

# INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH AND STUDIES ON EASTERN EUROPE

# MIREES



- University of Bologna (Italy)
- Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania)
- Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary)
- Saint-Petersburg State University (Russia)

## INTERNATIONAL JOINT DEGREE MASTER PROGRAM

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### ALUMNI VOICES

► **Victoria Donovan**, *United Kingdom*, PhD Candidate at Oxford University

Perhaps the most attractive element of the MIREES program was the world-class scholars who participated in it. The combination of intense courses and the intimate location of Forlì allowed a level of contact with these senior academics, which I have not experienced in any other educational institution. The lengthy overseas period was also an asset in as much as it allowed for the development of the language skills necessary to write an in-depth and original MA thesis.

► **Heather Johnston**, *United States of America*, US Department of State Foreign Service Political Officer

MIREES provided me with an understanding of international relations that no other program could match in geographic/cultural breadth and quality. In my profession, this unique understanding of the "other side" is invaluable, allowing

me to be more effective when dealing with peers in my host country and advising my own country. I am actually in a place to actively improve world relations with the United States, largely thanks to the education I received from MIREES.

► **Josipa Rizankoska**, *Macedonia*, Project Manager, Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje

MIREES is not only a place where you can study and improve your language skill; MIREES is a big international family where all the brothers and sisters have an opportunity to understand each other thanks to the opportunity to live and study together, to share experiences from the past and ideas for the future. These MIREES students were able to communicate in 10 languages at the same table, they were able to celebrate so many different holidays and practice many different traditions. MIREES was not just a study program, MIREES was a way of living, it was a human experiment with incredibly successful results.

## JOIN US AT OUR INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR UNIQUE MASTER'S PROGRAMME!

In 2012-2014 Vytautas Magnus University implemented our project *Implementation of the joint Master's degree programme "Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe" (MIREES)*. The project has been supported by the European Social Fund, the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and Vytautas Magnus University. From 2014 MIREES hosts a Visegrad Chair co-sponsored by the Visegrad Fund, which offers students a in-depth knowledge of Central Europe and Visegrad 4. Both projects helped the consortium to implement the MIREES joint master's degree programme and strengthen its international potential, raise the already high standards of teaching and administrative talent, encourage mobility and disseminate information about the programme.



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<b>LEADING INTERNATIONAL FACULTY</b>	MIREES is a programme with a faculty of prominent scholars of international reputation. Students will be encouraged to meet different course requirements, absorb differentiated perspectives from a plurality of points of view, be strongly motivated to acknowledge differences, to understand "otherness", to make insightful comparisons, and they will be expected to learn to deal with their own future area of expertise.
<b>UNIQUE IN EUROPE</b>	MIREES is an innovative graduate programme, taught entirely in English, devoted to students that have a BA background in Economics, Politics, International Relations, History, Languages or Cultural studies at large, and would now like to acquire a specialized, in-depth knowledge of the Post-socialist countries in transition, the new EU member States after the Enlargements of 2004 and 2007, as well as the New East-European Neighbour Countries. MIREES is the only study program in Europe, of such a composition.
<b>INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE</b>	MIREES offers a two-year language skills programme which will take place partly in Italy and partly in the Partner universities of Vytautas Magnus University at Kaunas, Corvinus University of Budapest and Saint-Petersburg State University during the second year of the programme.
<b>INTERDISCIPLINARITY</b>	MIREES offers curricula in Economics, Politics, International Relations, History, Anthropology and Cultural Studies focused on East-Central Europe and the Balkans.
<b>PURPOSEFUL AND WELL-MANAGED EDUCATION</b>	MIREES combines an academic approach with professional training, preparing potential insightful consultants, analysts, and managers as Area Experts for international agencies, public administrations, private and public companies, and NGOs, while also offering a solid basis for further academic studies at the PhD level.
<b>INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA</b>	MIREES diploma is jointly awarded by the Universities of Bologna, Vytautas Magnus at Kaunas, Corvinus University of Budapest and St. Petersburg State University.

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### MIREES TEACHING PLAN

<b>1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR IN FORLÌ, ITALY</b>	State Building, Nationalism, and Development in Eastern Europe; Methods and Skills; One foreign language course of Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, Bulgarian, Lithuanian, Russian, or Slovak, etc.; Elective courses from the different disciplinary groups "Economics", "History, Media and International Relations", "Politics or Sociology"; Workshops on Eastern European Politics and Economics.
<b>2<sup>ST</sup> YEAR IN THE PARTNER UNIVERSITIES</b>	East European language course; Courses among those in offer in the hosting University; Master thesis.
<b>DURATION OF THE PROGRAM</b>	24 months (4 terms) Credits awarded: 120

### HOW TO APPLY

<b>ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS</b>	Applicants must normally hold a 1 <sup>st</sup> level University Degree, BA or a comparable qualification in one of the following subjects: Law, Economics, Social Sciences (Political Science, Sociology, Political Geography, Demography, Gender Studies, Psychology, Anthropology), Humanities (History, Philosophy, Literature, Language Studies, Cultural Studies).
<b>LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION</b>	Lectures in the first and second semester are held entirely in English. Lectures in the third term may be delivered either in English or in the language of the partner University.
<b>APPLICATION FORM</b>	The application form and the deadline for applying are available on the web at <a href="http://www.mirees.unibo.it">www.mirees.unibo.it</a>
<b>TUITION AND GRANTS</b>	The annual tuition fee is € 4.000 (plus about € 370 of local taxes) which can be paid in 3 instalments. Admitted students may be eligible for special grants based on academic achievements and financial needs (for a complete list of MIREES' sponsors and scholarship types, see <a href="http://www.mirees.unibo.it">www.mirees.unibo.it</a> )

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