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"After engaging with students and professionals from all over the world at ESC and building the chapter at Vanderbilt, I understood the importance of EuH's commitment to collaboration and giving young people a voice in policy." - Bianca Herlory, Founder of European Horizons' Vanderbilt Chapter

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A YEAR OF CHANGE AND CHALLENGE

The last academic year was of significant change and challenge for European Horizons. We faced an unprecedented hostility between the United States and the European Union, the first-ever withdrawal of a member state from the EU, the COVID-19 pandemic, which exposed underlying structural problems, and lastly, the despicable murder of George Floyd, which brought to light the deep-rooted systemic racism in our society. Although these events were of great challenge, they made our work and mission as students committed to shaping the political arena truly important. We did not shy away from our work during the turbulences, we carried on with a feeling of tremendous responsibility to our generation. On Brexit day, we still organized our European flagship conference in the United Kingdom. For the first time ever, we cancelled our founding conference at Yale University due to the pandemic, but replaced it with an online policy competition; we worked relentlessly on our first-ever book project with ASKO Europa-Stiftung; our chapters grew both in number and scope on all three continents. They organized events, conferences, and crafted their own policy memos. Not only did we persevere, but we showed that we, students, are resilient and committed to our values and ideals. Our vision, belief and hope for a better, more inclusive and connected world is tireless.

"OUR VALUES OF LIBERTY,
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, AND
POLITICAL PLURALISM WERE
QUESTIONED, AND EVEN SOMETIMES
DEFEATED BY THE STATUS QUO"



Thank you for sparing the time to read this report about the work of more than 1,100 members in the United States, Europe and Asia. We appreciate your support and trust.

**KATERINA HOSKOVA,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

CHAPTERS OVERVIEW

MORE THAN 1,100 MEMBERS
ACROSS 63 CHAPTERS



24 MORE
CHAPTERS
THAN IN
2018 - 2019



NOVEMBER 2019

"HUMAN RIGHTS IN MULTILATERAL SETTINGS"

The UT-Austin chapter organized a discussion with Mr. Alexandre Stutzmann and H.E. Silvio Gonzato on the intricacies of policy and decision-making processes in international and multilateral environments. The panel assessed the tools and methods used by international organizations in reaching consensus.



NOVEMBER 2019

"THE EUROPEAN GREEN NEW DEAL; THE SOLUTION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE?"

The Tufts chapter organized a panel on the European Green New Deal and its implications for international institutions, economic growth, and climate change. The discussion explored how the incoming European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen has grasped the willingness of the European population to adopt more stringent environmental policies.

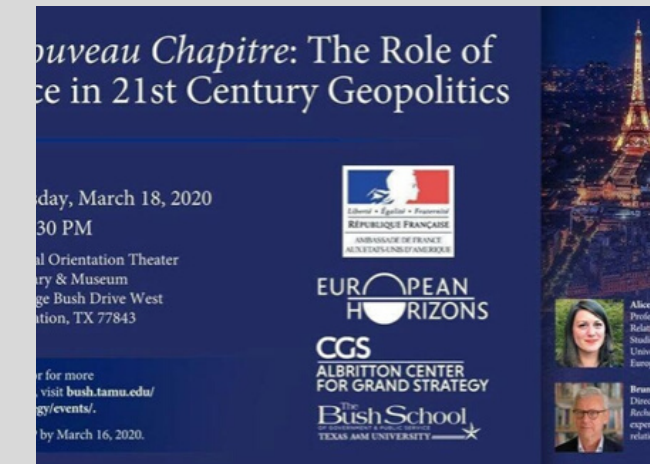
NORTH AMERICA

CHAPTER EVENTS

JANUARY 2020

EUROPEAN SECURITY FORUM

EUChicago hosted a series of discussions on topics of international security, European policy, and foreign affairs. The conference focused on the future of EU Security, such as cooperation with NATO, the changing global climate, and a common defense system for Europe. The speakers included figures such as Dr. Davit Bakradze and Vesko Garcevic.



MARCH 2020

"LE NOUVEAU CHAPTIRE: THE ROLE OF FRANCE IN 21ST CENTURY GEOPOLITICS"

While this event was canceled due to the COVID-19 crisis, we would like to acknowledge the symposium on French grand strategy organized by the Texas A&M chapter after obtaining the D.C. French Embassy's France on Campus Award.

EUROPE

CHAPTER EVENTS

APRIL 2019

A YOUNG VISION FOR EUROPE

The Hertie School of Governance Chapter in Berlin brought together candidates for the European Parliament - Hannah Neumann (Germany), Vojtěch Vais (Czech Republic), Caroline Flohr (Germany), and Marco Candela (Spain) - to discuss what the future holds for the next generation of Europeans.



OCTOBER 2019

POLITICAL CULTURE

The new chapter at Yerevan State University in Armenia - despite having been launched only weeks prior - hosted an international online conference on the nexus between politics and culture on October 15th, 2019. The conference sought new answers to timeless questions: How do culture and politics influence each other? How do norms and values change? How can we, the youth, harness these to drive change?

NOVEMBER 2019

ARNAUD MONTEBOURG AT SCIENCES PO TOULOUSE

The chapter hosted the former French Economic Minister for Industrial Renewal. Mr. Arnaud Montebourg is one of the leading French voices on a closer transatlantic relationship, especially when it comes to economic and industrial cooperation. Mr. Montebourg touched on transatlantic 'disloyalty' and General Electric's controversial acquisition of French giant Alstom.



DECEMBER 2019

JEREMY SHAPIRO AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

The University of Cambridge chapter hosted Jeremy Shapiro, the current Research Director at the European Council on Foreign Relations. During the event on December 2nd, 2019, Jeremy Shapiro discussed with our members the asymmetry behind the transatlantic defense.

CHAPTER EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2019

EMPOWERING WOMEN AT WORK IN G7 COUNTRIES (JAPAN)

The members of the European Horizons' Waseda Chapter were invited to a high-level event on the Role of Women in Peace and Security. They listened to keynote speakers: Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policies, VP of the European Commission, and Japan's Defense minister Taro Kono.



"Contributing to the development of the Yale-NUS chapter as a part of the leadership team has been a truly rewarding experience. I have had the opportunity to work with an amazing group of dedicated and passionate chapter members, as well as a continuously supportive executive committee. I believe that our chapter has improved a lot this year, despite being only two years old. As the Vice President and Director of Outreach, I specifically worked on achieving our goal of strengthening the policy side of our chapter. To this end, I organized three speaker series events by inviting experts to talk to our school community and a dinner discussion table where we discussed the ESC 2019 papers. I think that shifting our chapter's focus to policy-related events, such as policy paper writing workshops and contributing to European Horizons publications, is an urgent need to better do our part to fulfill European Horizons' mission as a policy incubator."

- Bilge Arslan, European Horizons at Yale-NUS Chapters' Vice President and Director of Outreach (2019-2020)

TOULOUSE PUBLICATION

Despite COVID-19, the Toulouse chapter published an extensive booklet to conclude their ongoing research cycle on "Contemporary Turkey since the election of AKP in 2002." The articles discuss a variety of topics, ranging from the Syrian conflict to more domestic issues in Turkey, such as the Kurdish question. As part of this research cycle, they also produced a fact sheet tracing the key stages of Turkey's accession process to the European Union.



PUBLICATIONS

The Publications team has had a year of diverse and exciting output that we are excited to share with the organization and the transatlantic community.

OUR FIRST BOOK

European Horizons' first book, on the theme of digital technology and European integration, in conjunction with ASKO Stiftung, will be published this summer.

PANDEMIC POLICY SERIES

The Pandemic Policy series, published on our IDEAS blog, fostered deeper discussion of the international experiences and implications of COVID-19.

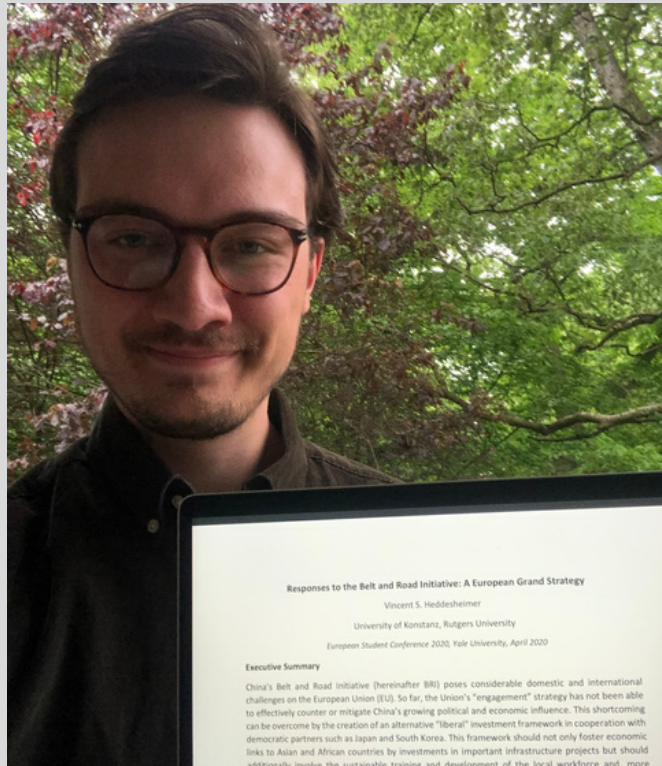
RETA PUBLICATION

The Review of European and Transatlantic Affairs contains conference papers, policy ideas, and research essays from many chapters on a multitude of different subjects. A new issue of RETA will be published presently.

IDEAS BLOG

The IDEAS blog continues to publish our members' opinion pieces. We are preparing for another fruitful year of important research and brand new initiatives.

CONFERENCES



APRIL 2020

EUROPEAN STUDENT POLICY COMPETITION (ESPC)

European Horizons held its **FIRST-EVER DIGITAL POLICY COMPETITION**. The competition was organized to provide an alternative to students who were going to participate in the European Student Conference 2020, which was canceled due to COVID-19. For ESPC 2020, **20 PARTICIPANTS** submitted their policy memos on various transatlantic and European issues, such as development of the transatlantic partnership and issues in cybersecurity and defense.

FIRST PLACE: *The importance of local political activism in reducing the rise of extremist parties: the impact on young people and migrants*

by Iman Shaikh (King's College London)

SECOND PLACE: *Europe's Response to the BRI: Preventing China's Aggressive Economic Expansion*

by Jonas Kavaliauskas (Yale University)

THIRD PLACE: *Responses to the Belt and Road Initiative: A European Grand Strategy*

by Vincent S. Heddesheimer (University of Konstanz and Rutgers University)

FEBRUARY 2020

DIGITAL ECONOMY YOUTH SUMMIT (DEYS)

The day after the United Kingdom officially left the EU, European Horizons hosted **80+ STUDENTS** from across the world for DEYS at Cambridge University. What is required for a sustainable economy? What are the policy implications of digital banking? How can transatlantic cooperation

better handle big data and **CYBERSECURITY**? Our students discussed and engaged with some of these questions, producing policy papers to be published and distributed to leading policymakers. Kristian Jensen, MP and fmr. Foreign Affairs and Finance Minister of Denmark, and Dr. Alexander Rodnyansky, Assistant Professor at Cambridge University and Chief Economic Adviser to the Prime Minister of Ukraine, touched on these ideas and the role of European Horizons as a **CATALYST FOR CHANGE**.



80+
STUDENTS



13 NATIONALITIES

12 UNIVERSITIES

2 CONTINENTS

WERE REPRESENTED AT
EFPC 2019



NOVEMBER 2019

EUROPEAN FALL POLICY CONVENTION (EFPC)

European Horizons gathered **22 MEMBERS** from Europe and Asia for EFPC in Otzenhausen, Germany. During this weekend, in the fall before Brexit and in the wake of a new European Commission and Parliament, members discussed the future of European Horizons. Is European Horizons a partisan organization? Are we more than European and transatlantic? How do we fully realize our potential as a **POLICY INCUBATOR**? The convention dove into important discussions over short- and long-term strategies, such as chapter operations and the overarching mission, and socializing between members from 13 countries. At the European Academy of Otzenhausen, a small German district with less than 2,000 inhabitants, about two hours from Frankfurt, some of European Horizons' leading members made life-long friendships and debated the **VISION** of a student-empowering policy incubator in the 21st century.

"Through European Horizons, I was fortunate to become part of an incredible community of students, connected by our shared interest in European politics and passion for transatlantic relations. It has been fascinating to take part in political debates and panel discussions with experts, and to organize policy workshops and international European Horizons conferences at Yale, while working together with diverse, driven, and creative students from all around the world." - Antonia Seyfarth, European Horizons' alumna



SEPTEMBER 2019

FALL LEADERSHIP RETREAT (FLR)

FLR gathered **15 LEADING MEMBERS** to Yale University to share ideas, socialize, and discuss strategy for European Horizons. The weekend was an opportunity for members to **NETWORK** across universities, roles, and interests. What are the best practices of a chapter? Which opportunities do European Horizons offer in publications?

PARTNERSHIPS

The Director of Partnerships, a position created in 2020, sought to create long-lasting and mutually beneficial partnerships with external organizations and student groups with similar values and goals to European Horizons. Over the past few months, partnerships have been secured with two leading European organizations: **DEBATING EUROPE** and **EUROPEAN STUDENT THINK TANK**. Both groups continue to share our events and posts on each of their respective social media platforms, wherever deemed relevant, as we do.



We would like to thank the **EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LIAISON OFFICE** (EPLO) and **KONRAD ADENAUER STIFTUNG** (KAS) for their continuous support of our flagship ESC. Without their partnership, ESC as we know it would not have been possible. A partnership with **ARE WE EUROPE**, a magazine for 'borderless journalism', is currently in the works for future articles and a transatlantic-themed podcast.

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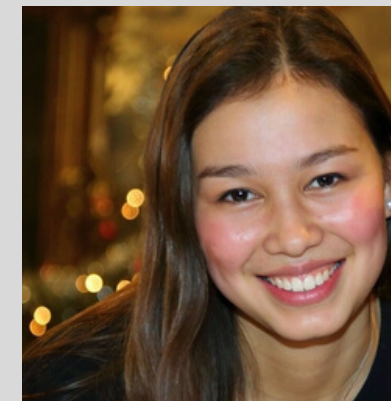
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"I cannot stress enough how much I have enjoyed working on the European Horizons' Executive Board; every single member of the team is passionate and committed to our organization's mission and goals. These are our world's rising leaders and change-makers." - Kenna King, Director of Public Relations

EUROPEAN HORIZONS

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