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Highlights of the year

As the year draws to a close, it's a good time to reflect on the successes we've achieved. This is an opportunity to celebrate our accomplishments and set our sights on even greater achievements in the year ahead.

Our year in a nutshell

6536 applications for our master's and bachelor's degree

1290 students on our campus for the year 2023 - 2024

136 exchange students

328 outgoing students joining one of our partner universities

24 career and orientation workshops

20 ESPOL-Lab conferences and seminars

198 students' events

2 new programmes

Navigating the Crossroads of Society:

Exploring Our New Programmes in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, and Digital Politics and Governance

In today's increasingly complex and interconnected world, understanding the interplay of politics, philosophy, economics, and the importance of the digital realm is paramount. With this understanding in mind, we are thrilled to unveil two new academic programmes that delve into these domains: a bachelor's degree in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics and a master's in Digital Politics and Governance.



Bachelor's degree in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics

Delve into the intricate workings of human society with our comprehensive bachelor's degree in PPE. This interdisciplinary programme provides a holistic understanding of the forces shaping our world, equipping you with the analytical skills and critical thinking necessary to navigate the complexities of contemporary politics, philosophical thought, and economic systems.

Through a blend of theoretical and practical approaches, you will explore concepts such as political power, ethical principles, economic models, and international relations. You will gain insights into the historical foundations of these disciplines and examine their contemporary applications in addressing global challenges. Our PPE programme fosters intellectual curiosity and encourages you to engage in open dialogue and debate. You will develop the ability to critically analyze complex issues, formulate well-reasoned arguments, and communicate your ideas effectively.

Master's in Digital Politics and Governance

As technology revolutionises the way we interact, govern, and participate in society, our Master's in DPG explores the transformative impact of digitalization on democracy and governance structures. Designed for individuals seeking to understand and shape the future of digital politics and policies, this programme delves into the challenges and opportunities presented by the convergence of technology and governance. You will examine the impact of digital technologies on citizen participation, government transparency, and accountability.



Through a combination of theoretical frameworks, case studies, and real-world applications, you will gain a comprehensive understanding of the complex relationship between digitalization and democratic processes. You will develop the skills necessary to analyze, evaluate, and design effective digital governance strategies.

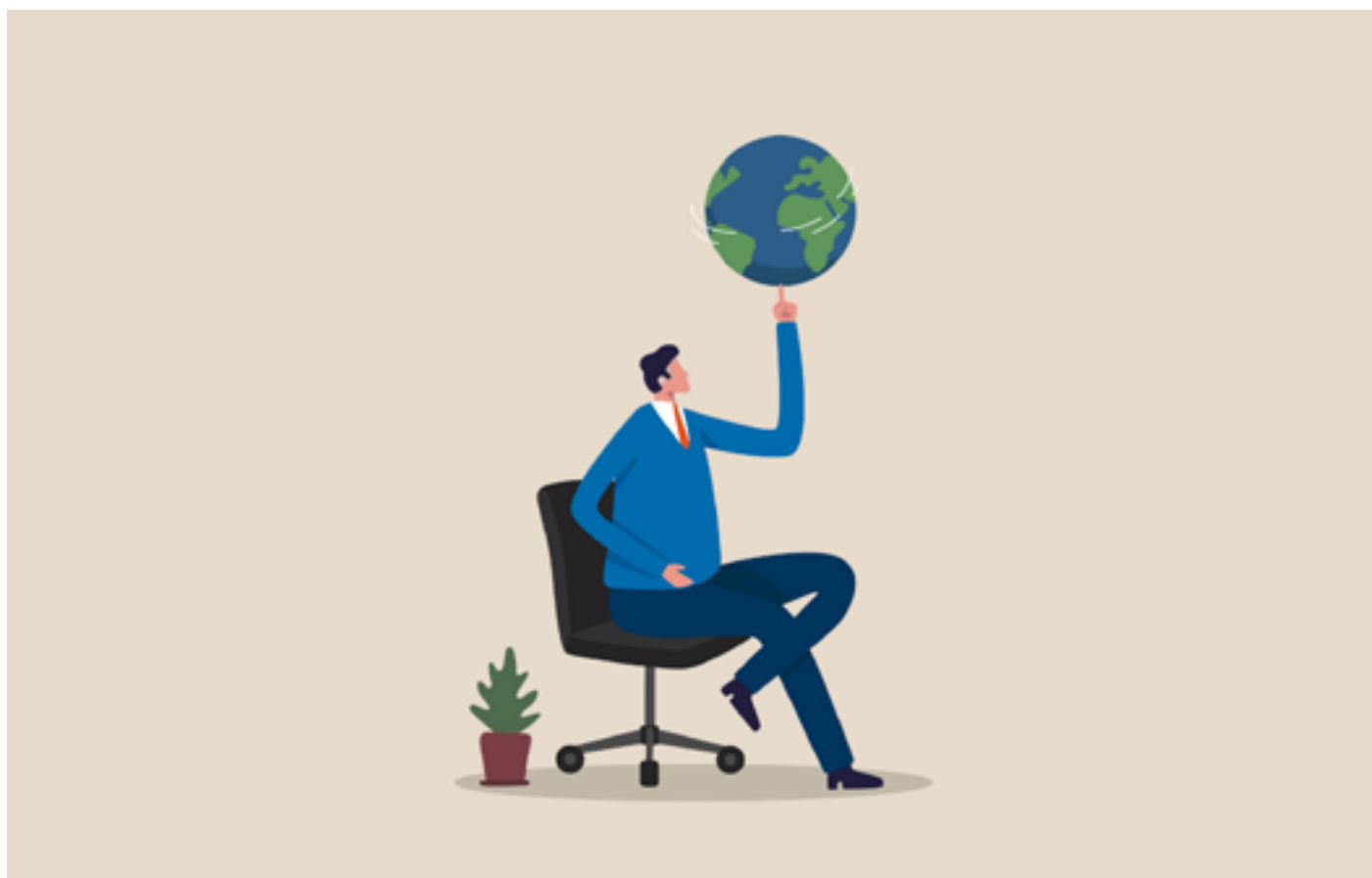
EXPANDING OUR INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Fostering Global Collaboration and Innovation

In today's interconnected world, academic institutions play a crucial role in fostering global collaboration and driving innovation. By forging strong partnerships with institutions across borders, we can enhance the quality of education, promote cross-cultural understanding, and contribute to the advancement of knowledge.

Europe, with its rich intellectual heritage and diverse academic landscape, stands as a natural hub for international partnerships. The continent's vibrant universities, research centers, and professional networks offer a wealth of opportunities for collaboration and exchange.

European institutions are actively engaged in various initiatives and networks that facilitate international cooperation. The Erasmus+ programme, for instance, has enabled millions of students and academics to study, teach, and conduct research across Europe.



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Expanding Horizons beyond Europe

Our new agreements



- Universität Bayreuth - Germany (Masters only)
- New Bulgarian University - Bulgaria
- Universidad CEU Cardenal Herrera de Valencia - Spain
- Universidad CEU San Pablo de Madrid - Spain
- Universidad Francisco de Vitoria (Madrid) - Spain
- University College Dublin - Ireland
- Trieste - Università degli Studi di Trieste - Italy
- Università degli Studi della Tuscia - Italy (Masters only)
- Università degli Studi di Milano (campus Bicocca) - Italy
- University Saint Kliment Ohridski Bitola - Northern Macedonia
- Universidad Anahuac - Queretaro - Mexico
- Oslo New University College - Norway
- University of Bergen - Norway
- Nova Univerza - Slovenia
- Kindai University - Japan
- University of Southern Denmark
- Universidade Federal da Bahia - Brazil
- Jindal Global University - India
- Budapest metropolitan University - Hungary
- Pamukkale University – Turkey

Attracting young researchers, our new Doctoral Programme is flourishing

We are pleased to announce that the launch of our doctoral programme has been a great success this year. This is evidenced by the number of aspiring researchers applying to join our team at ESPOL as doctoral students.

At the heart of this growing interest is the quality of our doctoral training programme. We are committed to building an environment in which our doctoral students can thrive and reach their full potential. They receive comprehensive guidance, benefit from solid research facilities, access the latest developments in their research fields and enjoy the opportunity to work alongside renowned researchers representing the different core strengths of ESPOL LAB.

Our doctoral programme may still be in its infancy, but its impacts can already be discerned. Our doctoral students are learning by providing contributions to our research efforts, publishing their first papers and presenting their findings in many conferences. Their work will be part of the advancement of our understanding in several scientific fields but has also led to the development of innovative solutions to real-world challenges.

As we look to the future, we are committed to keeping building on the success of our doctoral programme. We are constantly looking for ways to improve our training opportunities and attract the brightest minds. We are convinced that a continuous investment in doctoral programme and students is the necessary key to play our part in the future of scientific research.

We are delighted to welcome a range of talented young researchers who have expressed an interest in joining our team. We are confident that they will make significant contributions to our research endeavours and be the cornerstone of excellence that our doctoral programme is meant to established.

Our new team members, postdoctoral and doctoral students:

- Max-Valentin ROBERT, postdoctoral fellow
- Jane EL AMINE, doctoral student
- Kim GRAVES, doctoral student
- Lucas MIALHES, doctoral student



Expanding Horizons: Welcoming Our New Team Members in Economics and Political Science

We are thrilled to announce the expansion of our research teams in economics and political science, welcoming eight talented individuals to our dynamic and collaborative environment. These new colleagues bring a wealth of expertise and diverse perspectives with them, enriching our intellectual landscape, fueling our research endeavors even further.



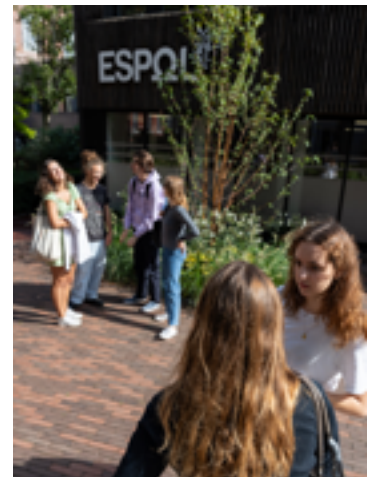
Empowering Our Research Excellence

Our commitment to fostering world-class research is unwavering, and we recognize that the key to our success lies in the cleverness and dedication of our researchers. Our new team members embody these qualities, possessing strong academic backgrounds, innovative research approaches, and a passion for their respective fields.

In economics, we have welcomed researchers with expertise in areas such as econometrics, development economics, and behavioral economics. Their contributions will further strengthen our research into economic models, development strategies, and human decision-making processes.

Our political science team has expanded with researchers specialising in comparative politics, international relations, and political theory. They will bring fresh perspectives to our studies of political systems, global dynamics, and the fundamental principles of governance.

Our research environment is characterized by a strong spirit of collaboration, where diverse ideas and expertise converge to spark innovation. Our new team members will undoubtedly become integral members of this collaborative ecosystem, engaging in fruitful exchanges with their colleagues and contributing to our shared research goals.



We are particularly excited about the cross-disciplinary synergies that will emerge from the interactions between our economics and political science researchers. The intersection of these two fields holds immense potential for breakthroughs in understanding economic systems, political processes, and the complex interplay between them.

Investing in the Future

Our investment in attracting and retaining top talent is a testament to our unwavering commitment to advancing knowledge and addressing pressing global challenges. We are confident that our new team members will make significant contributions to our research endeavors, shaping the future of economics and political science for years to come.

We extend a warm welcome to our new researchers and look forward to the transformative impact they will have on our research endeavors. Together, we will continue to push the boundaries of knowledge, seeking solutions to the world's most pressing challenges and making a lasting impact on society.



Research team members who joined us this year:

Joseph EARSOM

Associate Professor in Environmental and Climate Policy

Raymond FREMPONG

Associate Professor in Development Economics

Jérôme GONNOT

Associate Professor of Public Economics

Johannes KARREMANS

Professor of Political Science

Sarah PERRET

Associate Professor of Political Science

Damian RAESS

Professor of International Political Economy

As we look forward to the New Year, we are confident that our unwavering commitment to excellence will enable us to continue to drive positive impact on our campus and beyond.