Role of youth motivation in Human Resource Management in the EU	<b>Jana Gasperova</b> PhD. is an assistant professor at the Department of Management and Marketing of the Bratislava University of Economics and Management
16.00-16.30	Questions & Answers	
<b>Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup></b>		

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10.30-11.30	Ex-ante and ex-post evaluation of economic integration	<b>Susanna Aghajanyan</b> PhD, Lecturer at the Armenian State University of Economics (Armenia)
11.30-12.00	The role and opportunities of early warning systems of economic crisis in integration processes (case of EAEU and EU)	<b>Meri Hovsepyan</b> PhD. Head of Economic Research Service of the IPRC, Office of the Prime Minister of the RA, senior expert at the "Orbeli" research center
12.00-13.00	How to make right decisions? Evidence based policymaking	<b>Hayk Bejanyan</b> Ph.D. in economics, Deputy Head of Department, Audit Chamber of RA
13.00-14.30	Lunch break	
14.30-15.10	Introduction to pivotal economic policies and practices in EU and the EAEU	<b>Dr. Hannes Meissner</b> Senior researcher and lecturer at the Competence Centre for Black Sea Region Studies of the University of Applied Sciences BFI Vienna (Austria) Coordinator of the Project
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11.30-12.00	Regulation of labour migration in EAEU	<b>Tatev Vardanyan</b> PhD, Lecturer at the Armenian State University of Economics (Armenia)
12.00-12.30	Transport and logistics problems in the EAEU countries: Prospects for Development	<b>Tigran Mikayelyan</b> RA Ministry of Finance Senior Specialist of International Cooperation Department
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11.30-12.00	The EU funded projects implemented in Armenia	<b>Mushegh Ghalachyan</b> Director Creative Youth NGO
12.00-12.45	Introduction to economic integration	<b>Susanna Aghajanyan</b> PhD, Lecturer at the Armenian State University of Economics
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## SPEAKERS

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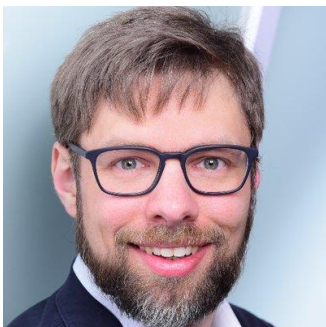
**Diana Galoyan** is the Rector of the Armenian State University of Economics. She holds Doctorate in Economics and the rank of Professor. Her research and teaching focuses on International Economics, International Economic Integration, Peculiarities of Foreign Trade Policy, International Trade and European Economic Integration.



**Hannes Meissner**, Ph.D. (BFI Vienna) is a senior researcher and lecturer at the Competence Centre for Black Sea Region Studies of the University of Applied Sciences BFI Vienna and a lecturer at the University of Vienna. His research focuses on political risks for multinational enterprises, the impact of EU policies in this regard and on political risk management. In 2012, he received a PhD in political science with distinction from the University of Hamburg.



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**Anna Lazareva** (BFI VIENNA) is a project associate and lecturer at the Competence Centre for Black Sea Region Studies at the University of Applied Sciences BFI Vienna. In 2022, she has worked on research projects for the University of Vienna and the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), dealing with arrival infrastructures faced by the displaced from Ukraine. Apart from migration studies, her research interests lie in the fields of nationalism studies, social movements, and political economy - with a regional focus on the Eastern European and Eurasian regions.



**Albert Hayrapetyan**, Ph.D. (Armenian State University of Economics) is currently working at the Chair of International Economic Relations as an Assistant Professor. He is also a Head of Division in the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia. His research and teaching focuses on International Economics, International Finance, International Trade Policy, International Organizations, EU Institutions and Decision-making Mechanisms and The Anatomy of the EU and EAEU and the choice of Armenia.



**Susanna Aghajanyan**, Ph.D. (Armenian State University of Economics) Susanna Aghajanyan has interdisciplinary and practical background. She has defended her PhD in 2003. She is currently working at the Chair of International Economic Relations as an Assistant Professor. She is also managing director of a pharmaceutical company, has a work experience with companies from EU and EAEU.



**Anna Khvorostiankina** holds a PhD in Legal Theory from the Legislation Institute of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (2012); Second Level Master in “Advanced Studies in European and Transnational Law” from the University of Trento, Italy (2006); and an LL.M. degree from the focus on law-making theory from the National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy”, Ukraine (2005). Dr Khvorostiankina is a Member of the Association of European Studies for the Caucasus (AESC). She is active in research activities and has participated in international research projects. Her research interests include the Europeanisation of legal systems of EaP countries, recent developments in theory and practice of judicial argumentation, and particularities of the Rule of Law in societies in transition.

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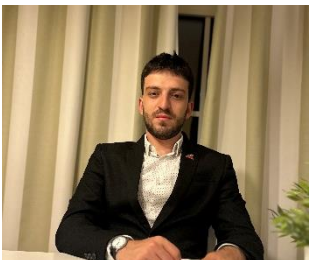
**Tatevik Vardanyan**, Ph.D in Economics (ASUE) is a lecturer at the Chair of International Economic Relations of the ASUE. She is also a Head of ASUE Career Center. Her field of studies include International Economics, International Development, Labour Migration, Climate Change. She worked as a visiting scholar at Beijing University of Business and Technology for two years. She worked as an expert and researcher in a number of international organizations (Eu4Culture, USAID, UNICEF, ILO, IMO, etc.). Author and co-author of more than 30 scientific articles.



**Hamlet Mkrtchyan**, Ph.D. Student. He is currently an Assistant Professor at the Chair of International Economic Relations at Armenian State University of Economics. Mr. Mkrtchyan is also an Expert at the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia. His research and teaching focuses on International Economics, International Trade Policy and Global Economic Risks



**Narek Karapetyan**, PhD, earned ASUE Master's degree in Macroeconomic analysis in 2019 and started his PhD studies at the Chair of Finance, finishing it in 2022. He has been working at Amberd Research Center as a researcher and expert since 2016, and at the RA Ministry of Finance as an economist since 2017, currently serving as a head of Fiscal policy division of Macroeconomic Policy Department. He was a research intern at the International Monetary Fund from June to August, 2021. Mr. Karapetyan currently delivers lectures at the chairs of Finance and Macroeconomics at ASUE.



**Tigran Mikayelyan, Ph.D** (RA Ministry of Finance, ASUE) is a lecturer at the Chair of International Economic Relations of the ASUE.



**Hayk Bejanyan, (Ph.D. in economics, Deputy Head of Department, Audit Chamber of RA)**, Hayk Bejanyan holds a Ph.D. in economics and has more than 9 years of experience in research and public finance management in Armenia. He is the author of around 20 scientific and numerous analytical articles covering various topics of the Armenian economy. Hayk has participated in the Professional Fellows Program and spent a fellowship in the USA at the Florida State Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA). Based on this experience, he published the Performance Audit Handbook for Developing Countries.

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**Meri Hovsepyan, (Head of Economic Research Service of the IPRC, Office of the Prime Minister of the RA, senior expert at the "Orbeli" research center)**

Meri Hovsepyan holds a Master's degree in External Trade Policy and has developed her professional skills specializing in international business at Poznan University of Economics, Poland. Since 2017, she has gained valuable experience working in both the public and private sectors. Additionally, she possesses a significant research background at the "Orbeli" research center. Her research interests are primarily focused on integrational processes in the global economy, crisis evaluation, and the design of early warning systems for economic crises within integrational unions. Meri has authored over 15 scientific publications and numerous analytical articles

discussing current developments in the Armenian economy, global market processes, and their impact on the national economy.



**Marián Kováč, PhD. in Crisis management**, obtained at University of Žilina, is currently Assistant Professor at Department of Management and Marketing and Director for International Relations and co-founder of the young science conference platform that supports scientific approach among youth. He has significant professional experience in leading and project management of several Erasmus+ projects and development projects. Marian offers professional services also as an advisor and project manager in startup centre – GrowUp. Marian is an experienced lecturer in Risk and Crisis Management both in public as well as entrepreneurial sector. His expertise is focused on risk management strategies, early warning system and crises plan development.



**Jana Gasperova, PhD.** is an assistant professor at the Department of Management and Marketing of the Bratislava University of Economics and Management. Jana finished her PhD. in Management and focused in her pedagogical activities on Human Resource Management, Project Management and Business Management topics. She has outstanding practical experience on various managerial positions in the public administration and third sector. She has been working as Director General of the State Secretary of the Ministry of Transport of the Slovak Republic, General Director of the Tourism Section of the Ministry of Transport of the Slovak Republic, Project Manager at the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic and currently she is a Project Expert at the Department of Cyber Security of the Ministry of Transport. In her previous career she has been working as a Chairwoman of the Management Board of the Economy Policy Institute, NGO. and Vice-Chairwoman of the Student council for Higher Education. She has always been engaged in education and youth support activities in nonprofit sector, organizing various summer schools, unformal education programs and supporting activities for youth entrepreneurial activities – co-founder of the startup center for university students in Bratislava, Slovakia.



**Mushegh Ghalachyan (Creative Youth NGO)**

Director

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