



Tübingen International & European Studies (T-IES)

Winter School on Culture and Diversity

STUDY TRACK B

Representing the European Past in Cross-Cultural Communities

January 7 – February 4, 2025

Course title:	Lost in translation: immigration, cross-cultural communities and national populism in the EU
Date / Room:	January 27- 30 2025
Language of instruction:	English
Lecturer:	Dr Germana Favognano
Contact hours:	16 + field work + exam

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Integration of cultural minorities and the respect for diversity are basic elements for the construction of common European values, an endless process involving local communities, national governments and even the European Union. The course will introduce students to the current challenges posed by immigration and will offer a special focus on the rise of populism and its impact on the sense of “national identity”. To have a deeper insight into the process of integration we will take a look at how it works in the city of Tübingen, which welcomes people from 140 different countries.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completing this course, students will be able

- to acknowledge the role of cross-cultural communities in shaping Europe’s present
- to appraise integration and equality policies at local and national level
- to identify the challenges and opportunities connected to immigration in the EU
- to develop strategies that support dialogue, tolerance and diversity

COURSE SCHEDULE

	Date	Topic	Reading
1 (= 90 minutes)	Monday, January 27 (I): 10:30 – 12:00	Lost in translation: identity, multiculturalism, universalism:	<i>Virgili 2020</i>
2	Monday, January 27 (II): 13:30 – 15:00	United in diversity? The debate on European identity	<i>Chopin 2018</i>
3	Monday, January 27 (III): 15:30 – 17:00	Focusing on the issue	
4	Tuesday, January 28 (I): 10:30 – 12:00	The rise of populism in the EU and its impact on pluralism and diversity	<i>Donders 2020</i>
5	Tuesday, January 28 (II): 13:30 – 15:00	Focusing on the issue	
6	Wednesday, January 29 (I): 10:30 – 12:00	Migration and integration: a challenge and an opportunity	<i>Robinson 2024</i>
7	Wednesday, January 29 (II): 13:30 – 15:00	Focusing on the issue	<i>Glucroft 2023</i>
8	Wednesday, January 29 (III): 15:30 – 17:00	Summary and written test	
9	Thursday, January 30 All Day	Field Work	

PREREQUISITES / TARGET GROUPS

The course is designed for undergraduate students from all academic disciplines and with a strong general interest in Europe and the EU. A very good command of English and the willingness to actively participate in the course are required.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS & GRADING

The courses conclude with a final examination. The overall grade will be calculated by the result of the exam and the participants' performance during class sessions / debates.

READING (REQUIRED)

Chopin, Thierry 2018 Europe and the identity challenge: who are "we"? Fondation Robert Schuman- European Issues n°466 March 2018 available at <https://www.robert-schuman.eu/en/european-issues/0466-europe-and-the-identity-challenge-who-are-we>

Donders, Yvonne 2020 "Diversity in Europe: From Pluralism to Populism?" International Studies in Human Rights; Vol. 130, 2020 European Populism and Human Rights (pp. 52-71) https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004416017_004

Glucroft, William 2023 "Germany's migrants and minorities fear a far-right surge" DW 07.24.2 <https://www.dw.com/en/migrants-and-minorities-in-germany-fear-a-far-right-surge/video-66332509>

Robinson K., Roy D. 2024 *Europe's Migration Dilemma*, Council of Foreign Relations 05.31.24 available at <https://www.cfr.org/article/europes-migration-dilemma>

Virgili, Tommaso 2020 "*Whose 'Identity'? Multiculturalism vs. Integration in Europe*" Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies Europe in European View 2020, Vol. 19(1) 45–53

INFORMATION ON THE LECTURER

Dr. Germana Favognano graduated in Political Science and International Relations and specialized in Human Rights Studies at the University of Palermo (Italy) with a dissertation on the International Criminal Court. She was active in the field of human rights education, migration and asylum for NGOs in London, Italy, Brazil and Germany. She is currently a lecturer for Human Rights and European Union Politics at the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen with a special focus on migration issues and freedom of expression. Her special interest is the role of international courts and tribunals in protecting and promoting human rights.