



## „Environment and Digitisation“ Are new technologies going to destroy or to save our environment? Transdisciplinary courses and international online student discussions

The "**Pensées Françaises Contemporaines**" programme invites you to participate in a project of the Europa Universität Viadrina, in collaboration with the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and the Centre Marc Bloch (Berlin). The project is financed by the French Embassy in Berlin, the Franco-German University, the French Institute and the Centre Marc Bloch and will take place in the winter semester 2020/2021.

### Asking current social questions

How should we deal with **digitisation** in the future in the context of environmental degradation and **climate change**? Do we use its advantages, or do we increasingly submit to its own rules?

What ecological footprint does digitisation leave behind? And do we have an awareness of what **footprint** the **university** is leaving behind, especially in times of online teaching?

### Discussing topics in interactive formats

- 1) **The use of digital technology to support climate protection and adaptation:** New technologies serving the environment and mankind?
- 2) **Crisis management:** To what extent can new technologies help to overcome crises?
- 3) **Technology, energy and natural resources:** What do new technologies consume from their production, over their use and until the end of their life cycle (waste, recycling)?
- 4) **For a responsible and thoughtful use of new technologies in view of climate problems:** What do you think about the concept of "digital sobriety"?

### What does the project offer?

The project offers, besides the possibility to get **socially involved**, insights into the practical handling of a highly topical issue, **contacts to experts** in this field as well as to representatives of European and French institutions.

Active participation in at least one teaching session, the forum and the two open discussion rounds, as well as a **high degree of self-participation** in the overall project is required.

### More information under:

<https://www.kuwi.europa-uni.de/de/studium/master/es/Pensees-Francaises/Projekt-Digitale-Utopie/index.html>

*All events will take place in English.*

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### PROJECT FORMAT

#### Phase 1

Nov.-Dec. 2020

Thematic sessions with lecturers  
and students of  
Viadrina/Paris 1/CMB

#### Phase 2

December 2020

Student  
Discussion forum

#### Phase 3

Jan.-Feb. 2021

2 discussion panels with  
academics, experts,  
representatives of EU Parliament  
and EU Commission

#### Phase 4

March 2021

Position paper  
Presentation during competition  
at the French Embassy  
in Berlin

#### Phase 5

After March 2021

Diffusion of project results  
to the larger public