

TURKISH-GERMAN UNIVERSITY

The Turkish-German University (TAU) is a Turkish state university, which was founded by an intergovernmental agreement between the Republic of Turkey and the Federal Republic of Germany in 2010. With its unique structure TAU aims to combine the finest features of Turkish and German higher education traditions. The German involvement is also documented by the group of German study coordinators engaged in quality control and programme designing as well as the growing number of German lecturers.

TAU is a multilingual university with German, English and Turkish as the predominant languages of instruction. The young university operates with a still growing set of undergraduate and graduate programs in five faculties and two institutes.

INSITER has been integrated into the study programme "Master of European and International Affairs (MEIA)". The degree offers a modern two-year programme in English language on the basis of close cooperation between Turkish and German academia. MEIA comprises up to 15 courses covering inter alia theories of international relations, international economics and European integration history. Neatly integrated into this existing EU-related teaching content, INSITER adds a new focus on EU-Turkey relations.

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Inside the Turkey-EU Relations
Jean Monnet Module 2016-2019



INSITER – INSIDE THE TURKEY-EU RELATIONS

is an innovative teaching and research programme in the field of EU-Turkey relations. As a Jean Monnet Module funded by the European Commission in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme, INSITER is designed for both academics and students of the Turkish-German University in Istanbul (TAU) and its international partner institutions.

INSITER combines academic and practical training by offering an integrated set of transnational, cross sectoral and multidisciplinary elements:

- » Research papers on contemporary EU-Turkey relations
- » Study trips to Ankara and Brussels
- » Simulation exercises with students from Turkey and the EU
- » Internationally composed conferences on new political challenges
- » A public lecture and roundtable series that brings together academics and practitioners

In this way INSITER links up with an international network of contacts throughout academia and the private sector in the field of European and international affairs and contributes to excellence of teaching and research in European Union Studies at the Turkish-German University in Istanbul.

For further information and news on project activities:

www.insiter.tau.edu.tr



Simulation exercise on EU-Turkey negotiations, Brussels

The INSITER programme promotes in depth teaching on EU-Turkey relations with a set of integrated seminars:

- » Recent challenges for Turkey and the EU: From accession through energy to migration and security
- » The political system of the EU: The institutional architecture after Lisbon
- » Introduction to European and international affairs: Turkey, Germany and the European Union in the world
- » Foreign policy analysis in a multi-level perspective

INSITER strengthens cross-sectoral networks by bringing together academic and professional circles from both Turkey and EU countries in the context of:

- » An annual international conference on New Political Challenges for Turkey, the EU and Beyond,
- » A public lectures/roundtables series on current EU-Turkey affairs.



Building of the European Parliament in Brussels

INSITER offers first-hand experience of political decision making and modern teaching methodology with:

- » Study visits to Ankara and Brussels to meet experts and practitioners and gain insight into real-life policy-making
- » An international simulation exercise on EU-Turkey negotiations, jointly carried out with EU partner universities
- » The integration of an e-learning platform

INSITER fosters topical, high-quality research and its dissemination in academic articles on:

- » European integration and the EU system from applied, theoretical, conceptual and strategic perspectives
- » Contemporary EU-Turkey relations with emphasis on topical issues such as migration, energy, security affairs, accession and institutional reform
- » Turkish foreign policy