

Pensées Françaises Contemporaines

Projekt Digitale Utopie

„Environment and Digitisation“



Are new technologies going to harm 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"?

Panel 1:

Can new technologies save the climate? Opportunities and challenges in the European energy transition

28 January 2021, 16:00 – 18:00 C.E.T., online (via Zoom)

[Programme](#) and [Record](#) of Panel 1

Panel 2:

Digital solutions for climate change adaptation: **How can we use technologies for environmental risk and crisis management?**

26 February 2021, 14:00 – 16:00 C.E.T., online (via Zoom)

[Programme](#) and [Record](#) of Panel 2

Final session organised by the French Embassy

22 March 2021, 16.30 - 21.00 C.E.T., online (via Zoom)

We made it to the semi finals. Thank you again for your support!

[Programme](#)

Project format

Phase 1:
November-
December 2020

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



Phase 2:
December 2020

Student Discussion Forum



Phase 3:
January-February
2021

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

Panel 1: 28.01.2020 / Panel 2: 26.02.2020



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

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.

Date	Teacher	Activity / Topic
4.11.2020 11.15-12.45	Amelie Kutter	Presentation of the project, introduction to the lecture "Perpetual Crisis? Introduction to the Politics of the European Union" (Viadrina)
11.11.2020 11.15-12.45	Amelie Kutter	Discussion with the students on the topic: "Perpetual crisis? Current challenges of European integration" (Viadrina)
18.11.2020 11.15-12.45	Amelie Kutter	Presentation of the project by E. Tulmets, Discussion with the students: "Digital and ecological transformations: the EU's approach" (online) (Viadrina + Paris 1)

20.11.2020	Jens Lowitzsch	Presentation of the project by E. Tulumets, discussion with the students, course on "Energy transitions: Assessing the Impact of Digitization on Energy Communities - Access, Ability, and Interaction" (online) (Viadrina + Paris 1)
12:00-16:00		

24.11.2020	Jochen Koch	Presentation of the project by E. Tulumets, course on "Crisis?!? What Crisis? Crisis Management in Organisations" (online) (Viadrina+Paris 1)
10:00		

3.12.2020	Jochen Koch	Discussion with the students and with co-author Daniel Geiger of the text: "Getting Ahead of Time—Performing Temporal Boundaries to Coordinate Routines under Temporal Uncertainty" (online) (Viadrina + Paris 1)
10:00		

4.12.2020	Jens Lowitzsch	Course on "Energy transitions: Assessing the Impact of Digitization on Energy Communities - Access, Ability, and Interaction" (online) (Viadrina + Paris 1)
12:00-16:00		

16.12.2020	Reimund Schwarze	Discussion with the students: "How block-chain and distributed ledger technologies create new options for action in climate protection and adaptation" (online) (Viadrina + Paris 1)
12:00-13:00		

The project cooperates with the master programmes of the **University of Paris 1 Pantheon Sorbonne**:
Master 1 "[Environnement et risques](#)"(Environment and Risks), led by **Dr. habil. Pierre Gautreau**.
Master 2 "[Droit du commerce électronique et de l'économie numérique](#)" (Law of ECommerce and of the Digital Economy), led by **Prof. Dr. Judith Rochfeld**.
Master 2 "[Droit de la création et du numérique](#)" (Creation and Digitization Law), led **Prof. Dr. Célia Zolynski**.

[Call to participation \(English\)](#)

[Call to participation \(German\)](#)

[PowerPoint Presentation](#)

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