

Ms. Barbora Valockova

Intern from Aug 2015 to Oct 2015
Paris Institute of Political Studies
(Sciences Po)
Paris, France



Barbora Valockova is an M.A. graduate in Economic Law from the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po). She completed her undergraduate studies in Political Science and International Relations at Sciences Po and at the University of Oslo, before undertaking internships at such top-tier law firms as Clifford Chance and Allen & Gledhill and at the European Commission (as a trainee in the prestigious Blue Book programme). Her research interests include the following: EU-ASEAN relations and their respective legal systems, Southeast Asian regionalism and maritime security.

Her aim at the EU Centre is to put her knowledge into practice and to extend her intellectual horizon into the Asia-Pacific region. Using this comparative gaze, she will be composing a background brief on Competition Law in the EU, while drawing lessons on what ASEAN should look into in the context of Competition Law. She will also assist in the Centre's other background research, news briefs and outreach activities.

Ms. Jamika Jorge-Petit

Intern from Jan 2015 to May 2015
Ottawa University
Ottawa, Canada



"I am a prospective May 2016 graduate from Ottawa University with a Bachelor of Arts and Social Science specializing in International relations and modern languages. I am particularly interested in political violence and terrorism. I was accepted as a one year exchange student at the National University of Singapore. I learned about the EU Centre while assisting at one of their conference named Singapore and Belgium as partners in the international coalition fighting ISIS. I believe the transformation of the way people think and do things can only be achieved through research, education and dialogue, therefore this is why I wanted to apply for the centre. I am particularly interested in gaining knowledge on the politics of European integration and to develop a better understanding of the relation between South-East Asia and the European Union. During my internship, I will be involved in assisting with some of the major outreach events and writing the weekly news summary."

Mr. Jonathan Bonnemann

Intern from Jan 2015 to Mar 2015
Ruprecht-Karls University of Heidelberg
Heidelberg, Germany



Jonathan Bonnemann is a Bachelor of Arts student reading Social Anthropology as major, Chinese studies as a minor subject at the Ruprecht-Karls University of Heidelberg. He recently went on exchange for one semester studying at the National University of Singapore (NUS).

His research interest focuses mainly on migration, especially labour migration in South-East Asia and Europe. Before completing his undergraduate studies, he has a keen interest to gain a deeper understanding of migration policies in the EU.

During his time with the EU Centre he worked on a paper about high-skilled labour migration and talent mobility in Germany.

Mr. Benjamin Felix van Roij

Intern from Sep 2014 to Dec 2014
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Leuven, Belgium



Benjamin Felix van Roij, BA in History and MA graduate student in European Studies at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, was an intern and associate at the European Union Centre in Singapore from September 2014 to December 2014.

He graduated his BA in 2013 at the Radboud University Nijmegen in The Netherlands and is now graduating as a MA at the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the KU Leuven in Belgium. Mr. Van Roij has worked in 2012 and 2013 for the municipality of the city Helmond (NL) and has worked as a trainee in 2013 for the European Parliament.

During his time at the EU Centre in Singapore, Benjamin contributed three chapters for the EU Centre's book "50 Years of Singapore-Europe Relations: Celebrating Singapore's Connections with Europe".

Mr. Charles Chia Sheng-Kai

Intern from Sep 2014 to Dec 2014
Monash University
Melbourne, Australia



Charles Chia is a graduate with a Bachelor's of Journalism and an additional major in Politics from Monash University. He most recently spent his last semester on exchange at Utrecht University studying global economic history, conflict studies and Dutch society. Visits to various UN and EU offices across Europe, and participation in the Harvard World Model United Nations conference sparked his interest in international relations. Charles will pursue an MA in International Relations in the near future and the experience gained at the EU Centre proves invaluable.

During his time at the EU Centre in Singapore, Charles contributed two chapters for the EU Centre's book "50 Years of Singapore-Europe Relations: Celebrating Singapore's Connections with Europe". He has also published a working paper entitled "[Higher education scholarships as a soft power tool: an analysis of its role in the EU and Singapore](#)".

Ms. Cheryl Low

Intern from Aug 2014 to Dec 2014
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
National University of Singapore



Cheryl Low was a History undergraduate (2011-2015) at the National University of Singapore. She was first exposed to idea of public diplomacy during her exchange semester at Erasmus University of Rotterdam, the Netherlands. She also had the opportunity to visit both the Canadian and the British Embassies where she attended seminars on soft power and nation branding. Her research internship at the EU Centre will focus primarily on writing about public diplomacy for an upcoming book that the centre is plans to publish. She will also be involved in designing work and weekly news brief write ups.

In her free time, Cheryl likes to drink tea, travel and design magazines. She currently designs for The Ridge.

Ms. Mansi Singh

Intern from Jul 2014 to Aug 2014
University of Manchester
Manchester, United Kingdom



Mansi Singh is an LLB undergraduate at the University of Manchester. Having learned about the EU through her studies in the UK, researching the EU from an Asian perspective posed new challenges for her. She is particularly interested in EU law and the understanding of the EU structure for younger students. During her time as an intern at the EU centre, she was involved in designing a possible curriculum or program to teach about the EU to students at the tertiary level in Singapore. She also had the opportunity to be involved in the EU Youth Forum. This internship has allowed her to develop a more holistic understanding of the EU's global activities and more importantly its relations with the Southeast Asian community.

Ms. Kamila Slavíková

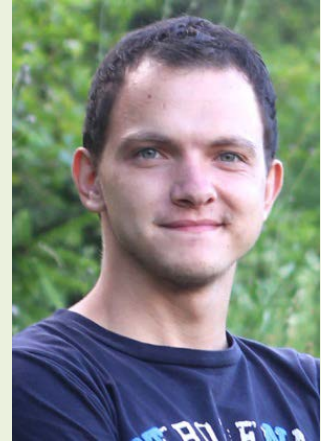
Intern from May 2014 to Jun 2014
Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



Kamila Slavíková was a candidate for an International Master's in ASEAN Studies at Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya (AEI-UM) in 2013-2014, and is also an MA candidate in International Politics and Diplomacy at the University of Economics in Prague. She is keen on maintaining an inter-disciplinary approach in her academic career. Among her research interests are EU-ASEAN relations, regionalism, perceptions and country branding. Her undergraduate thesis entitled "EU-ASEAN Relations and the Issue of Myanmar" was awarded a top 3 recognition at Faculty of International Relations, University of Economics in Prague. Currently, Kamila is conducting research on perceptions towards the EU in Malaysia and in Singapore.

Mr. Marcel Bandur

Intern from April 2014 to May 2014
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
National University of Singapore

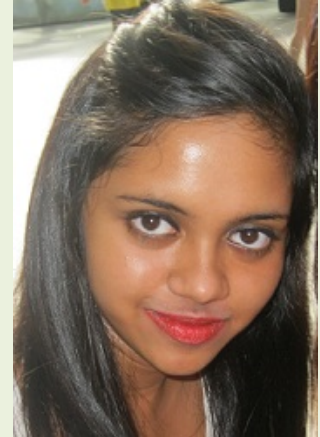


Marcel Bandur was a Masters in Political Science research degree candidate (2013-2014) at the National University of Singapore. Having completed his undergraduate studies in International Relations at the University of Durham (UK), his research interests include EU-ASEAN relations, Southeast Asian Regionalism, and ASEAN Maritime Security. At the EU Centre, he assists with the outreach events Asia-Europe Think Tanks Dialogue, Europe Day, EU Youth Forum, and the Tertiary Institutions Debate.

“Having lived alternately between Southeast Asia and Europe, I’ve devoted my studies to the examination of culturally differentiated political configurations. I admire the EU for its ability to promote peaceful coexistence, foster pan-European solidarity, develop social capital and promote a sense of regional identity. Though the EU story isn’t a roadmap for ASEAN, ASEAN captivated my interest by giving a united voice to an immensely diverse region. At the EU centre, I hope to witness how socio-cultural nuances craft the complex processes of international bargaining. With nation-states pursuing their interests increasingly through regional platforms and borders becoming all the time more porous, I am thrilled to be a part of the interaction between the flagship regionalism project and the Asian Tiger economies.”

Ms. Devi Shree Malarvanan

Intern from February 2014 to May 2014
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
National University of Singapore



Devi Shree Malarvanan was a European Studies major at the National University of Singapore (2011 – 2015) and she is particularly interested in the history and politics of Germany, social transformation of Central and Eastern European countries and the integration of the latter into the EU. Her decision to intern at the EU Centre was largely influenced by an opportunity she got, while on exchange in Stuttgart, Germany, to participate in a “Soiree Europeenne” event during which she was inspired by discussions pertaining to the European identity and current youth perceptions on the viability of EU. Through her stint at the EU, she wishes to gain insights into the EU project as a whole, understand the significance of EU centres in various localities and the function of the centre within the Southeast Asian context.

During her time at the EU Centre, Devi was a [co-author of a background brief on the 2015 European Elections](#).

Mr. Loo Tien Pan

Intern in Jan 2014
Graduate of the Raffles Institution
Singapore, Singapore



Loo Tien Pan is a recent graduate of Raffles Institution, Singapore. He joined the EU Centre in Singapore in cooperation with NUS as a research intern, having completed prior internships at the Ministry of Law (Singapore) and the Agency for Science, Technology & Research. During his time at the EU Centre, he assisted in launching the EU Centre Infographic Competition and participated in conferences such as Europe's Pivot towards Asia: New Opportunities and Challenges in EU-Asia Relations at the East Asia Institute of NUS. He also conducted research into the impact of the European Single Market and monetary union on financial markets in Europe. Tien Pan's experience at the EU Centre in Singapore allowed him to gain new insights into EU-Singapore relations and the everyday dynamics of the EU's interests in Asia.

Ms. Stephanie Krampulz

Intern from Aug 2013 to Sep 2013
Ludwig-Maximilians-University
Munich, Germany



"I am truly thankful to have been chosen for the internship programme at the EU Centre in cooperation with NUS, Munich International Summer University and Asia Studies Group LMU. Before entering my final year of M.A. studies of Cultural Anthropology, European Ethnology and Japanese Studies at Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) Munich, I got this precious hands-on chance to deepen my knowledge about external relations of the EU and ASEAN. I will use my one month of research to prepare a paper that explores the variety of political involvement of the EU in Asia and especially South East Asia. Furthermore I assist the EUC with launching an essay competition which encourages NUS students to ponder on achievements and challenges of the European Union."

Mr. Ruben van den Hengel

Intern from Jul 2013 to Dec 2013
Tilburg University
Tilburg, The Netherlands



"During my third bachelor's year in Economics I have been given the opportunity to intern at the EU Centre in Singapore. My internship entails writing a report regarding the main FTAs (Free Trade Agreements). Moreover, I will be assisting the centre in providing concise and correct answers to questions and misunderstandings concerning the European Union. During my internship my goal is to put my knowledge into practice and I am sure the EU Centre is the perfect place to further develop myself."

During his time with the EU Centre in Singapore, Ruben has published a research brief entitled "The Rise of Mega-FTAs" and a Working Paper [20] entitled "Discussions in Europe on Variable Compensation in the Financial Sector."

Ms. Nurhidayah Hassan

Intern from Jun 2013 to Aug 2013
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
National University of Singapore



Nurhidayah Hassan was a Master of Public Policy (MPP) candidate at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS (2011-2013). She graduated from UniSIM (Singapore) with a Bachelor's Degree in English and Sociology. During her internship as a researcher at the EU Centre, her area of research covers the topic of Social Cohesion in Singapore, taking a critical look at the state of cohesiveness in the city-state. Her research is presented in a recent working paper entitled [*"Developing an Analytical Framework on Social Cohesion in Singapore: Reflections from the framing of social cohesion debates in the OECD and Europe"*](#), and contributes greatly to the repertoire of social policy work that Nurhidayah has delved into throughout her academia. The experience at EU Centre has given her a renewed perspective on policies in Singapore, after taking a comparative look at socio-economic policies in EU member states like The Netherlands and United Kingdom.

Mr. Xiong Jieru

Intern from Jun 2013 to Aug 2013
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
National University of Singapore



Xiong Jieru is a politics graduate of the National University of Singapore and an intern at the EU Centre in Singapore from June 2013 to August 2013. Jieru's research on the Nordic model as a socio-economic model for governance has been published as a working paper entitled ["Learning from the Nordic Welfare Model: what and how?"](#)

"Due to concerns over the growing inequality, some Singaporeans had suggested that the government should consider the Nordic model as a mode of governance to combat the rising inequality, whereas others were sceptical over the Nordic model because of its high taxes and its debilitating impact on work ethics. This debate begs the question: what exactly is the Nordic model which people are discussing about. Is it simply about high taxes coupled with generous amount of social welfare which people assume it to be? Or are there other deeper components to it. Thus, during my 2 month internship at the EU centre, I will be hoping to answer these questions."

Ms. Jana Uehlecke

Intern from Aug 2012 to Sep 2012
Université Paris Sorbonne (Paris IV)
Paris, France



"My background is very modern-European: I grew up in Germany, completed my secondary and tertiary education in the UK and am now studying at the Sorbonne in Paris for the Master's degree in "Affaires Européennes". This reflects my keen interest in all matters European, as well as my identity. With a background in Humanities (BA in Classics from the University of Oxford) I see my future within the European institutional context, external and international relations in particular. Having completed my first year of the MA and an internship at the European Parliament, I intend to use this placement with the EUC in Singapore to understand the way the EU is seen from other countries across the world. I hope for this internship to provide me with a valuable outside perspective on European governance and policy making, and also enable me to understand the nature of the dialogue between Europe and South East Asia. Apart from analysing public survey data and preparing a paper for the "Perceptions Project", I hope and expect to get involved in the practical everyday business of the EUC."

Ms. Cathrin Mohr

**Intern in Sep 2011
Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU)
Munich, Germany**



"Between my second and my third year at the Ludwig Maximilians University in Munich I had the opportunity to do an internship at the EU Centre in Singapore. Being an intern not only allowed me to gain valuable insights in the perception of the EU in Asia, but also to get to know the focus of the work of the EU Centre. I helped with the quantitative part of a research brief about media perceptions of the European Union in Singapore and I was able to take part in a project comparing the media coverage of the euro zone crisis with the debt ceiling crisis in the US. I also conducted research about the opinion of Asian scholars and intellectuals about Europe. Furthermore I assisted at the event "The European Union at Southeast Asia", where the winning entries of the video essay competition with the same name were presented."

Ms. Tracy Thng

Intern from May 2011 to Sep 2011
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
National University of Singapore



"The main focus of my internship at the EU centre was to publicise and develop the Video Essay Competition, themed "The European Union in Southeast Asia". My publicity job scope includes correspondence with organizations and foreign universities, designing the e-flyer poster layouts, creating the voting template and checking of entry submissions. Apart from that I helped out at the centre's public lectures and assisted with the EUClasia Regional Newsletter for the EU Centres/Institutes in Asia and Scene@EUC newsletter. I also updated and managed the centre's social media platforms through Facebook and Twitter, designed the centre's Facebook welcome page, and tweeted upcoming events and EU news."

Ms. Nikki Soo

Intern from Mar 2011 to Apr 2011
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
National University of Singapore



"I had the privilege to join the EU Centre as an intern after my graduation from NUS, where I was previously majoring in Political Science. During my time I wrote news analysis articles on current developments in Europe for the centre's website and helped to develop the "EUiverse" section of our site. This included researching on relevant journal articles, opinion articles and book reviews on topics about the EU's role as a regional and global actor. In doing so I enriched my knowledge on the EU and their position in the global society. I also learned more about Asia's transatlantic relations with the EU. Apart from that I also maintained and managed the centre's social media outreach with Twitter, tweeting about our centre's events, papers and major EU news. I also assisted with the centre's e-newsletter, Food Security in the EU workshop as well as the development of a youth-targeted multimedia competition."

Ms. Yvonne Sommerauer

Intern from Sep 2010 to Oct 2010
Ludwig-Maximilians-University
Munich, Germany



“In my fourth year at Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Germany, I had the chance to intern at the EU Centre in cooperation with NUS and the Munich International Summer University (MISU). During my stay here I gained valuable research experience, insights into the day-to-day business of the EU Centre Singapore and a deeper understanding of various EU-related topics. Under the kind and encouraging supervision of Dr. Yeo and Prof. Turner I was able to do research on the perception of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) in Korea, Singapore and Europe as well as the German news coverage of Asia. I also contributed to the EUC website by writing a report which summarizes the research seminar held by Dr. Anja Jetschke about the diffusion of European institutions and policies in the case of ASEAN.”

Ms. Janelle Luo Chun Yin

Intern from Sep 2009 to Nov 2010
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
National University of Singapore



Janelle Luo, a NUS European Studies Programme Honours graduate, was hired as a research intern by the Centre in the lead up to the December 2009 "Conference on Networked Regionalism versus Institutional Regionalism: Managing Complexities in Regional Cooperation and Global Governance".

During her time at the EU Centre, she assisted in preparing background papers and other briefs for the EU Centre Director Dr Yeo Lay Hwee. She was also active in ensuring logistics and operations for the conference and other events, and actively contributed towards the Centre's Newsletter.

Ms. Ira Iskandar

Intern from Jun 2009 to Aug 2009
University of Auckland
Auckland, New Zealand



"Being an intern at the EUC is an experience like none other. The EUC focuses on outreach to increase the level of awareness in the local populace of the European Union. I gained precious hands-on work experience and obtained crucial research experience on EU-Singapore and EU-ASEAN relations, especially on climate change. This contributed greatly to my attachment at the EU Centre, where I prepared a working paper on a Higher Education Area in ASEAN, and also towards my Master's Programme in Environmental Governance in Germany as well as future employment prospects."

Ms. Gwendolyn Thong

Intern from Feb 2009 to May 2009
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
National University of Singapore



"In the second semester of my third year in NUS, I was privileged to intern at the European Union Centre where I played a key role in marketing the Green innovations Symposium to potential sponsors and partners, and promoting the associated Theme Competition to schools. The Symposium was aimed at raising awareness of the European Union's environmental policies to Singaporeans, particularly students. The experience was a rewarding, as I had the opportunity of contacting over a hundred schools from Secondary to University level and many European companies based in Singapore to invite them to participate in our event. It was an elating to see the entries finally arrive and I was impressed at their quality. In spite of a tough financial year, my efforts helped solicit some sponsorship and exhibitors."