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IBEI aims to contribute to a more effective and democratic governance of international affairs through the training of new generations of professionals in international relations and political science, as well as advanced research on the governmental and social responses to global challenges.



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Letter from the President and the Director

Narcís Serra & Jacint Jordana

The year 2022 has been a year of consolidation for IBEI, during which several large ERC research projects were initiated, and the number of master's students has significantly increased, particularly compared to a few years ago. Currently, IBEI has two Erasmus Mundus programmes running, which have also played a crucial role in the Institute's institutional consolidation. Additionally, IBEI has been continuously building extensive scholarly networks in Europe and beyond. However, IBEI is not just about numbers; over the years, it has evolved into a dynamic community with diverse voices. At present, our community consists of approximately 80 dedicated scholars and administrative staff members, along with a broader teaching staff comprising active professionals and faculty members from our partner universities. Within this vibrant community, we foster a culture of rich and intricate conversations, nurturing shared discourses and mutual understanding on pressing issues within the realm of international affairs. As evidence of this, the number of workshops and seminars organized at IBEI during this year has grown significantly, including the International Seminar on the Future of NATO, which IBEI organized in collaboration with the Spanish Foreign Affairs Ministry a few weeks before the summit in Madrid.


The persistence of war in Europe, a growing world polarization and regionalization, or the multiple challenges of international security and development are highly debated topics. Pursuing the master's programmes at IBEI has given students the opportunity to contrast these issues from different perspectives and values with fellow students and teaching staff from around the world. They have also gained insights into the intricacies of global governance and the significance of leadership in shaping global public policies. In this sense, we encourage diverse interactions at IBEI concerning current world challenges and the nuances of addressing international politics and globalization challenges. These interactions will substantially support and enrich students' professional careers in the future.

Promoting excellent research lies at the core of IBEI's aims, and 2022 has witnessed a significant expansion of research productivity, with an increase in the number and quality of articles and books published by IBEI researchers. We anticipate this trend to continue in the coming years, enabling our researchers to gain broader visibility and take a leading role in significant research topics. Moreover, we aim to facilitate the transfer of knowledge to policymakers and concerned citizens more generally. Consequently, we expect IBEI faculty to be even more engaged in global conversations and to make relevant contributions that enhance the understanding of global governance, security, and development. IBEI's internal diversity, focusing on relevant problems cutting across different academic disciplines while maintaining connections with a large number of international scholarly and professional networks, will likely contribute positively to achieving this purpose.





Graduate Programmes

A black and white photograph of two women sitting at a desk, working on laptops. The woman on the left has long, dark, wavy hair and is looking down at her laptop. The woman on the right is smiling and looking towards the right side of the frame. She is wearing a necklace and earrings. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

A community of just over 300 students,
in which there is a real possibility to forge lasting
friendships and professional contacts.

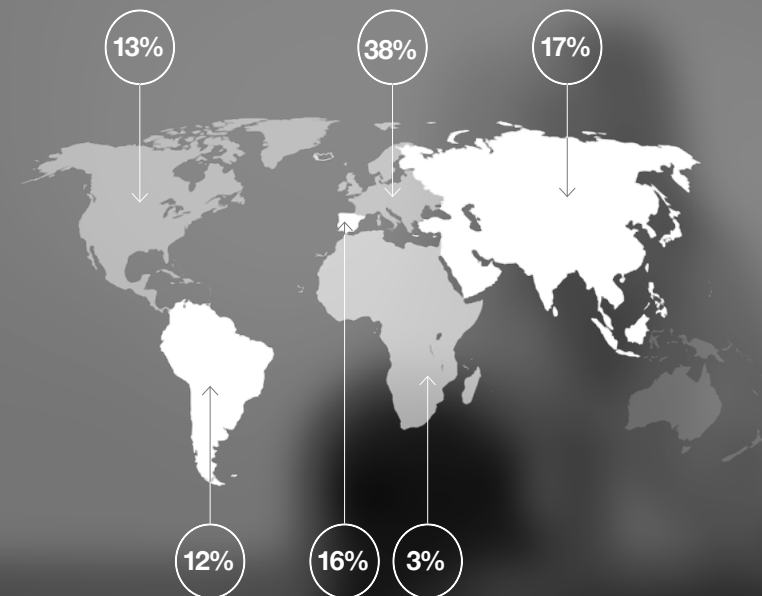


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6 Master Programmes

345 Total Master Students 2022

Students by Origin



Student Profile 2022-23 (Intake)



Average age
25 years



Nationalities
60 countries

Gender



59% female



41% male

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

UAB
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

upf. Universitat
Pompeu Fabra
Barcelona

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BARCELONA



**Spain, USA, Germany, UK,
Netherlands, Colombia & India**

Most represented countries

IBEI Master's students celebrate the Graduation Ceremony 2022

On June 27, 2022, IBEI held the graduation ceremony of its Master's at the Paraninf of the Universitat de Barcelona.

Quique Bassat, ICREA Research Professor and Head of the Malaria Programme of ISGlobal, served as the keynote speaker, focusing on global health, inequalities and how to fight them.

After the lecture, **Laura Chaqués Bonafont**, Professor of Political Science at UB and Senior Research Associate at IBEI, congratulated the students on behalf of the faculty and encouraged them in their promising futures after their studies at IBEI.

IBEI students **Shivam Shammit Ghai**, **Ángel Manuel Almendros Salerno** & **Mercédesz Mária Lajos** (Master's in International Relations) emphasized the need for their classmates to become the change they want to see in the world.

Ambiorix Feliz Brito, IBEI Alumni Barcelona Chapter Lead, addressed the future graduates, stressing the relevance of the synergies and opportunities between our alumni & our recent graduates: "IBEI will always be your home, you will always be welcome here".



[Pictures](#)



[Full event](#) [Summary video](#)



[Programme in PDF](#)



Welcome Day for 2022-2023 Students

On September 30, 2022, IBEI welcomed all master's students to their new home.

The event was hosted by **Jacint Jordana**, IBEI's director, who introduced the students to the Institution and warmly welcomed them to the academic year at IBEI.

Robert Kissack also addressed the students as Head of Studies at IBEI, discussing academic issues such as courses organization and student activities. Additionally, students received information about IBEI'S career development services and international exchange programme.

At the end, the students were asked to introduce themselves by stating their name, place of origin, and sharing something curious or funny about themselves.

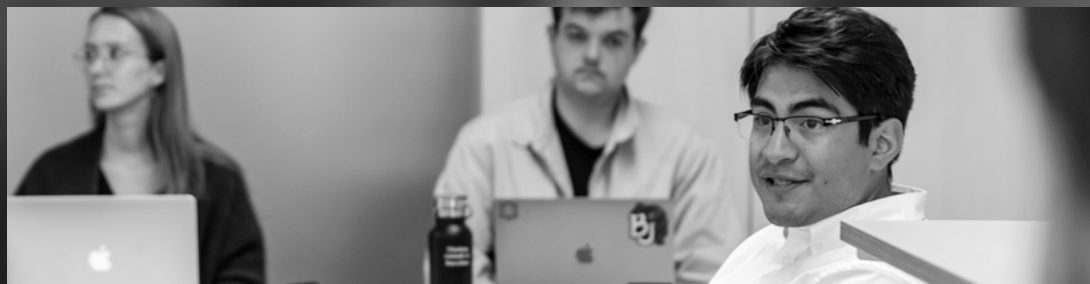
The entire IBEI community, including professors, researchers and staff, joined the new students and shared a great outdoors "fideuà".



[Pictures](#)



Professional Internship Programme



36 Curricular
internships in 2022

32 Extracurricular
internships in 2022

68

Total internships conducted by IBEI students in 2022

Internship Placements

In 2022 IBEI students completed internships in placements such as **UNICEF Regional Office in Nairobi**, the **Secretariat for the Union for the Mediterranean**, the **Spanish Embassy in Peru**, the **Dutch Embassy in Australia**, the **Spain-US Chamber of Commerce in New York**, **Street Child**, **CIDOB** or the **Institute for Integrated Transitions (IFIT)**, among many others.



[Further information about the Professional Internship Programme](#)

Practitioner Seminar Series

Throughout the academic year, IBEI hosts a series of lectures featuring practitioners in the fields of international relations, security and development. In 2021-2022, several IBEI graduates shared their professional experience with students.

The practitioner lecture series is designed to provide IBEI students and attendees with the chance to interact with international professionals, learn about their personal work experiences, the organizations they represent, and discover possible career trajectories in international governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Practitioner Seminar Series	
22 OCTOBER 2021 Friday, 12:30	The power of social media? Information and disinformation in the digital age Antonia Staats (Campaign Director of Azaaz) Venue: Room 24.130 (First Floor)
29 NOVEMBER 2021 Monday, 13:00	Working as a development practitioner: Insights from an IBEI graduate André Consolmagno (UNICEF) Venue: Room 24.009 (Ground Floor)
16 DECEMBER 2021 Thursday, 18:00	Working for a development agency in programming and implementation: a practitioner's view from Nicaragua Ignacio Nicolau Ibarra (AECID) Venue: Online
14 JANUARY 2022 Friday, 12:00	Digitizing agriculture value chains and embedded finance for small farmers Hans Dellien (International Finance Corporation - World Bank Group) Venue: Room 24.019 (Ground Floor)
17 FEBRUARY 2022 Thursday, 18:00	An IBEI Alumni in New York: Insights from the United Nations Headquarters Irma Pérez (UNHQ) Venue: Online
28 APRIL 2022 Thursday, 18:00	Working in development aid: USAID through the lens of an IBEI alumni Mark D. Oviatt (USAID) Venue: Online
18 MAY 2022 Wednesday, 18:00	Working for the World Bank as a young professional Mary Amanda Reinauer (The World Bank) Venue: Online
26 MAY 2022 Thursday, 18:00	Building the future of migration governance: insights from the International Organization of Migration on the Global Compact for Safe Orderly and Regular Migration Kristin Eitel (IOM) Venue: Online & Face-to-Face (Room 24.130, First Floor)



[Further information about the Practitioner Seminar Series](#)



**Combining a graduate school
and research institute, IBEI unites research,
education, and policy engagement.**



Other Programmes

Barcelona Summer School in Global Politics, Development and Security

Courses **10** Participants **76** Registrations **106**

Format **hybrid and online**

With the support of:



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Diputació Barcelona



AMB: Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona

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NEW!

Barcelona Summer School of the Mediterranean and the Middle East

Courses **5** Participants **53** Registrations **57**

Format **hybrid and online**

Jointly organized with Blanquerna – Universitat Ramon Llull

Blanquerna
UNIVERSITAT RAMON LLULL

In collaboration with:



Generalitat de Catalunya



Ajuntament de Barcelona



CCCB Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona



IEMed. European Institute of the Mediterranean



CIDOB
BARCELONA CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



PRIO
Cyprus Centre



DIPLOCAE



THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

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4 Summer Schools

Barcelona Science and Technology Diplomacy Summer School

Participants **21** Format **online**

Jointly organized with the Barcelona Science and Technology Diplomacy Hub (SciTech DiploHub)



BARCELONA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMACY HUB

Organized with:



CIDOB
BARCELONA CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



BSC
Barcelona Supercomputing Center
Centro Nacional de Supercomputación



Ajuntament de Barcelona



DIPLOCAE



Union pour la Méditerranée
Union for the Mediterranean
الإتحاد من أجل المتوسط

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Euro-Asia Online Summer School:

The Sustainable Development Goals before and 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).



Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies



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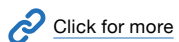
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3 Online programmes

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



Specialization Course
**New Challenges of
Global Governance**



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Specialization Course
**International Relations, Geopolitics
and Global Governance**



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Postgraduate Diploma in
**Geopolitics and Global
Governance**



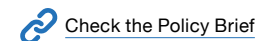
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3 Executive programmes

4 - 7 July 2022

Las políticas urbanas y metropolitanas en el ámbito global

Jointly organized with Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona and UN-Habitat



18 - 21 July 2022

Política e instituciones de la Unión Europea



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18 - 21 July 2022

Planificación y articulación estratégica y operativa



[Take a look at the pictures](#)

25 - 28 July 2022

Seminario de política sectorial



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Jointly organized with Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP) within the frame of Barcelona'gov network



19 October 2022 – 24 November 2022

Acció en organismes internacionals i europeus

Jointly organized with DIPLOCAT in collaboration in collaboration with the Catalan Government's Department of External Action and the European Union and the Escola d'Administració Pública de Catalunya



[Take a look at the pictures](#)



Alumni

Alumni Professional Stories



Annika Gostowski

Master's in International Relations 2012-2013

Gender Equality and Private Sector Partnerships Specialist,
UN Resident Coordinator's Office
Montevideo (Uruguay)

"Be patient and keep an open mind. Building a career in the field of international development or diplomacy is not easy. Take the opportunity to learn about different topics from the wide range of courses at IBEI and from fellow students from different backgrounds and world views. Doors may open in the most unexpected places and ways."

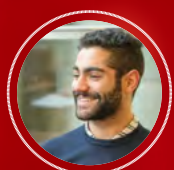


Marija Obradovic

Master's in International Security 2014-2015

Head Legal Analyst, Tamarind Intelligence
Barcelona (Spain)

"My experience at IBEI was very positive. Professors are very knowledgeable, and the majority has good instruction skills and a way of keeping the lectures and discussions interesting. I enjoyed IBEI's guest lectures and discussions on their respective papers. I miss the interesting daily conversations and debates in classes. The world has changed since 2014, and often I wish to be a fly on the wall in IBEI classrooms and hear the contemporary exchanges. The admission office and student coordinators were always extremely nice and helpful."



Diego Redondo Cripovich

Master's in International Relations 2017-2018

Legal Officer, International Organization for Migration
Erbil (Iraq)

"The Master programme gave me the opportunity to learn how to think and express ideas in a structured and scientific manner; a skill much useful when designing, implementing, and reporting on humanitarian projects. Moreover, the support and freedom provided to me while conducting the final dissertation helped me further dig into human rights frameworks, specifically how LGBTQI+ rights and colonialism intersect. These frameworks have shaped the way I understand humanitarian work, institutions, and development."



Bastian Koop

Master's in International Relations 2020-2021

Policy Officer, Directorate-General for
International Partnerships, European Commission
Brussels (Belgium)

"I greatly appreciate the time I spent studying at IBEI, especially the high level of flexibility to design the MIR program exactly according to your individual interest and thus optimally prepare for your future career path. Additionally, I was very happy to study alongside open-minded and intelligent fellow students, some of which have become very dear friends of mine."



Austin Ruckstuhl

Master's in International Relations 2015-2016

Messenger Policy Manager, Meta (formerly Facebook)
Remote (USA)

"The program taught me how to think through formal theoretical approaches and conduct rigorous research, which I still use today. I also learned how to think deeply about complex issues while considering diverse perspectives. It also opened doors for me that I had previously not been able to access. The year before IBEI, I was managing a restaurant in Los Angeles. Now I work on one of the largest Tech Policy teams in the world."



Susana Gonzalez Ruiz

Master's in International Relations 2004-2005

Director of Knowledge & Foresight, AMEC
Barcelona (Spain)

"After having studied Sociology, I realized that what really appealed to me was the difference among different cultures and societies. The IBEI Master's in International Relations offered me a wide approach to this from economics, politics, culture, and law. Apart from learning all these different aspects of international relations, I'd like to highlight the experience of working with students from many other countries and learning from teachers who are experts in their respective fields."

Alumni Professional Stories



Rebekah Quixano Henriques

Master's in International Development 2020-2021

Communications and Engagement Coordinator, Tzedek
London (UK)

"The professors I had always seemed open to debate and appreciated input. They were demanding but also understanding. The support provided by my personal tutor(s) were exceptional. On the whole, they did their best to make their classes engaging and up-to-date. The courses I took gave me the vital knowledge needed to teach young people about topics of social justice. The capacity approach, Colonialism, Development models, writing proposal forms, migration, poverty, sustainability, governance and GDP are now all topics I can confidently discuss."



João Lobo

Master's in International Relations 2008-2010

Project Analyst, Union for the Mediterranean
Barcelona (Spain)

"At 40 years old I arrived at Barcelona wanting to make a radical change in my personal and professional career. I was looking for a wide-open programme. Since I was a kid, I had been passionate about international relations. IBEI programme's curriculum seemed fascinating, and the part-time option looked perfect, as I had a part-time job at the time. It gave me a proper framework to work on international relations' matters. Furthermore, courses such as those on Euro-Mediterranean Relations and European Policies, in particular, were very much related with what I am currently doing."



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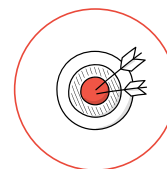
Highlights of the 2021 Survey on Career Development

IBEI graduates are satisfied and recommend the MIR, MID, MIS and Mundus Mapp masters for their professional development.

IBEI 2021 report on the job placement of its graduates analyzes data obtained from a survey conducted during the summer of 2021 of all its graduates from 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

This is the fifth time that IBEI has carried out this systematic survey, which aims to collect data every two years on the **employment conditions of graduates**, and the **impact that IBEI's master's degrees have had on their professional careers**.

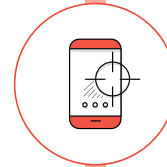
The following conclusions can be drawn from the data analyzed:



Chances of employment are high after graduation



They build **networks in international institutions, private companies and NGOs**



+ Than 85% of graduates find a job during the first year after completing the Masters'



About **half of the survey respondents have a permanent contract**



60% of IBEI graduates work in the global and multinational scope



44% of graduates earn more than 40K after 5 years of graduation



90% recommend the IBEI Masters' programmes

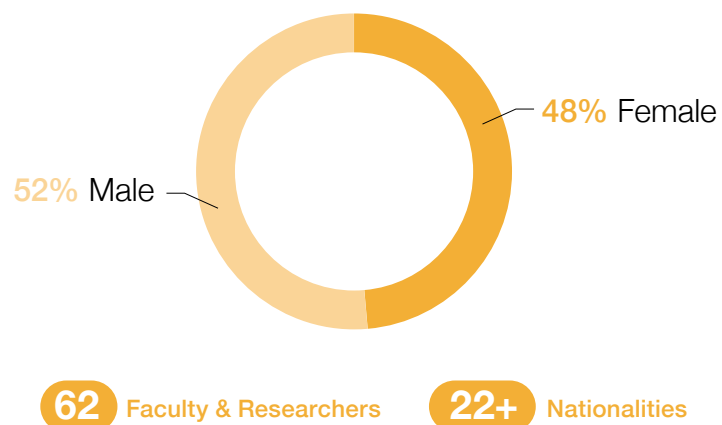


[More info and full report](#)

A woman with long dark hair, wearing glasses and a white headband, is seated at a desk. She is looking down at a laptop, with her hand resting on her chin in a thoughtful pose. The scene is bathed in a warm, orange-toned light, suggesting a window with natural light in the background. The overall mood is one of focused academic or research work.

Faculty & Research

Faculty & Research



Researchers 2022

10 University Associated & Full Professors

6 Associate Professors

5 Tenure-track Professors

9 Research Fellows & Senior Research Fellows

15 Postdoctoral Fellows

17 Research Assistants & PhD Trainees

New Research Fellows



Silvia Cannas
Research Fellow,
REPGOV project, ERC



Tutku Ayhan
IBEI Fellow



Aurora Ganz
María Zambrano
Research Fellow



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Postdoctoral Research
Fellow, REPGOV
project, ERC



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Associate, REPGOV
project, ERC



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Fellow, WEB DATA
OPP project, ERC



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Predoctoral Fellow,
REPGOV project, ERC



Consuelo Thiers
IBEI Fellow



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Predoctoral Fellow
FPI



Elena Simansch
Predoctoral Fellow FI



Iker Uriarte
Predoctoral Fellow,
REPGOV project, ERC

New Visiting Researchers & Professors



Magnus Asblad
University of Gothenburg
(Sweden)



**Chris van der
Borgh**
Utrecht University
(The Netherlands)



David Levi-Faur
Hebrew University of
Jerusalem (Israel)



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Fernández Rojo**
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(UK)



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Business (France)



Paloma Caravantes
Universidad Complutense
de Madrid (Spain)

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+80

Affiliated
Faculty

16

Faculty & Research
Visitors to IBEI

12

IBEI Researchers visiting
other institutions

25 Ongoing
Research Projects

Training & Scientific events

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Seminars

12

Lectures

6

Workshops

2

International
Conferences

5

Agency for
Management of
Universities and
Research Grants
(AGAUR)

11

Spanish Research
Agency (AEI)

9

European
Commission

Events during 2022

62

Events



48

International Speakers

Publications 2022

47

Papers published in high impact peer-reviewed journals (Q1-Q2)

4

Papers published in other peer-reviewed journals

8

Books and monographs

7

Book chapters

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Universitat Pompeu Fabra

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Professor, Universitat
Oberta de Catalunya

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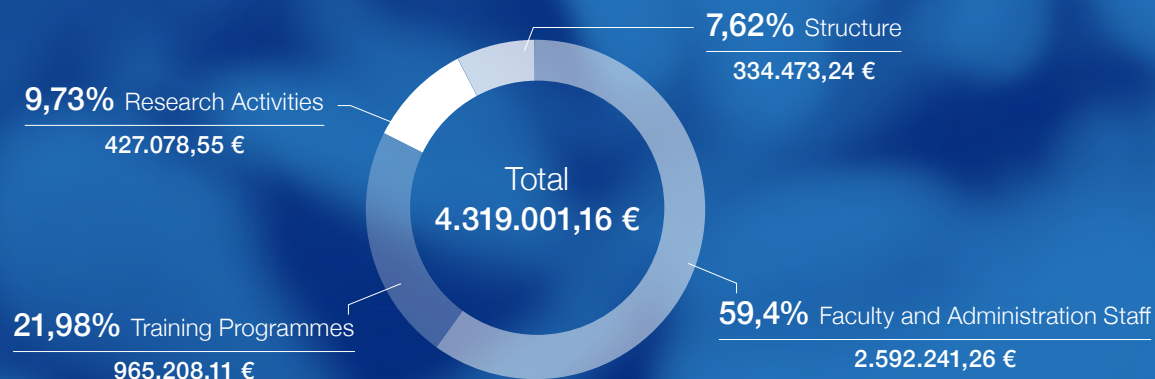
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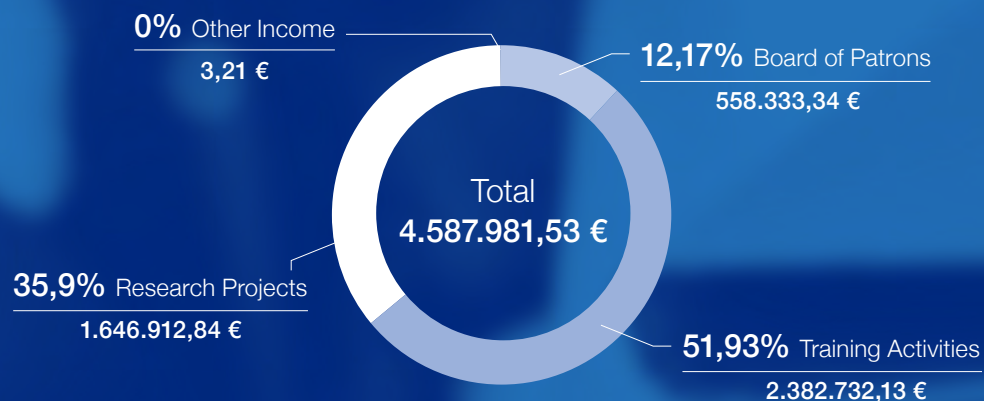
4,5 M€ Budget

Total Number of Staff

Expenditure 2021-2022



Income 2021-2022



83

Total members

54%
45 female



46%
38 male



62

Faculty & Researchers

48%
30 female



52%
32 male



21

Administration Staff

71%
15 female



29%
6 male



Social Media, Web & Knowledge Transfer

 5,921

Twitter followers
(December 2022)

 5,283

Facebook followers
(December 2022)

 6,601

LinkedIn followers
(December 2022)

 7,952

Video reproductions on YouTube
during 2022

 35

New Videos
on YouTube

 163,713

Web visitors in 2022

 271,125

Web visits in 2022

 3

Average of pages per visit

 8

Policy briefs published by
IBEI researchers in 2022

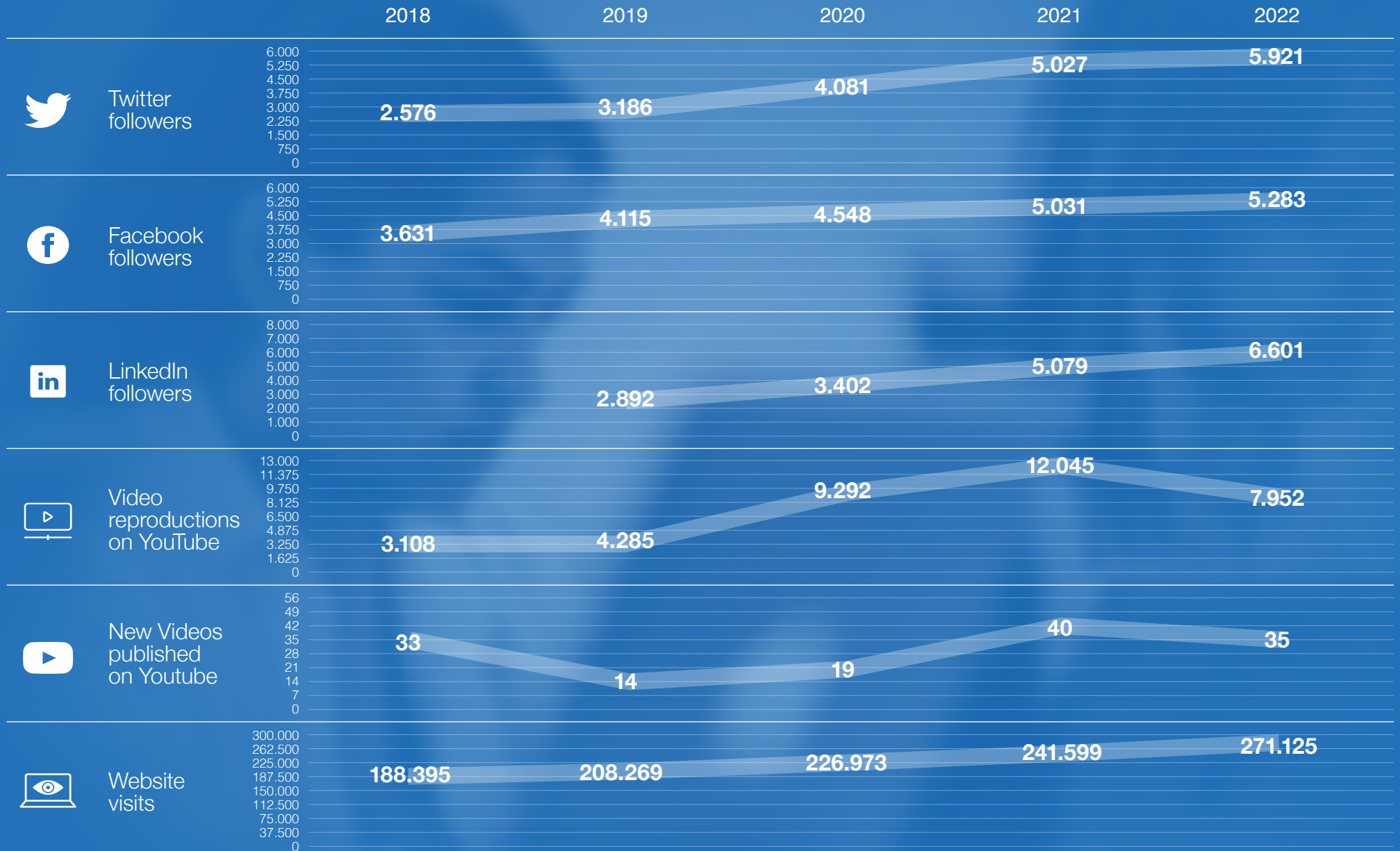
 30

op-eds, blogs, newspaper articles written
by IBEI researchers between in 2022

 13

Interviews with IBEI
researchers in 2022

Social Media



Institutional Development

Equality Plan 2022-2026

In 2022, IBEI approved the Equality Plan and the Protocol for the Prevention, Identification & Resolution of situations of sexual harassment and harassment based on sex, sexual orientation and gender identity.

IBEI has made a bold commitment to gender equality as one of the strategic principles of its institutional and human resources policy, emphasizing the commitment to work for non-discrimination and to promote and encourage the necessary measures to achieve equal opportunities between women and men in the organization.

The Equality plan is an ordered set of measures, adopted after an assessment of context, whose objective is to achieve equality of treatment and opportunities between women and men and to eliminate discrimination on the grounds of gender, as well as on the grounds of sexual, affective and gender diversity.

The Protocol is a tool to intervene in situations of sexual harassment, harassment based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity or gender expression among members of IBEI community.



[Read more on our website](#)

Institutional visits at IBEI

In 2022, distinguished visitors explored the activities and endeavours of IBEI, shedding light on its research, training programmes, and its inter-university nature.

In March, Joan Subirats, the Spanish Minister of Universities and Emeritus Professor of Political Science at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, engaged with IBEI's president, director, scientific committee members, and the co-coordinator of the Erasmus Mundus Master's Programme in Public Policy.



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Subsequently, in November, Katie Stana, the Consul General at the United States in Barcelona, delved into IBEI's initiatives alongside the president, the director, and the IBEI-IEN Senior Fellow in American Foreign Policy and International Security. Stana's extensive diplomatic career and experiences in various countries enhanced the exchange, contributing to a broader understanding of IBEI's interdisciplinary approach and global outlook.



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Highlights



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1

The Fred Halliday Award 2022

The first edition of the Fred Halliday Award was celebrated within the framework of the Barcelona Summer School of the Mediterranean and Middle East, a joint initiative of IBEI and Blanquerna - Universitat Ramon Llull.

The award was given to Jamie Allinson, Senior Lecturer in Politics and International Relations at the University of Edinburgh where he teaches courses on the Politics and IR of the Middle East. He is the author of "The Age of Counter-Revolution: States and Revolutions in the Middle East" (Cambridge University Press, 2022) and "The Struggle for the State in Jordan" (IB Tauris, 2016, co-winner of the Jadaliyya Political Economy Book Prize).



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2

Irina Ciornei wins The Gordon Smith and Vincent Wright Memorial Prize

Irina Ciornei, Ramón y Cajal Assistant Professor at IBEI, was awarded The Gordon Smith and Vincent Wright Memorial Prize for the article "Political Parties and Muslims in Europe: The Regulation of Islam in Public Education" co-authored with Eva-Maria Euchner and Ilay Yesil.

The prize is awarded by the editorial Taylor & Francis and the Editors of West European Politics Journal, who select the winning articles among the ones that make a significant contribution to the study of Comparative European Politics.



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3

Five New Doctors at IBEI

Five predoctoral fellows from IBEI, namely Diego Badell, Carlos Bravo, Alba Huidobro, Shaswat Kumar, and Adrià Rivera, successfully defended their PhD theses as part of different PhD Programmes at Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF) and Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB). With their diverse areas of expertise, their research covered a wide range of pressing global issues.

Diego focused on normative contestation in EU foreign policy, while Carlos examined the EU's crisis management beyond its borders. Alba delved into the role of leaders' characteristics on government formation, and Shaswat investigated regulatory arrangements and electricity governance in India. Lastly, Adrià approached political transitions through a case study on Tunisia. This achievement undoubtedly marks a significant milestone in their academic journey.



4

The 6th International Conference of Development Studies held at IBEI

On 8 and 10 June 2022, IBEI and the Spanish Network of Development Studies (REEDES) organized a conference at the premises of UPF Campus. The conference welcomed researchers, practitioners and social organizations interested in the current debate and practices of development and its relationship to societal issues and global governance.

The conference revolved around the core theme of the peace-security-development nexus, which gained further significance due to the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic and its numerous economic and social ramifications. Around 200 participants met in Barcelona to share their latest research results in the field of development studies.



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5

IBEI hosted an International Seminar on the Future of NATO

In collaboration with the Spanish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the EU, and Cooperation, IBEI organized an International Seminar on the Future of NATO, which coincided with the upcoming Madrid Summit.

On May 27, distinguished academics and professionals specializing in international security gathered at IBEI to discuss the prevailing status of the transatlantic security alliance and NATO's strategic outlook in response to emerging security challenges. The seminar also focused on Spain's contributions to the Atlantic Alliance and explored prospects for the organization's further enlargement.



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6

Roundtable Series on Human Rights Today

IBEI and The Social Observatory - "la Caixa" Foundation collaborated to organize a roundtable series aimed at addressing the growing questioning of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The series also delved into the current state of specific human rights, including those pertaining to migrants, children, and women in conflict.

Esteemed academics, practitioners and young human rights activists convened at CaixaForum Macaya in April and May 2022 to engage in a thought-provoking dialogue centred around a fundamental question: Would it be possible to endorse the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the present day?



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