

Center for Global Politics Online M.A. Programs

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1. New E-Learning Concepts: The CGP M.A. Programs

- Center for Global Politics, founded by Prof. Klaus Segbers in 2006 at Freie Universität Berlin
- Broad program portfolio meeting global challenges of the 21st century with innovative educational opportunities
- Target group: young professionals and prospective executives
- Theory-related and applied training through interactive learning and the integration of partners



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Global Politics Graduate Programs

M.A. East European Studies Online

M.A. International Relations Online

German Studies Russia

Global Politics Summer School China

Global Politics Graduate School (planned)

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The M.A. Programs EES and IR Online

- Two-year online Master's programs (120 ECTS credit points)
- Blended learning format:
online in combination with on-site classes
- Language of instruction: English
- Excellent international authors and tutors
- Offered and tutored via LMS Blackboard



2. Challenges for E-Learning Concepts

Background

- New requirements for learners in the ‘knowledge economy’
- Globalizing job markets, growing competition
- Extending service sectors, IT-related information
- Constant “need to change and update one’s skills throughout one’s lifetime” (Collins 2006:1)



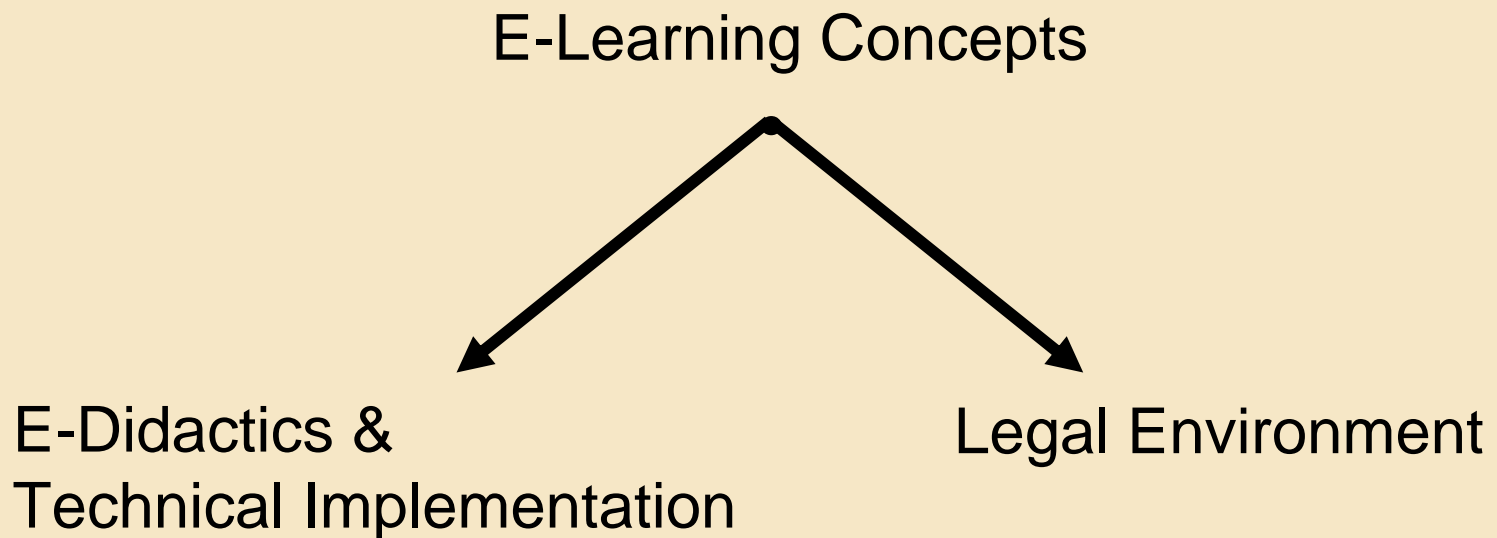
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Requirements for E-didactical Concepts

- Need to provide flexibility of time and place and mobility for young professionals
- Threefold time management approach: Need to combine further education with first career steps as well as private life
- Finding new ways to implement a user-optimized 'life-long learning environment:' Self-determined and independent studying
- Need to build problem-solving, social, and reflective competences

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The Way Ahead: Looking at 2 Dimensions

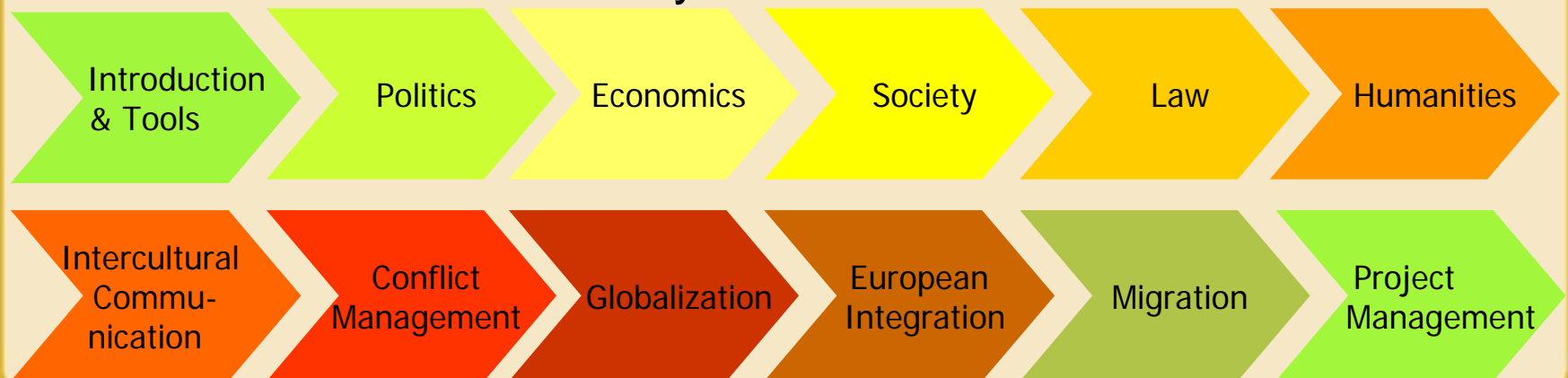


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3.1. E-Didactics & Implementation: Now

Learning Material

- Subject-related modules subdivided into consecutive and chronological learning units
- Structured and personal guidance of students in VLE BB throughout program, modules, and units
- Full access to virtual library and related sources



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Tutoring and Communication

- Individual tutoring by international experts
- Interactive tools re learning material (Announcements, Discussion Boards, Assignments, Working Groups)
- Interactive tools re counselling and support (Email, Chat Rooms, Virtual Office Hours, Discussion Board)






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Technical Capabilities

- Learning material provided in LMS
- Integrated multimedia features: audio and video files, and interactive animation
- LMS-based interaction between student assignments and grading system

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EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES ONLINE unit ▶

Module: CM | Part 1: Concepts and Approaches | Unit 1: Nationalism, Ethnicity and Ethnopolitics

General Information
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General Information

Module	Conflict Management
Part 1	Concepts and Approaches
Unit 1	Nationalism, Ethnicity and Ethnopolitics
Author	Gwendolyn Sasse and James Hughes
Tutor	Claire Gordon
Working Time	4 hours
Educational Goal	Having worked through this unit, you should <ul style="list-style-type: none"> understand the main conceptual approaches to the study of Nationalism, Ethnicity and Ethnopolitics be aware of their scope and limitations for the analysis of post-communist conflict

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3.2. E-Didactics & Implementation: Vision

Objectives

- Intensifying the shift from distributive mode of content-delivery to a collaborative and individually customized mode re content and tools
- Intensifying the shift from a knowledge transfer model to a competence development approach (Ehlers 2006)



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3.2. E-Didactics & Implementation: Vision

Steps Ahead

- Making existing LMS more customizable
- Implementation of selected Web 2.0 features (wiki, blog, skype, msn, icq, myspace presentation) to enhance community- and collaborative competence-building
- Facilitating alternative ways of learning by providing online simulations e.g. Second Life, pod-casts and video projections within VLE

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Steps Ahead

- Introducing elements of choice, enabling students to follow their own learning path
- Development of a digital student assistant to guide students through individual learning paths
- Including transferable, digital individual e-portfolios for competence exchange

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3.3. Legal Environment: Now

Accreditation/ Certificates

- University-based accreditation standards
- No specific certificates or standards for e-learning formats yet

Copy Rights

- Study material: all copy rights rest with CGP
- Usage of Virtual Library/ multimedia sources: oriented on general national copy right law
- Assignments: anti-plagiarism policy and monitoring standards of academic writing

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3.4. Legal Environment: Vision

Objectives

- Achieving international accreditation and licencing standards
- Achieving clear-cut and international copy right standards for education programs
- Developing tools for verification and the prevention of plagiarism and copy right infringement by students

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3.4. Legal Environment: Vision

Steps Ahead

- Furthering national PAS 1037 into an internationally recognized ISO norm for online program providers
- Lobbying for long-term legal frameworks on the national and international stages
- Implementation of plagiarism-detecting softwares and anti-plagiarism policies in online programs

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