



**China-EU School of Law 中欧法学院**

At the China University of Political Science and Law 中国政法大学



# Master of European and International Law

at the China-EU School of Law in Beijing



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# Message from the Co-Deans

Dear students,

We are glad to present to you the exceptional Master Programme of the China-EU School of Law (CESL) in Beijing: the Master of European and International Law (LL.M.), taught in English.

Our law school is a joint project initiated by the P.R. China and the European Community. It has been designed to appeal to Chinese and European law students alike.

Students become acquainted with a foreign legal system thus examining their own legal system from a new perspective.

It is the aim of the China-EU School of Law not only to build a bridge between European and Chinese legal cultures, but also to educate a future elite of legal practitioners working within the frame of Sino-European relations. Our school is integrated into one of the highest-ranking law universities in China, the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL). European law lectures are held by most prominent professors, flying in from 13 different universities in Europe.



*Prof. Fang Liufang  
Co-Dean*



*Prof. Ninon Colneric  
Co-Dean*

As Co-Deans of a small law school – no more than 120 students per intake – we consider ourselves to be very student-orientated. Every day we share the close contact and interchange with our students. Although CESL is driven by a dynamic spirit and high academic performance we are a close-knit community, with students from all over the world exchanging their views, working together and sharing their enthusiasm for law.

We invite you to partake in this unique adventure in one of the most stimulating and innovative cities of the world.

See you in Beijing,

*Fang Liufang* *Ninon Colneric*

## A Master at CESL



In the past thirty years China has become the world's third largest economy. Most global companies operate on the Chinese market, expanding their investments. Trade is flourishing, with the European Union being China's second largest trade partner. At the same time the Chinese legal system is in a state of ongoing reform and rapid development.

## Rising Demand for European Experts in Chinese Law

As a consequence, demand for legal professionals who combine a high command of European and international law with a special expertise in Chinese legal matters is rising. International companies active in China are seeking practitioners with cultural competencies and language skills. So far only very few lawyers possess such cross-cultural legal expertise.

## European Law + International Law + Chinese Law

The Master Programme in European and International Law offers the unique opportunity to acquire this highly sought-after legal expertise – within a very international and challenging environment. In addition to a broad spectrum of courses in European and international law, students can specialise in Chinese domestic law. Students leave the China-EU School of Law with a well-rounded education in European, international and Chinese law.

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## Flying Faculty

Students are taught by one of the most international and renowned law faculties worldwide. Depending on their special area of expertise professors are selected from 13 European partner universities. They constitute a faculty representing Europe in all its diversity – more than any law faculty of the Old Continent. Since they fly back and forth between China and Europe this faculty is called the „flying faculty“.

Chinese law courses are taught by luminaries from the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) and professors from other renowned Chinese universities.

## Exciting Life in Beijing

Hosted in comfortable apartments for international guests students can immerse themselves into Beijing life, experiencing not only China's capital but also one of the most exciting and vivid cities in Asia. Activities range from exploring the rich cultural heritage of Beijing to examining the excellent Chinese restaurants or the exciting young art scene.

The Beijing-based China-EU School of Law (CESL) is a joint project of the Government of the P. R. China and the European Union. It is integrated into the renowned China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), one of the leading Chinese universities in the field of legal education.



The law school is supported by a Sino-European consortium, consisting of 15 universities and 2 institutes that provide personnel and co-financing. The consortium is co-ordinated by the University of Hamburg. 27 associates, including internationally renowned law firms and research institutes, provide further assistance and counselling.

CESL assists the Chinese government

in its efforts to develop a society based on the rule of law by building a bridge between European and Chinese legal cultures and educating the future elite of legal practitioners in China.

In addition to the Master Programme – which also includes a Master of Chinese Law – the school offers a Professional Training Programme for judges, prosecutors and lawyers and a Sino-European Research Programme. Interested students can proceed with their postgraduate studies through the CESL PhD Programme. For Master and PhD students various scholarships are available.

The China-EU School of Law is located in the Changping district, a northern suburb of Beijing. It is neighboring the Jundu Mountain Range where the Great Wall, Ming Tombs, many other historical sites and the Mangshan Forest are located.

### China-EU School of Law - in brief:

- Joint project of the P.R. China and the European Union
- European, international and Chinese law (Master Programme)
- Educating the future elite of legal practitioners in China
- European „flying faculty“
- Various scholarships
- Located in the north of Beijing, near the Chinese Great Wall
- Well equipped apartments

# Interview

**S**ophia, after your first law degree in Germany you decided to pursue the Master Programme in European and International Law at the China-EU School of Law. Why?

The idea behind the whole project sounded great to me. The world is getting more and more globalised. Thus, we should use every opportunity to get in touch with people from other countries. Having this experience in China is completely different from living in other European countries, where we share the same cultural background. China is not the same at all and that is exactly what makes it so interesting to me.

**What are your impressions after you have almost finished the programme?**

The last year offered me the chance to get deep insights into the Chinese world, i.e. culture, tradition, language. With regard to the courses I must say that choices of topics and professors were amazing. We learned a lot about European and international law and drew interesting parallels to China. And we really were provided with the best professors from Europe in the respective topic.

**European Law in China – does this make sense to you?**

For lawyers in Europe it is getting more and more important to know EU law in detail since the EU legislation is increasingly influencing. Studying European Law in a country other than the EU makes



**Sophia-Antonia Heller**  
Law student from Bayreuth, Germany  
Enrolled in the Master Programme in European and International Law at CESL from 2008/09

sense because you have the chance to gain an outsider's perspective – because you are „outside“ yourself. And you get a good introduction into Chinese law, too, which also makes sense considering the strong and growing Chinese-European relations.

**What would you recommend to other students interested in the CESL Master Programme?**

If you are interested in European and international law but you want to have an exciting environment as well, I strongly recommend that you apply for the CESL Master Programme. The workload is quite large but you will be rewarded with the best professors you can imagine. You will gain a completely new insight into Europe and a first insight into China. This experience is a great opportunity, benefiting not only your professional but especially your private future and development.

# Master of European and International Law (LL.M.)



# Characteristics

The Master in European and International Law (LL.M.) at the China-EU School of Law is a unique combination of European, international and Chinese law. The one-year programme commences each year in September, ending in the following July.

## European, International and Chinese Law

In order that students understand the functions of law in an economically and politically linked world they are taught about the principles, regulations and procedures of European and international law. Current issues of law and policy receive special emphasis, as do interdisciplinary features such as economic, cultural and historical facets.

All students are introduced to the Chinese legal system. In addition, they can focus on Chinese public and civil law. Thus, students gain a deep insight

into Chinese legal culture and tradition as well as the transformation of the legal system of the P.R. China.

## Intercultural Experiences

The Master Programme is designed for students with a first law degree, who intend to specialise in international law and bring with them a particular interest in China. Participants are carefully selected to create a dynamic and open-minded group representing different nationalities and cultures.

Studying alongside their Chinese colleagues European and international students get quickly familiarized with the Chinese way of life and culture. The small size and international character of CESL allow for a fruitful exchange among students within and beyond the academic arena.

## Chinese Language Courses

All courses of the Master Programme – including Chinese law courses – are taught in English. Students need a high proficiency in English, but knowledge of Chinese is not obligatory. To improve their Chinese language skills international students are invited to attend additional Chinese language courses, which are held at very basic level, as well as for more advanced students.



# Characteristics

## Excellent Prospects

Students who successfully pass all courses as well as their Master Thesis will be awarded an LL.M. degree conferred from the University of Hamburg. Programme and degree are conform with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) and are internationally recognised.

Professional prospects for graduates range from positions at the European Union and international institutions to employments at international companies and law firms. Experts like Jens Aßmann (see box) notice a very high demand for legal specialists with cross-cultural expertise in European and Chinese law.



Jens Aßmann  
Deputy Director,  
Hamburg Chamber  
of Commerce

*„Foreign companies that wish to enter the Chinese market depend on qualified legal advice concerning for example intellectual property or commercial disputes. The China-EU School of Law provides the unique combination of European and Chinese legal expertise for their students.“*

## Summer School & Internships

International students can prepare for their time in Beijing through a two-week Summer School at the Centre of Advanced Studies on Contemporary China (CASCC) in Torino, Italy. Through various courses students are introduced to Chinese law, Chinese language and Chinese culture. By the way, they get to know each other before the Master Programme officially commences.

Internships during the programme are not mandatory but strongly recommended. Through its network of associates the China-EU School of Law can arrange for internship opportunities at several international law firms and companies in China and Europe.

### Master of European and International Law - in brief:

- European, international and Chinese law
- Focus on Chinese private and public law possible
- Instruction language: English
- 2 semesters, starting in September
- Internationally recognised LL.M. degree
- 16 compulsory/elective modules
- Chinese language courses
- Preparatory Summer School in Torino
- Internship opportunities via CESL associates

# Course Programme

The Master Programme in European and International Law is divided into 16 modules. Each module comprises several courses.

The compulsory courses are intended to provide a broad knowledge of European and international laws, legal institutions and legal procedures. Students also learn the practice of comparative legal studies. All courses are taught in small classes by way of presentations and discussions. Most courses are accompanied by tutorials splitting the classes into smaller learning and working units.

## Compulsory Courses

- Legal Writing and Research
- Introduction to Chinese Law (only for Non-Chinese students)
- European Legal Traditions (only for Chinese students)
- Public International Law
- Rule of Law and Human Rights
- Law and Politics of the European Union
- EU Law – Advanced
- European Private Law
- Law of Regulations
- WTO Law

In addition to the compulsory courses various elective courses are offered. Students select one of these courses in the first and one in the second semester. The elective courses deal with special

## Elective Courses

- Judicial Procedures and Dispute Resolution
- Public Administration
- Chinese Public Law
- International Trade
- Company Law
- Law of Specially Regulated Economic Sectors

areas of European and international law, especially in the economic field. Interested students can also specialize in Chinese public law and Chinese private law.

During the second semester students will start working on their Master Thesis supervised by a lecturer.



Francisco Soler Caballero  
J & A Garrigues  
International Law Firm  
Partner, Shanghai

*„In China new markets and new laws evolve simultaneously. That’s why our clients need us there – and why we need legal experts with a genuine European and Chinese perspective.“*

# Course Programme

## Curriculum - Master of European and International Law



# Admission & Tuition

Students from all over the world are warmly welcome to study the CESL Master of European and International Law.

## Admission Criteria

In order to be eligible for application students have to meet the admission requirements:

- be a citizen from a country other than P.R. China. Residents of Hong-kong, Macao and Taiwan are also eligible.
- have already obtained a first law degree (BA, state examination or equivalent) or will definitely obtain a law degree before enrolment.
- provide sufficient proof of English skills: (1) English as mother tongue, (2) undergraduate studies in English, (3) at least 100 points on the TOEFL or (4) at least 7 points on the IELTS.

## Tuition Fee

The tuition fee for the whole programme amounts to 60.000 RMB (about 6.000 EUR). Students from Hong-kong, Macao and Taiwan are granted a 50 percent fee waiver.

## Scholarships

International students can apply for scholarships. All scholarships are exclu-

sively awarded on the basis of academic performance. The maximum scholarship amount is 1.3 times the tuition fee plus a roundtrip flight to Beijing (economy class). Scholarship application forms can be downloaded from the CESL website.

## Application Procedure

To apply for CESL please download the following documents from the CESL website ([www.cesl.edu.cn](http://www.cesl.edu.cn)):

- Charter of Recruitment (with more detailed information about the application procedure, a checklist of application documents and information about the admission policy)
- Application Form
- Scholarship Application Form (if applicable)

## Application Period

All applications documents should be sent to the Admission Office of the China-EU School of Law from November, 20th **through April, 20th**.

### Website

[www.cesl.edu.cn](http://www.cesl.edu.cn)

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# FAQ & Contact



**I don't speak a word of Chinese. Can I still apply?**

Chinese proficiency is not necessary in order to participate in the CESL Master Programme in European and International Law. All courses are taught in English and all of your classmates will be able to speak English. Besides, you have the opportunity to learn Chinese through various language courses.

**I want to apply for the programme but I can't afford the tuition fee. What can I do?**

Please indicate in the Financial Statement that you are unable to pay the tuition fee and submit the Scholarship Application Form along with the Programme Application Form.

**Do I have to travel to Beijing for entrance examinations?**

CESL will carefully evaluate the qualifications of each applicant according to the submitted application materials. For international students CESL does not hold an entrance examination. However, CESL may choose to evaluate any candidate through telephone interviews, interviews conducted by designated alumni, or through additional means.

**What are the chances that my application will be accepted?**

The basic admission policy of CESL is selection based on merit. If you are fluent in English and if you have completed your undergraduate law studies above average the chances are

very good that you will be accepted for the CESL Master Programme. Please provide CESL with any material that can demonstrate your achievements. You will be notified around six weeks after the application deadline.

**Are there any problems in acquiring a long-term residence permit for China?**

As soon as you are accepted for the CESL Master Programme you will receive an admission letter and a 202-form. With these documents you can apply for a student X-visa at your nearest Chinese embassy or consulate. That visa is the basis for a residence permit. CESL staff will help you to apply for it after you have arrived in Beijing.

**Do I have to pay the tuition fee for the whole programme in advance?**

In general, the tuition fee for the CESL Master Programme must be paid following the registration at CESL. However, it is also possible to pay the tuition fee at a later date or in up to three instalments. Please indicate your preferred payment method on the Financial Statement.

**I have a specific question which is not answered in this brochure. Where can I get additional information?**

Please consult our website at [www.cesl.edu.cn](http://www.cesl.edu.cn) for further information or contact us directly via email or telephone. If you study at one of our partner universities you can also talk to the CESL contact person there.

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„The China-EU School of Law offers an excellent Master Programme with a truly international faculty from China and 11 European countries. An amazing cultural experience in one of the most exciting cities in the world.“

*Peter, Germany, Student „Master of European and International Law“ at CESL*

„In the near future Chinese business clients will be amongst the core recipients of legal expertise from international lawyers. That’s why I decided to pursue my international Master of Law at the China-EU School of Law in Beijing.“

*Valeria, Italy, Student „Master of European and International Law“ at CESL*

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