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Application for the International Relations Master's Program in European Union Studies

I am writing to express my interest in the international relations master's program in European Union studies at Johns Hopkins Bologna Center.

I wish to pursue international relations and European Union studies because they suit my professional background. While earning my bachelor's degree in political science and Middle Eastern studies, I developed an interest in international relations, especially the economy of the European Union and economic integration. In addition, I have been working in the field of political research since my graduation five years ago. This experience illustrates my substantial expertise in political research programs and illuminates my keen interest in international relations.

My research explores economic integration, the gaps that currently exist in the integration process and how to fill them. Moreover, it reviews the economic development of European Union states, employment strategies, and methods of cooperation.

During my long-term research in political science and international studies, I studied the economics of the European Union. This research involved exploring the concept of economic integration and its origin, different forms of integration, the common trade union, equality in the allocation of resources, the production of quality goods on a large scale, and ways of enhancing free trade as well as fairness in competition. These studies also included the evolution of the European Union and its creation of a single market that provides for free movement of its

citizens, goods, services, and capital across the member states. The research explained the history of this market, the establishment of similar policies between countries, their strategies for maintaining economic stability, and the procedure for allocating funds to support member countries that are lagging in their development.

European economic integration also explores the use of common currency among the member states, which enhances stability in their trade. Furthermore, the countries operate under the European Central Bank that circulates the currency and offers capital and loans to its members. The bank also utilizes a common budget and follows a commercial policy that addresses the harmonization of taxes and its impact on both local and international trade. In addition, it highlights approaches to conflict management to facilitate smooth trade between the member countries. Furthermore, it discusses the relationship between the European Union and other countries outside of it. Other common policies, such as those related to transport, energy, and agriculture, enhance the quality of agricultural production. Economic integration also describes effective competition and industrial relations, the restructuring of collapsing companies, and the technological advancements among member states.

I am submitting this application for the European Union studies master's program at Leiden University in Bologna to advance my academic studies in international relations. This higher learning institution possesses highly experienced and qualified lecturers who provide quality education and whose ambitions have made the institution a center of academic excellence. Their dedication to nurturing students' abilities facilitates the accomplishment of both long-term and short-term goals. Therefore, joining the university will enable me to utilize the available opportunities and resources to develop my career.

The master's program will advance my understanding of the European Union, its economic policies, and the process of economic integration. It will also offer the opportunity to make a positive impact on society and international relations. European Studies will prove useful for other countries, especially Middle Eastern nations that can learn from the European Union's experience and apply the relevant policies to enhance their economic growth. Besides my academic qualifications in political science, I am also equipped with skills in data analysis, oral communication, and information technology, which form a strong foundation for excelling in the master's program. I am confident that my educational background and experience make me a perfect fit for the program and the institution. Completing the master's program will enhance my capacity to conduct further research and expand the collective knowledge of those involved with international relations.

Thank you for your consideration.