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# Annual Report 2020



# Thinking globally in Barcelona


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A community of just over 200 students, in which there is a real possibility to forge lasting friendships and professional contacts.



Training professionals in the areas of international relations and diplomacy, global governance, development and international security, as well as related public policy topics, has been a goal of IBEI since its creation.

Narcís Serra,  
IBEI President



# Letter from the President and the Director

## Narcís Serra & Jacint Jordana

This year 2020 has been exceptional for a very basic reason: the COVID-19 pandemic that has strongly impacted on our lives and professional activities in many respects. The COVID-19 pandemic has been an event with dramatic global consequences, which few could have foreseen. The entire IBEI community was committed to fighting it, and expressed its solidarity with all those who fell ill or who lost loved ones.

In spite of the circumstances, at IBEI, day-to-day activities continued as normally as possible, even during the hardest times of lockdown, thanks to a radical and immediate move to digital. Students made a great effort to persist in their studies in the face of the difficulties they experienced, and in some cases, in the less-than-ideal conditions of quarantine, whether it was in Barcelona or in their countries of origin. From the IBEI faculty and management, we did everything to make study plans more flexible and adapt them to the new circumstances, by introducing a series of measures that allowed each student to find the customized solution that met their needs and expectations best.

Fortunately, we were prepared: in late February 2020, we started moving all IBEI activities to virtual platforms and formats, implementing the necessary software, preparing the corresponding handbooks and making all kinds of adjustments to the organization of study and work. This allowed us to make a comparatively quick, seamless transition to e-learning, with students and teachers committed to continue the semester with the digital tools we made available to them. Even though it was an emergency situation, we managed to respond quickly and adapt syllabi, especially assessment criteria, to the new circumstances, with all the flexibility required.

In this respect, all faculty and students – with very few exceptions – continued to work relatively normally, while adjusting to and experimenting with the new digital environment. Their dedication and involvement were admirable and indicative of IBEI's commitment to complete the master's programmes with all the guarantees of quality, despite all the restrictions we were experiencing. Research activities and projects at IBEI were also profoundly affected by the pandemic. There was a great deal of uncertainty with regard to COVID-19, and it was therefore very difficult to make forecasts at that time, and in many cases, projects requested extensions to reduce such uncertainty, while many activities moved to digital environments and formats, from research seminars to personal interviews in field research. However, distortions were inevitable and researchers made great efforts under the extremely difficult circumstances resulting from the pandemic.

In short, this has been a very special and difficult year for everybody, including IBEI, but we rose to the challenge and new students continued to arrive at IBEI in the autumn for our new courses and programmes. New research projects were launched throughout the year, as the first ERC Consolidator Grant obtained by IBEI, in October 2020. This is why we warmly thank the entire IBEI community for their enthusiasm and hard work during this extremely trying year 2020.

Jacint Jordana,  
IBEI Director



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# Graduate Programmes



## 5 Master Programmes



Master's  
in International  
Development



Master's  
in International  
Relations



Master's  
in International  
Security



Research Master's  
in International  
Studies

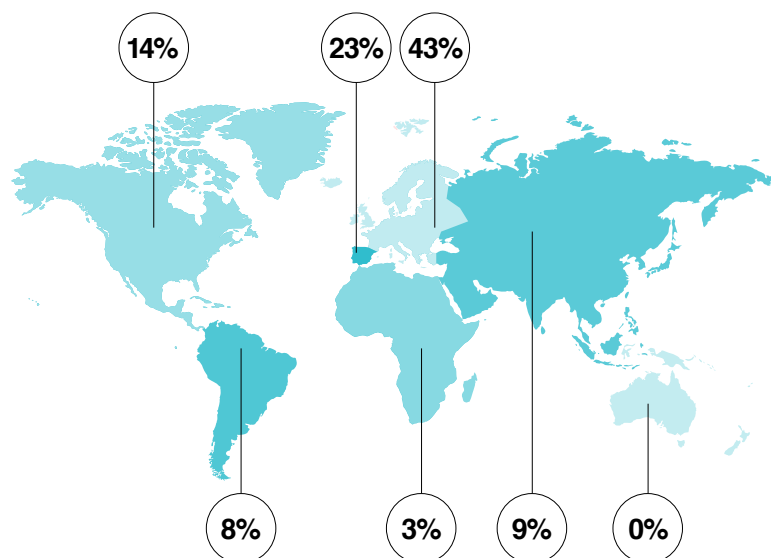


Erasmus Mundus  
Master's in Public Policy  
(Mundus MAPP)

The Master's degrees are accredited by the Spanish Ministry of Education and are awarded by renowned Barcelona universities:



## Students by origin



## 234 Total master students 2020

### New intake students



Master's  
in International  
Development



Master's  
in International  
Relations  
Full Time



Master's  
in International  
Relations  
Part Time 1st year



Master's  
in International  
Security



Research Master's  
in International  
Studies



Erasmus Mundus  
Master's in Public Policy  
(Mundus MAPP)

### Previous year students



Master's  
in International  
Development



Master's  
in International  
Relations  
Full Time



Master's  
in International  
Relations  
Part Time 2nd year



Master's  
in International  
Security

## Student profile 2020-21 (intake)

### Average age



25 years

### Nationalities



43

### Gender



60% female 40% male

### Most represented countries



Spain, USA,  
Germany, Italy,  
Netherlands & UK

## Student profile by masters programme (intake)



### Master's in International Development

Average age **25** years

Gender **67%** female **33%** male



### Master's in International Relations

Average age **24** years

Gender **58%** female **42%** male



### Master's in International Security

Average age **24** years

Gender **61%** female **35%** male



### Research Master's in International Studies

Average age **24** years

Gender **50%** female **50%** male



### Erasmus Mundus Master's in Public Policy (Mundus MAPP)

Average age **25** years

Gender **76%** female **24%** male

# Professional Internship Programme

Curricular  
internships in 2020

46

Extracurricular  
internships in 2020

14

Total internships conducted  
by IBEI students in 2020

60

## Internship Placements

In 2020 IBEI students completed internships in placements such as UNICEF Regional Office in Nairobi, United Nations Global Compact in Berlin, the Spanish Ministry of Defense, FIAPP, ISGlobal, Sci Tech Diplohub, CIDOB or Metropolis, among many others.

## Career Center

At the beginning of 2020 IBEI launched a new online platform oriented to professional development of IBEI students and recent graduates.

They can find job offers and internship calls, a knowledge center and advice, or career guidance appointments, among others.

# Career Skills Workshops

IBEI organizes several workshops and lectures as part of the Internship Programme. The aim of these activities is to improve your professional skills and to give you an insight into different job profiles of the International Relations, International Security, International Development, and International Studies sectors.



## IBEI Internship Programme

### Career Skills Workshops · March 2020

<b>03/03/20 - 09:30-13:30h · Room 20.055</b> <b>Foreign Policy Making at Prime Minister's Level</b> <b>Carles Casajuana</b> Spanish Diplomat. Former Senior Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister of Spain. Former Ambassador of Spain to the United Kingdom. Diplomacy workshops	<b>04/03/20 - 16-20h · Room 24.009</b> <b>Global Cities, Emerging Actors in the International System</b> <b>Agusti Fernandez de Losada</b> Director of Studies and International Technical Assistance at Tornos Abogados, and director of the Global Cities Programme at CIDOB. Diplomacy workshops	<b>06/03/20 - 14-18h · Room 24.104</b> <b>China since Deng Xiaoping</b> <b>Eugen Bregolat</b> Spanish Diplomat. Former Ambassador of Spain in China, Russia, Indonesia, Canada and Andorra. Honorary Professor of the Zhou Enlai School of International Relations, Nankai University Tianjin. Diplomacy workshops	<b>10/03/20 - 12:30-15:30h · Room TBC</b> <b>Negotiation skills</b> <b>Antoni Matas</b> Member of the Board, The Art of Newmanagement, Consultant at UOC, and Associate professor at ESADE and UPC.
<b>10/03/20 - 09-12h</b> <b>11/03/20 - 09-12h · Room TBC</b> <b>Institutions, Politics and Development: Theoretical and Field Perspectives</b> <b>Diane Zovighian</b> Researcher and senior consultant for the World Bank.	<b>10/03/20 - 16-19h</b> <b>11/03/20 - 16-19h · Room TBC</b> <b>Workshop on Project Management</b> <b>Aleksandra Chmielewska</b> Project Manager at the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed).	<b>10/03/20 - 12:30-15:30h</b> <b>11/03/20 - 12:30-15:30h · Room TBC</b> <b>Implementing EU Development Cooperation</b> <b>Lluís Riera</b> Mr. Riera worked in the European Commission from 1987-2014. At present continues to cooperate with the EC on Forest management in Central America and on Culture & Development.	<b>11/03/20 - 16-18h · Room TBC</b> <b>How to win at a job interview</b> <b>Nadine Kazeronian</b> Image consultant and career coach at Praxis Image Consultants.
<b>13/03/20 - 11-14h · Room TBC</b> <b>Public Speaking</b> <b>Antoni Matas</b> Member of the Board, The Art of Newmanagement, Consultant at UOC, and Associate professor at ESADE and UPC.	<b>20/03/20 - 17-19h · Room TBC</b> <b>Shaping your career. An instructional and educational workshop on traineeships with a particular focus on traineeships offered by EU institutions</b> <b>Philipp Trummer</b> IBEI Alumni, Consultant at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).	<b>24/03/20 - 11-14h · Room TBC</b> <b>Business, International Development and Security</b> <b>Katinka C. van Cranenburgh</b> Senior Strategic CSR Consultant, Community Wisdom Partners, Visiting lecturer, Institute of Social Innovation of ESADE Business School.	Workshops only for IBEI students. Registration is required. <b>The attendance of at least two career skills workshops is compulsory to participate in the IBEI Internship Programme.</b> <a href="#">Registration Form</a>



# Student Highlights

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## IBEI student Julián Andrés Villarreal Solano obtains the REEDES Award to the Best Master's Final Dissertation on Development Studies

For the third year in a row, the 2020 REEDES (Spanish Network of Development Studies) Award to the Best Master's Final Dissertation in Development Studies was adjudged to an IBEI student. The student Julián Andrés Villarreal Solano was awarded for his project *'Citizen visible audits on the execution of development projects in Colombia: Do they make a difference?'* in the framework of the IBEI Master's in International Development during the course 2018-19.

The dissertation evaluates the impact of citizen audits in Colombia between 2012 and 2020, seeking to investigate whether the mechanism favors the provision of services, and, consequently, produces a positive effect on the execution of development projects. It is a work with a micro, empirical orientation, and focused on a middle income country and that highlights the importance of local particularities and institutional capacities as determining factors in the execution of projects. The methodological solidity of the work and the good writing are also highlighted.



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## IBEI student Andréane Williams wins the third place in the IEMed Aula Mediterrània Best Master's Thesis Awards

Andréane Williams, student of the Master's in International Relations, was awarded the third prize for her work *"Micro-level motivations of combatants in inter-communal conflicts. A look into the cases of Jabal Mohsen and Bab al Tabbaneh"*.

In the work, Williams studies community violence between these two neighborhoods in the Lebanese city of Tripoli based on interviews with 13 ex-combatants. It is of special interest, according to the jury, "for its analysis of the factors that generate conflicts between groups in the same place" and because "it constitutes an in-depth exploration of the circumstances that condition personal involvement in conflicts of this kind." The Awards are part of the Aula Mediterrània interuniversity programme, which the IEMed has been co-organizing with different master's degrees from Catalan universities that are dedicated to the study of different disciplines of the Mediterranean environment.





## Financial Aid and Scholarships

IBEI, in collaboration with other institutions, offers the possibility to apply for scholarships that partially or completely cover the tuition fees for the master's programmes.



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# Other Programmes

## 4 Executive courses

Taught under the framework of the Barcelona'gov academic network:

3 online courses in collaboration with Escuela de Gobierno y Políticas Públicas de la Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP)



**Sector policy seminar**



**Politics and institutions of the European Union**



**Strategic and operational planning and articulation**

1 face-to-face course in collaboration with Universidad de la República Uruguay (Udelar)



**New theoretical approaches in the analysis of public policies**

**barcelona'gov**  
Formación y Gobernanza

## 1 Winter School



**POLNET Barcelona.  
Advanced Social Network Analysis**

Jointly organized with the Universität Konstanz

Universität  
Konstanz



## 1 Summer School



**12th Euro-Asia**

**Online Summer School:**

**The Sustainable Development Goals after the COVID pandemic.  
European and Asian Perspectives on Global Governance.**

Organized by the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies in association with Hitotsubashi University (Japan), Seoul National University (South Korea), the KDI School of Public Policy and Management (South Korea) and IBEI (Spain).



SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY



**KDI SCHOOL**  
KDI School of Public Policy and Management





# 1 Online Course



## International Relations, Geopolitics and Global Governance

Jointly offered by IBEI and Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC)



### Student Profile 2020-21

38 students

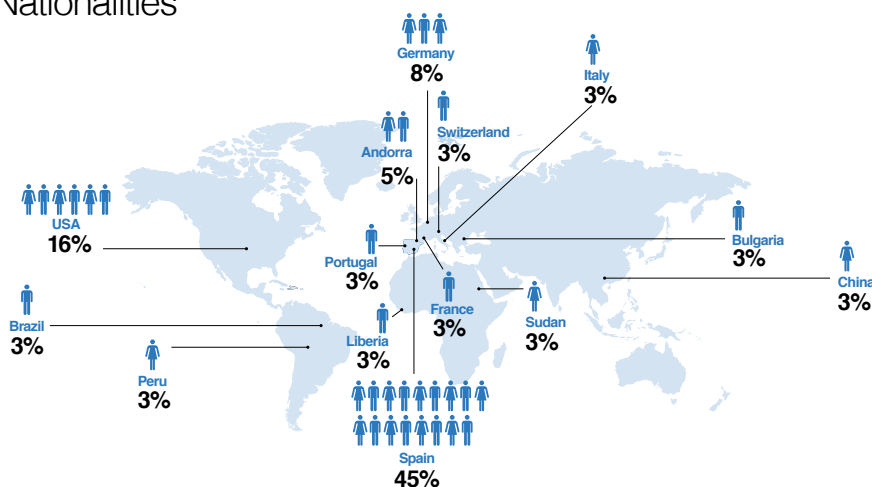
**42% Female**



**58% Male**



14 Nationalities



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# Alumni

## #IBElumni Cafés



As of September 2020, IBEI launched a new programme, the **#IBElumni Cafés**, a new initiative aimed at getting insights of the alumni professional paths among IBEI graduates.

On a regular basis, IBEI alumni offer a virtual coffee talk to share professional experiences with graduate peers in order to get insights on the global job market, post questions, learn, exchange ideas and debate.

### #IBElumni Cafés in 2020

26 November 2020 | **There is no map: the need to reinvent in a career in international relations** with *Cyntia Oliveira (MIR 2010)*, Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow at the German Research Foundation.

12 November 2020 | **Discovering the Equality Field** with *Sarah Cooke O'Dowd (MIR 2010)*, Currently working as Communication Officer at EQUINET (European Network of Equality Bodies).

15 October 2020 | **Higher Education and International Relations: a perspective from an IR graduate** with *Felipe Ochoa Mogrovejo (MIR 2018)*, Currently working as Coordinator for the Directorate General of Students - Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador.

1 October 2020 | **IR Careers in Multilateral Institutions. Profiles and trends for a new Development Landscape** with *Fernando Ledo (MIR 2006)*, Currently working as Senior Consultant. Agribusiness Development Division at the African Development Group, Côte d'Ivoire.

17 September 2020 | **How to make a Career in the Environmental Field** with *Mariona Oliva (MIR 2019)*, Currently working as Vice President-Environmental and Social Studies - WSP, Colombia.

3 September 2020 | **The many Paths to Cybersecurity** with *Alejandro Fernández-Cernuda (MIR 2012)*, Currently working as Director of Communications and Marketing at Global Cyber Alliance, Brussels-Belgium.

# Alumni Professional Stories

## Federica Genna

Master's in International Security 2015-16

**Junior Consultant Security & Justice at Ecorys**  
Rotterdam (Netherlands)

*"The knowledge I acquired during my Master's degree served as a useful basis to build on as I started working in the field of international security. The Master's helped me strengthen my analytical, writing and public presentation skills, and the courses I took inspired me to continue pursuing a career in this area. But perhaps most importantly, IBEI gave me the opportunity to learn how to live and work in a multicultural environment."*

## Juan Masullo

Master's in International Relations 2010-11

**Lecturer at the Department of Politics and International Relations of the University of Oxford**  
Oxford (United Kingdom)

*"My research (and teaching) falls at the intersection of international relations and comparative politics. IBEI's program gave me opportunity to devote almost a full year to strengthen my conceptual and theoretical foundations in the field of international relations – something that ended opening some doors down the road. At IBEI I also meet faculty members that gave me great advice and inspired me."*

## Mariona Oliva Escudé

Master's in International Relations 2018-19

**Head of the Department of Environmental and Social Studies at WSP Colombia**  
Bogotá (Colombia)

*"I think the master helped me to better understand many of the problems the existing problems in Latin America and the EMEA region, and particularly the reasons why it is so difficult to progress in the infrastructures Field. I also prepared me to understand the social aspects of the Environmental problems and how to deal with different cultures, backgrounds, etc."*

## Sanja Bauer-Mitranic

Master's in International Relations 2013-2014

**Policy Officer at the Austrian Ministry of the Interior**  
Vienna (Austria)

*"I miss receiving high quality education and meeting ambitious people from around the world while at the same time living in a Mediterranean city that gives you positive energy for pursuing your dreams. Even now, 5 years after graduation, I am convinced that it was the best choice for me to study at IBEI."*

## Ana García Juanatey

Master's in International Relations 2006-2007

**Professor at CEI International Affairs**  
Barcelona (Spain)

*"I chose IBEI's Master because it had great professors and was interdisciplinary and research-oriented; in addition to that, it was based in Barcelona, a city I wanted to live in. I do have great memories, but I must admit it was an intense year as we had to work a lot. The quality of the teaching was excellent, as I expected, so I enjoyed the courses very much, as well as the international environment."*

## Raimon Puigjaner

Master's in International Relations 2006-2007

**Co-founder & Partner at Roots for Sustainability and President at B Lab Spain**  
Barcelona (Spain)

*"I assume that all IBEI students have an interest and are motivated to address global challenges. Thus, I would encourage them to think out of the box and use the knowledge they gain in unconventional manners. Because we are experiencing a systemic change, and the world needs innovative responses for challenging uncertainties."*

## Mina Popović

Master's in International Relations 2013-2014

**Programme Assistant at The South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons/UNDP**  
Belgrade (Serbia)

*"My experience at IBEI was definitely beyond my expectations. IBEI's course of study enabled me to gain a great deal of both theoretical and practical knowledge in the realm of international relations. The courses prepared me for my future working career and instilled added passion to my already interest in this field. I learned so much in just one year! My professors were outstanding and I particularly enjoyed the fact that they came from diverse backgrounds."*

## Manuel Herrera

Master's in International Security 2017-2018

**Intelligence Analyst at Accenture**  
Lisbon (Portugal)

*"My experience at IBEI can only be described as extremely positive. Both at the level of studies/knowledge and at the level of human relations, my feeling is one of general satisfaction. Not only does IBEI have a staff of great teachers with recognized national and international prestige, but they are also empathetic and professional enough to accompany and help the student throughout the entire intellectual formation process. Likewise, at the student level, I have met some really extraordinary people and I have kept many friends from my time at the centre"*

## Lara Sampaio

Master's in Public Policy (Mundus MAPP) 2014-2016

**Researcher and Public Policy Specialist at the Brazilian Ministry of Economics**  
Brasília (Brazil)

*"A key benefit from the master course was the advancement of my knowledge in research theory and methods. I followed different courses, both at CEU and at IBEI, that gave me a solid understanding of the possibilities and limitations of doing research in the social field. Additionally, the courses that discussed poverty reduction and development put me in contact with recent discussions on these topics."*





## Alumni online network



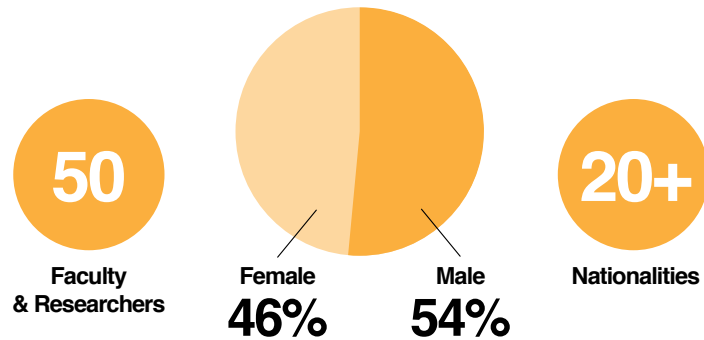
At the end of 2019, IBEI created a digital platform to facilitate the gathering of its alumni. Currently the IBEI Alumni network consists of almost fifteen hundred graduates from all over the world who have completed the IBEI Masters programmes.

With this initiative, IBEI pretends to extend its full potential in terms of its graduates, their professional careers, as well as to encourage their encounter all over the world.

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# Faculty & Research

## Faculty & Research



## New Research Fellows



**Alfredo  
Hernández Sánchez**  
Teaching Fellow

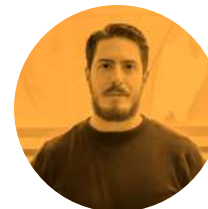


**Jeffrey  
Michaels**  
IEN Senior Fellow

## Researchers 2020

University Associated & Full Professors	8
Associate Professors	6
Tenure-track Professors	5
Research Fellows & Senior Research Fellows	10
Postdoctoral Fellows	3
Research Assistants & PhD trainees	18

## 2020 Visiting Researchers & Professors



**Gabriel  
Garroum Pla**  
King's College London  
(UK)



**Niko  
Krisch**  
The Graduate Institute  
(Switzerland)



**Sharon  
Lecocq**  
KU Leuven  
(Belgium)



## 23 Ongoing research projects



## Publications 2020

Papers published in high impact peer-reviewed journals (Q1-Q2)	22
Papers published in high impact peer-reviewed journals	11
Books and monographs	3
Book chapters	13
Books reviews	2



## Scientific Council

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IBEI

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# About IBEI

# Economic Data



**3,5 budget**

(in millions €)

# Expenditure 2019-20

**Structure**

9,86%  
356.567,15 €

**Research Activities**

9,65%  
349.184,12 €

**Training Programmes**

28,70%  
1.038.218,36 €

**Faculty and Administration Staff**

51,79%  
1.873.814,30 €

Total expenditure 3.617.783,93 €

# Income 2019-20

**Other Income**

0%  
97,44 €

**Board of Patrons**

16,63%  
588.666,66 €

**Research Projects**

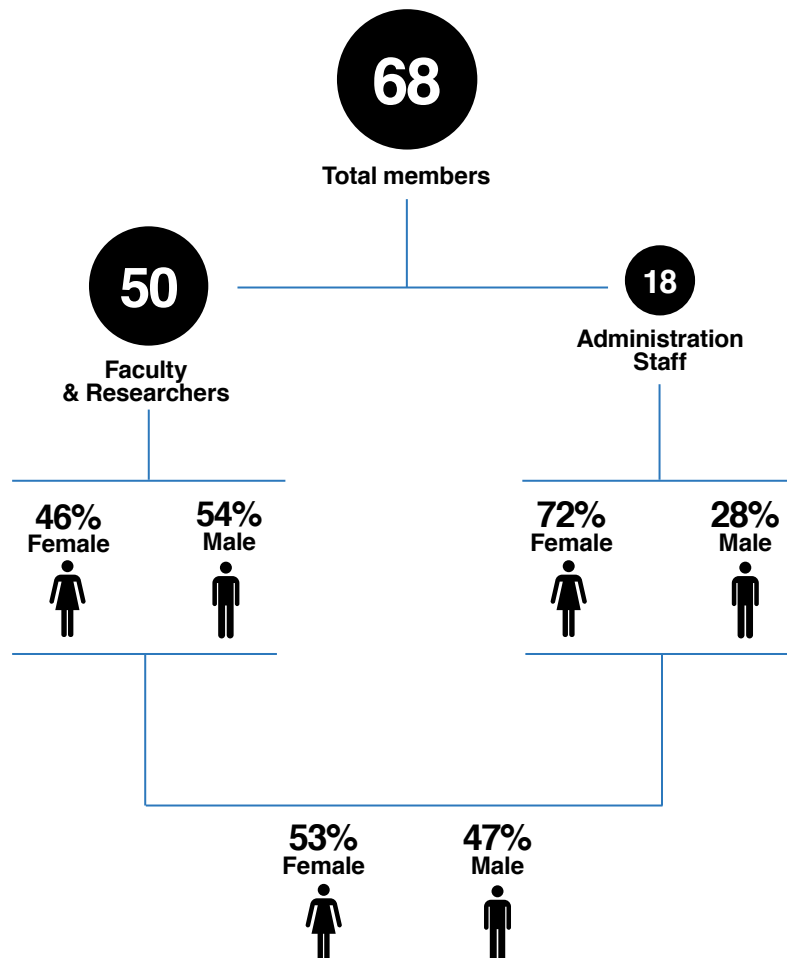
24,93%  
882.491,91 €

**Training Activities**

58,44%  
2.068.906,56 €

Total income 3.540.162,57 €

## Total number of Staff



## Social Media & Web (December 2020)

Twitter Followers



4.081

Facebook Followers



4.548

LinkedIn Followers



3.402

Video reproductions  
on YouTube during 2020



5.723

People who visited  
the web in 2020



133.828

Visits



226.973

Pages per visit  
on average



3



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**Yolanda Puiggròs Jiménez de Anta**

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# Highlights

1

In 2020 IBEI started a long demanding evaluation process by the **Institution of Research Centres of Catalonia (CERCA)** in order to be incorporated into their system, which culminated favourably. At the beginning of 2021 IBEI received the recognition as a CERCA centre.

The CERCA Institution is a public sector entity of the Generalitat de Catalunya for the monitoring, support and facilitation of the activity of research centres. Recognition as a CERCA centre will allow IBEI to improve the visibility and impact of its research, maximize synergies, as well as consolidate its standards of excellence, among others.



2

Within the framework of the accreditation process for IBEI degrees, the **Master's in International Security**, the **Master's in International Relations** and the **Master's in International Development** obtained the qualification "accredited in progress of excellence" by the **Catalan University Quality Assurance Agency (AQU Catalunya)**. The three master's degrees passed the external evaluations of the AQU Catalunya with the maximum qualification. In July 2020, during the external visit of the evaluators, the IBEI scheduled meetings with students, graduates, teachers and management.



3

**The Institut d'Estudis Nord-americans (IEN)** and the IBEI launched a program on American politics and international security in October 2020.

The program aims to promote the city of Barcelona as a relevant meeting place for American studies, attracting the best international experts and academics as a place for reflection and debate, with special attention to the implications of US foreign policy in the European and Mediterranean framework. Professor **Jeffrey Michaels** is the academic coordinator of the program. Michaels was selected from more than 50 applicants in a high-level international public call announced in February 2020.



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*Where are the ECDC and the EU-wide responses in the COVID-19 pandemic?*

This analysis on the role of the European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC) during the COVID-19 pandemic, by IBEI director Jacint Jordana & IBEI researcher Juan Carlos Triviño-Salazar, was published in May 2020 in the *The Lancet* journal, one of the world's leading general medical journals.

Researchers have found that only when key actors in the EU polity agree on a common response that is less politically costly than disagreement can European-wide public health mechanisms such as the ECDC adopt a more active role.

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PNAS

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National Academy of Sciences  
of the United States of America

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In January 2020, began the project "Trust in Governance and Regulation in Europe (TiGRE)", participated by IBEI.

Funded by the European Commission's Horizon 2020 research programme, the project will explore over the next 3.5 years trust relationships in three high value sectors: Finance, Food Safety and Communication & Data Protection. It will analyse the conditions under which their regulatory regimes are trusted at different levels of governance such as regional, national and European.

This interdisciplinary project benefits from the expertise of 9 partner universities and research centres from 9 different countries.



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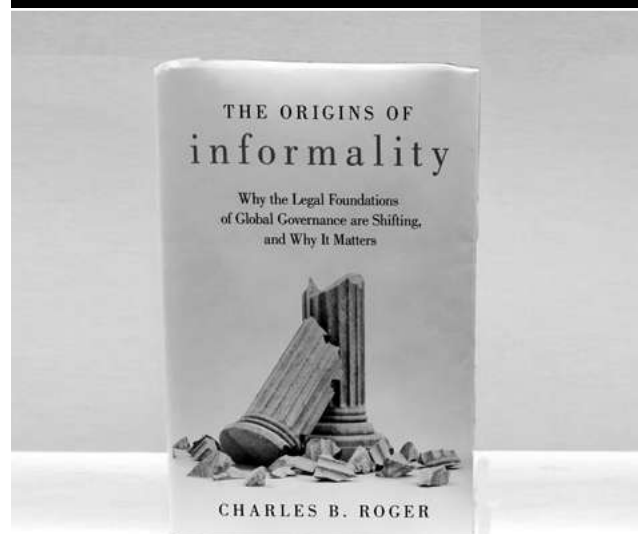
Two projects participated by IBEI researchers were awarded a grant by the **European NORFACE network** within the research programme 'Democratic governance in a turbulent age'. A total of fourteen transnational research projects were selected for funding for a period of 2 years (2020-2022). With the "Democratic governance in a turbulent age" research programme, NORFACE offers a timely investigation of the precise nature of the turbulence, but also of how European states can negotiate this turbulence and develop strategies to enhance the quality of democratic politics and governance.



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Charles Roger, Assistant Professor and Research Fellow Beatriu de Pinós at IBEI, published in 2020 his new book "*The Origins of Informality*" (Oxford University Press). The book offers a new way of thinking about informal organizations, presents new data revealing their extraordinary growth over time and across regions, and advances a novel theory to explain these patterns.



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ETHNICGOODS research project, funded by a European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grant, started in October 2020.

The main goal of the project, led by Matthias vom Hau, Associate Professor at IBEI, is to challenge the notion that ethnic diversity dampens public goods such as healthcare or education. The project's main goal is to test if considering the historical processes of formation of modern nation-states would prove this negative association as spurious and thus, likely to be incorrect. This would provide new evidence to refute the exclusionary claims advanced by nativist movements.



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# 2020 the year of the COVID-19 pandemic



## IBEI's adaptation during coronavirus lockdown



Since the beginning of the health alert by COVID-19 in mid-March 2020, IBEI did an effort to adapt all its face-to-face activities (research, master programmes and all academic activities) into an online format.

IBEI community did not stopped during the quarantine. During this time, as a result of a collaborative and collective effort, all IBEI researchers, faculty, staff and students were able to continue working and learning from home.

In March 2020 IBEI launched the [#IBElatHome](#) initiative, aimed to give visibility to all this effort.



## Action Protocol & Statement from the Director

Facing the activation of the health alert by COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2), IBEI created an action protocol, posted general recommendations and enabled a specific email for queries.

Besides, IBEI's Director Jacint Jordana made a statement for all IBEI community, in order to reassure IBEI's efforts and commitment given the situation.

## Distance learning



Classroom teaching at IBEI was suspended from Friday 13 March. IBEI moved all teaching across onto an online synchronous platform through the Virtual Campus (with live interaction with the faculty and the rest of the class) which implied a certain training to all faculty and students, in order to adapt the new situation.



All teachers, staff and students continued to work relatively normally, while adjusting to and experimenting with the new digital environment. Their dedication and involvement were admirable and indicative of IBEI's commitment to complete of the master's programmes with all the guarantees of quality, despite all the restrictions we are experiencing.



At the end of the semester all students were grateful and satisfied with the results.



Academic Office and all masters' programmes coordinators were available remotely to make sure everything run as smoothly as possible.



At the beginning of new academic year 2020-21 some courses were also offered in a hybrid way.

## Information centre COVID-19

Official information on IBEI coronavirus response regarding all the activities & events was updated daily.

## Admissions, information for applicants 2020-21

**Information and webinars for prospective students were available on IBEI's website in order to solve doubts on how COVID-19 could affect the admissions process and/or the next academic year.**



Webinars for each master's programme were hosted and recorded, in order to have them available at applicants' convenience.



FAQ around COVID-19 situation, in order to reassure prospective students that the IBEI Admissions team was still available while working remotely and to find some of the answers to the most frequent questions derived from the COVID-19 situation.



Virtual meetings were arranged at prospective students' convenience, with Admissions Team or with one of IBEI Masters' Coordinators.



## Online seminars, workshops & other activities (webinars)

**Since March 2020, IBEI hosted more than 40 webinars which a huge participation from people around the world:**

*"Barcelona Workshop on Global Governance 2020"* coorganized with EsadeGeo-Center for Global Economy and Geopolitics – hosted in January 2020 face to face.

From March 2020, all IBEI *Research Seminars* were done online. Some of them coorganized with the Interdisciplinary Research Group on Immigration-Universitat Pompeu Fabra (GRITIM-UPF).

*New Research on Trade Policy Webinar Series*, in the framework of the Observatori de Política Exterior Europea (European Foreign Policy Observatory), 3 papers were presented, addressing various aspects of trade policy.

*GLOBE webinars* participated by IBEI researchers, included discussion around new books.

*"Confronting the Climate Crisis: Prospects for the 2021 UN Climate Summit in Glasgow. A contribution from Metropolitan Governments"* and *"Servicios digitales y gobernanza metropolitana Servicios digitales y gobernanza metropolitana"* coorganized with Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona (AMB).

*"Europe and China in the times of COVID-19"* coorganized with US Consulate General Barcelona

*"A Dialogue on COVID-19 and Inequality"* with Joan Benach (UPF) and Branko Milanovic (CUNY)

*"Human Security in a Time of Covid-19"* online session with Mary Kaldor coorganized with Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB).

*New seminar series on the US Foreign Policy* coorganized with Institut d'Estudis Nord-americans (IEN)



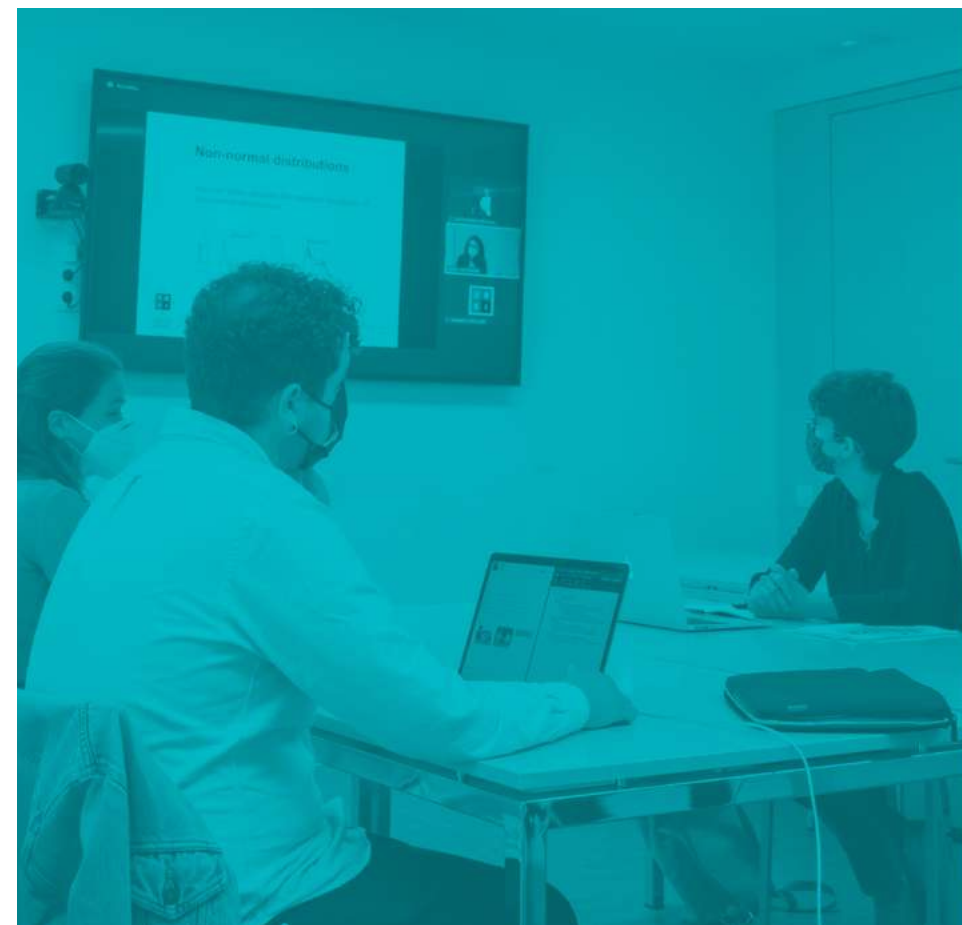
**The IBEI's YouTube channel has had a total of 5723 video reproductions during 2020**

All recorded events can be watched here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/ibeibcn>

## Contributing to research on the COVID-19 pandemic

**IBEI researchers** contributed to research and to analyse the COVID-19 pandemic through several articles and posts available on IBEI's website.

Given the health emergency around the world, IBEI Assistant Professor and Beatriu de Pinós Research Fellow **Charles Roger** reoriented his research on informality and global governance to respond more effectively to the new situation.









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