About CES

The Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies (CES) was founded in 1969 at Harvard’s Faculty of Arts and Sciences to promote the interdisciplinary understanding of European history, politics, economy and societies. Its mission is threefold:

• To foster the study of and innovative research on Europe among Harvard faculty as well as graduate and undergraduate students.
• To facilitate the training of new generations of scholars and experts in European studies.
• To serve as a forum for vibrant discussions on European history and contemporary affairs which nurture the exchange of ideas across disciplines, sectors, generations, and across the Atlantic.

People

Resident Faculty 13
Faculty Associates 40
Local Affiliates 60
Visiting Scholars 25
Graduate Students 60
Staff 10

Programs & Events

The Center’s diverse programs offer vibrant discussions on European affairs and bring together students, scholars and public leaders from around the world. CES supports:

• Conferences, Seminars & Study Groups
• Visiting Scholars & Short-Term Fellows
• Secondary Field in European History, Politics, and Societies for undergraduates
• Summer internships and travel in Europe
• Research grants and workshops for undergraduate and graduate students

Recent Notable Speakers

• Martti Ahtisaari, Chairman, Independent Commission on Turkey; President of Finland (1994-2000); Nobel Peace Prize Laureate (2008)
• Ed Balls, UK Shadow Chancellor (2011-2015)
• Volkan Bozkir, Minister for EU Affairs, Turkey (2015-2016)
• Karen Donfried, President, The German Marshall Fund of the United States
• Gikas Hardouvelis, Minister of Finance of Greece (2014-2015); Chief Economist and Director of Research, Eurobank Group (2005-2014)
• Peter Maurer, President, International Committee of the Red Cross
• Samantha Power, US Ambassador to the United Nations
• Matteo Renzi, Prime Minister of Italy
• José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, Prime Minister of Spain (2004-2011)

Secondary Field in European History, Politics & Societies

CES has a longstanding commitment to supporting undergraduates. This academic year, the Center is pleased to launch the new Secondary Field in European History, Politics, and Societies, which gives Harvard College students the opportunity to pursue a coherent, interdisciplinary course of study focused on modern Europe - its politics, economics, history, and social and cultural developments. For more information, please contact: avidan@fas.harvard.edu.

Visiting Scholars

This year CES is pleased to welcome and host 25 Visiting Scholars from ten countries. Although they represent a wide range of disciplines and will examine many different topics, they share the common desire to carry out innovative research on Europe and transatlantic relations. Their weekly seminar is open to the community, and students are particularly encouraged to attend.

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