



The Contrasting Trajectories of Women's Emancipation in the Interwar Years in Germany, France, Italy, Portugal and Spain

Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)

Université Côte d'Azur

Virtual component: February 1 – March 29 and April 20 – 24

Physical component: April 13th to 17th - 2026



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Beneficiary Module BIP code : 2025-1-FR01-KA131-HED-000307844-2

Summary of Information:

In which city is the BIP located?	NICE
Name of the hosting university?	Université Côte d'Azur
Name of the coordinating university?	Université Côte d'Azur
Ulysseus BIP topics?	<input type="checkbox"/> Multilingual & intercultural competences skills; <input type="checkbox"/> Equality, Diversity & Inclusion; <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Transversal/Interdisciplinary topics aligned with the Ulysseus Mission):
ISCED code, according to the list in annex 1	0288 Interdisciplinary programs qualifications involving arts and humanities
Amount of ECTS	5
Expected participants (students, staff or the two ones) and the expected study level for students:	Students (Bachelor, Master and PhD level in Humanities) and staff
- Maximum number of desired Erasmus BIP participants (granted or zero granted) (for example for University of Montenegro participants who can't be counted as BIP participants - And if possible, precise, how many slots per university:	minimum 20 5 students per university and 5 staff (USE) 5 participants per university



Start/End dates of the virtual component:	February 1st to March 29 th and April 20 – 24
Start/End dates of the physical component:	April 13 th to 17 th in Nice
(Expected) Workload (detail for physical component and the virtual one if possible):	<p>First online phase from 1 February to 29 March 2026: a general presentation of the project for all participants, followed by an online phase to prepare for physical mobility. A range of teaching resources (documents, articles, videos, presentations) will be made available to students to help them understand the topics covered and prepare for the collaborative activities and transnational group work.</p> <p>On-site reception of participants: From 13 to 17 April 2026.</p> <p>Evaluation session: A two-hour session including feedback and portfolio presentation during the week of 20 to 24 April 2026.</p>
Language and level required:	French B2 or English B2
Available funding:	<i>Consult your home university regarding available funding options</i>
Hosting university's registration deadline to receiving	1er December 2025
Application Details:	Please contact your Ulysseus Local Mobility Officers in this table below. Feel free to reach out to them with any questions. They will manage the selection process internally.

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Self Portrait in the Green Bugatti : Tamara de Lempicka ...

General Course Information

This Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) offers an in-depth exploration of the contrasting trajectories of women's emancipation in five major European countries—Germany, France, Italy, Portugal, and Spain—during the pivotal interwar period (1918–1939). These two decades, marked by the aftermath of the First World War, the rise of authoritarian regimes, economic crises, and profound social transformations, provide a rich and complex context for analyzing the evolution of women's roles and representations in both public and private spheres.

Adopting a comparative and interdisciplinary approach, the programme invites participants to critically examine the various paths through which women claimed, negotiated, or were denied rights depending on national contexts. The course will explore the interactions between structural political changes and cultural phenomena. Particular attention will be paid to the symbolic construction of femininity, the (in)visibility of women in public discourse, and their role as both agents and subjects of change.

Drawing on methods from history, visual, literary, and discourse studies, as well as political thought, the programme promotes a nuanced understanding of how women's emancipation was conceptualized, challenged, and expressed across diverse cultural and ideological landscapes. Topics will include the "Neue Frau" in Weimar Germany, women's movements in France and Portugal, the patriarchal frameworks of fascist Italy and Salazarist Portugal, and the artistic and intellectual resistance of women in 1920s Spain.

Ultimately, the BIP aims to foster critical reflection on the political legacies of gender in the interwar period and their resonance in contemporary struggles for equality, while also cultivating intercultural competences through collaborative and multilingual research practices.

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Ulysseus Priority topics:

- Multilingual & intercultural competences;
- Equality Diversity & Inclusion;
- Citizen Engagement
- Transversal/Interdisciplinary topics aligned with the Ulysseus Mission

Target group:

- Students
- Non-academic staff
- Academic staff

Level (for students):

- Bachelor
- Master
- PhD
- Field of study and ISCED code(s) for a BIP for students using the ISCED code list in annex: 0288
- Course dates:
 - Physical component: April 13th to 17th in Nice
 - Virtual component: February 1st to March 29th

Registration dates are open from 1st September to 1st December 2025



Please be aware that your home university may set a different application deadline depending on their internal selection process (around 2-3 months).

Course Content

- Course Outline:

This Blended Intensive Programme combines theoretical input, collaborative exploration, **and** creative output to encourage a deep, comparative understanding of women's emancipation in the interwar years across Germany, France, Italy, Portugal, and Spain. Students will work in thematic and transnational groups, engaging in a combination of:

- Interactive lectures led by international academics and experts in history, gender studies, cultural studies, and discourse studies and political theory.
- Practical workshops, including:
 - Visual and textual analysis (photos, propaganda, literary sources)
 - Biographical writing of historical female figures
 - Educational planning for teachers (pedagogical transposition)
 - Creative production for digital media (script writing, podcasting)
 - Seminars and forums for peer discussion and intercultural exchange.
 - Cultural activities (on-site), such as guided thematic visits and film screenings to deepen historical and cultural immersion.

The programme culminates in a final project, where students will present their research findings and reflections through a format of their choice:

- Podcast
- Short video
- Oral presentation (in English or French)

Each project must demonstrate a clear engagement with a specific aspect of women's emancipation in the interwar period, incorporate a comparative dimension, and reflect collaborative input

- Course content:

This Blended Intensive Programme explores the contrasting trajectories of women's emancipation in interwar Europe through five main thematic axes, combining political history, cultural representations, and gender studies:

- Modernity and Women's Emancipation in the 1920s
A study of the social and cultural transformations that reshaped women's roles after



- World War I: access to employment, evolving fashion, political activism, and the emergence of the modern woman.
- The “Neue Frau” in Weimar Berlin
An analysis of this emblematic figure of modernity: the independent urban woman, active in public and artistic life, both celebrated and criticized in the media and political discourse of the time.
 - The Impact of Authoritarian Regimes: Fascism and Salazarism
An exploration of how authoritarian ideologies in Italy and Portugal affected women’s rights and roles: the rollback of freedoms, promotion of domestic ideals, natalist policies, and gendered propaganda.
 - Arts, Literature, and Female Figures
A focus on how women were portrayed in literature, the visual arts, film and other discourses during the interwar years, alongside an examination of women artists, intellectuals, and activists who shaped the cultural landscape.
 - Censorship, Engagement, and Resistance
An investigation into forms of female resistance against censorship and ideological oppression: underground networks, subversive writings, and forgotten female figures who challenged authoritarian systems.

Each topic will be addressed through a comparative and interdisciplinary lens, drawing on primary and secondary sources (archival materials, texts, images) and encouraging critical reflection on national differences and common trends across Europe.

- Learning Outcomes:

Following this course, students will be able to:

- Analyze the evolution of women’s emancipation during the interwar period using a comparative and interdisciplinary approach, drawing on historical, cultural, and political perspectives.
- Identify and critically assess the impact of authoritarian regimes on the roles and representations of women in different national contexts.
- Develop intercultural communication and international collaboration skills through work in transnational thematic groups.
- Interpret and contextualize primary sources (texts, images, audiovisual materials) relevant to gender history and cultural studies.
- Reflect on the political and social legacies of gender relations during the interwar period and their relevance to contemporary debates on equality, diversity, and inclusion.
- Apply creative and digital skills to design and produce media content (podcasts, videos, oral presentations) that showcases their research to a broader audience.
- Demonstrate autonomy, critical thinking, and academic rigor in conducting individual and collaborative research, formulating well-structured arguments, and presenting results clearly and engagingly.

Physical Mobility

	Morning	Afternoon
Day 1 Introduction & Contextualization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome of participants - Presentation of the BIP programme & goals - Roundtable: participating universities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intercultural icebreaker - Lecture 1: <i>Women and Modernity in the 1920s</i> - Thematic group launch workshop (Group work: comparative mind mapping)
Day 2 Case Studies: France and Portugal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lecture 2: <i>Women in the Roaring Twenties (France)</i> - Lecture 3: <i>The Forgotten Portuguese Feminism</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshop: analysis of visual sources (photos, posters)
Day 3 Case Studies: Germany and Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lecture 4: <i>The "Neue Frau" in Weimar Berlin</i> - Lecture 5: <i>Women and Fascism in Italy</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creative workshop: writing biographical sketches of historical women - didactical workshop for future teachers: how to implement a class session based on cultural studies (didactical objectives, competences, language activities) - Project work: scripting of podcasts/videos
Day 4	Film projection "Midnight in Paris"	Cultural visit at the Cave Biancchi (important location of <i>Magic in the Moonlight</i> .)

Day 5 Final Presentation & Closing	-Lecture 6: female Spanish artists in the twenties Feedback and exchange about the week (wooclap, wordcloud)	- Cultural visit in Nice following the steps of female figures of the 1920 (Coco Chanel, Chateau Cr�mat)
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Virtual Component/Part

- Practical Details Regarding the Virtual Component:
- February 1 – March 29: project presentation, hybrid lectures, readings
April 20 – 24 feedback and evaluation
Platform: Moodle / Zoom
Activities: thematic seminars, forums, podcast production

The virtual component aims to:

- Introduce the programme’s key topics progressively
- Provide historical, cultural, and methodological resources shared by all participants
- Enable each student to carry out personal research on a topic related to women’s emancipation in the interwar period
- Actively prepare students for the collaborative workshops to be held in Nice

This phase is designed to foster student autonomy while offering flexible online support.

February 1st, 2026

Kick-off session (2 hours, via Zoom)

General presentation of the BIP, its themes, pedagogical expectations, and guidelines for individual work. Distribution of resources by thematic group.

February 1st – March 29th, 2026

Independent online work (asynchronous)

- Access to pedagogical materials (videos, readings, visual sources) via the Moodle platform
- Selection of a personal research topic related to the BIP theme (notable woman, artistic movement, education policy, gendered laws, form of activism, propaganda, etc.), to be presented between April 20th and 24th

April 20th–24th, 2026

Feedback session (2 hours, Zoom)



Online session to share and discuss completed work, review the virtual phase, and prepare for the finalisation of collaborative projects.

Possible formats for the final individual assignment (choose one):

- Written text: a short historical or cultural essay (approx. 1,200 words)
- Commented slideshow: 10 to 12 slides with concise explanatory text
- Audio or video capsule (max. 5 minutes)

This final stage is a key moment to assess progress, boost motivation, and support the continuation of each student's academic or professional journey.

Requirements

Bachelor, Master, PhD level in Humanities; interest in women's history and gender studies; French B2 or English B2 level required.

Application Process

The selection is done by your Home institution

- Registration open: **1 Sept – 1 Dec 2025**
- Documents required: CV, motivational letter

This BIP is only open to 5 participants per university (and only for the University of Seville: 5 students and 5 staff). This BIP is a collaboration between the four universities : University of Seville, University of Leipzig, University of Turin and University of Porto.

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Annex 1: ISCED CODES

Broad field	Narrow field	Detailed field
00 Generic programmes and qualifications	000 Generic programmes and qualifications not further defined	0000 Generic programmes and qualifications not further defined
	001 Basic programmes and qualifications	0011 Basic programmes and qualifications
	002 Literacy and numeracy	0021 Literacy and numeracy
	003 Personal skills and development	0031 Personal skills and development
	009 Generic programmes and qualifications not elsewhere classified	0099 Generic programmes and qualifications not elsewhere classified
01 Education	011 Education	0110 Education not further defined 0111 Education science 0112 Training for pre-school teachers 0113 Teacher training without subject specialisation 0114 Teacher training with subject specialisation 0119 Education not elsewhere classified
	018 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving education	0188 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving education
02 Arts and humanities	020 Arts and humanities not further defined	0200 Arts and humanities not further defined
	021 Arts	0210 Arts not further defined 0211 Audio-visual techniques and media production 0212 Fashion, interior and industrial design 0213 Fine arts 0214 Handicrafts 0215 Music and performing arts 0219 Arts not elsewhere classified
	022 Humanities (except languages)	0220 Humanities (except languages) not further defined 0221 Religion and theology 0222 History and archaeology 0223 Philosophy and ethics 0229 Humanities (except languages) not elsewhere classified
	023 Languages	0230 Languages not further defined 0231 Language acquisition 0232 Literature and linguistics 0239 Languages not elsewhere classified
	028 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving arts and humanities	0288 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving arts and humanities
	029 Arts and humanities not elsewhere classified	0299 Arts and humanities not elsewhere classified

Broad field	Narrow field	Detailed field
03 Social sciences, journalism and information	030 Social sciences, journalism and information not further defined	0300 Social sciences, journalism and information not further defined
	031 Social and behavioural sciences	0310 Social and behavioural studies not further defined 0311 Economics 0312 Political sciences and civics 0313 Psychology 0314 Sociology and cultural studies 0319 Social and behavioural sciences not elsewhere classified
	032 Journalism and information	0320 Journalism and reporting not further defined 0321 Journalism and reporting 0322 Library, information and archival studies 0329 Journalism and reporting not elsewhere classified
	038 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving social sciences, journalism and information	0388 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving social sciences, journalism and information
	039 Social sciences, journalism and information not elsewhere classified	0399 Social sciences, journalism and information not elsewhere classified
04 Business, administration and law	040 Business, administration and law not further defined	0400 Business, administration and law not further defined
	041 Business and administration	0410 Business and administration not further defined 0411 Accounting and taxation 0412 Finance, banking and insurance 0413 Management and administration 0414 Marketing and advertising 0415 Secretarial and office work 0416 Wholesale and retail sales 0417 Work skills 0419 Business and administration not elsewhere classified
	042 Law	0421 Law
	048 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving business, administration and law	0488 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving business, administration and law
	049 Business, administration and law not elsewhere classified	0499 Business, administration and law not elsewhere classified

Broad field	Narrow field	Detailed field
05 Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics	050 Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics not further defined	0500 Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics not further defined
	051 Biological and related sciences	0510 Biology and related sciences not further defined 0511 Biology 0512 Biochemistry 0519 Biology and related sciences not elsewhere classified
	052 Environment	0520 Environment not further defined 0521 Environmental sciences 0522 Natural environments and wildlife 0529 Environment not elsewhere classified
	053 Physical sciences	0530 Physical sciences not further defined 0531 Chemistry 0532 Earth sciences 0533 Physics 0539 Physical sciences not elsewhere classified
	054 Mathematics and statistics	0540 Mathematics and statistics not further defined 0541 Mathematics 0542 Statistics 0549 Mathematics and statistics not elsewhere classified
	058 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving natural sciences, mathematics and statistics	0588 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving natural sciences, mathematics and statistics
	059 Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics not elsewhere classified	0599 Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics not elsewhere classified
06 Information and Communication Technologies	061 Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)	0610 Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) not further defined 0611 Computer use 0612 Database and network design and administration 0613 Software and applications development and analysis 0619 Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) not elsewhere classified
	068 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)	0688 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)

Broad field	Narrow field	Detailed field
07 Engineering, manufacturing and construction	070 Engineering, manufacturing and construction not further defined	0700 Engineering, manufacturing and construction not further defined
	071 Engineering and engineering trades	0710 Engineering and engineering trades not further defined 0711 Chemical engineering and processes 0712 Environmental protection technology 0713 Electricity and energy 0714 Electronics and automation 0715 Mechanics and metal trades 0716 Motor vehicles, ships and aircraft 0719 Engineering and engineering trades not elsewhere classified
	072 Manufacturing and processing	0720 Manufacturing and processing not further defined 0721 Food processing 0722 Materials (glass, paper, plastic and wood) 0723 Textiles (clothes, footwear and leather) 0724 Mining and extraction 0729 Manufacturing and processing not elsewhere classified
	073 Architecture and construction	0731 Architecture and construction not further defined 0731 Architecture and town planning 0732 Building and civil engineering 0739 Architecture and construction not elsewhere classified
	078 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving engineering, manufacturing and construction	0788 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving engineering, manufacturing and construction
	079 Engineering, manufacturing and construction not elsewhere classified	0799 Engineering, manufacturing and construction not elsewhere classified
08 Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary	080 Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary not further defined	0800 Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary not further defined
	081 Agriculture	0810 Agriculture not further defined 0811 Crop and livestock production 0812 Horticulture 0819 Agriculture not elsewhere classified
	082 Forestry	0821 Forestry
	083 Fisheries	0831 Fisheries
	084 Veterinary	0841 Veterinary
	088 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary	0888 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary
	089 Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary not elsewhere classified	0899 Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary not elsewhere classified

Broad field	Narrow field	Detailed field
09 Health and welfare	090 Health and welfare not further defined	0900 Health and welfare not further defined
	091 Health	0910 Health not further defined 0911 Dental studies 0912 Medicine 0913 Nursing and midwifery 0914 Medical diagnostic and treatment technology 0915 Therapy and rehabilitation 0916 Pharmacy 0917 Traditional and complementary medicine and therapy 0919 Health not elsewhere classified
	092 Welfare	0910 Welfare not further defined 0921 Care of elderly and of disabled adults 0922 Child care and youth services 0923 Social work and counselling 0929 Welfare not elsewhere classified
	098 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving health and welfare	0988 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving health and welfare
	099 Health and welfare not elsewhere classified	0999 Health and welfare not elsewhere classified
10 Services	100 Services not further defined	1000 Services not further defined
	101 Personal services	1010 Personal services not further defined 1011 Domestic services 1012 Hair and beauty services 1013 Hotel, restaurants and catering 1014 Sports 1015 Travel, tourism and leisure 1019 Personal services not elsewhere classified
	102 Hygiene and occupational health services	1020 Hygiene and occupational health services not further defined 1021 Community sanitation 1022 Occupational health and safety 1029 Hygiene and occupational health services not elsewhere classified
	103 Security services	1030 Security services not further defined 1031 Military and defence 1032 Protection of persons and property 1039 Security services not elsewhere classified
	104 Transport services	1041 Transport services
	108 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving services	1088 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving services
	109 Services not elsewhere classified	1099 Services not elsewhere classified
	99 Field unknown	999 Field unknown