

# Joint Degrees at the University of Graz

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*Seize the Day! Strategic Approaches to International Curriculum Cooperation*

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# Bologna Process – Seizing the Opportunity

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- Paradigm shift
- „European trademark with export qualities“
- Structural changes: new opportunities in transatlantic exchange programs

# Research Project „Transatlantic Relationships in Higher Education“ at the „Center for the Study of the Americas“

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Coinfluences between Europe and North America

New European cultural narratives of Individualism, Autonomy, and Competitiveness

New American Narratives of Security, Globalization and Centralization

# University of Graz



**500 partner institutions**

**South-Eastern Europe**

**Life Long Learning Program**

**Internationalization at Home**

**Summer/ Winter Schools**

**Joint Degree Programs (MA, PhD)**

# Pilot Project: Implementation of 6 Joint Degree Programs

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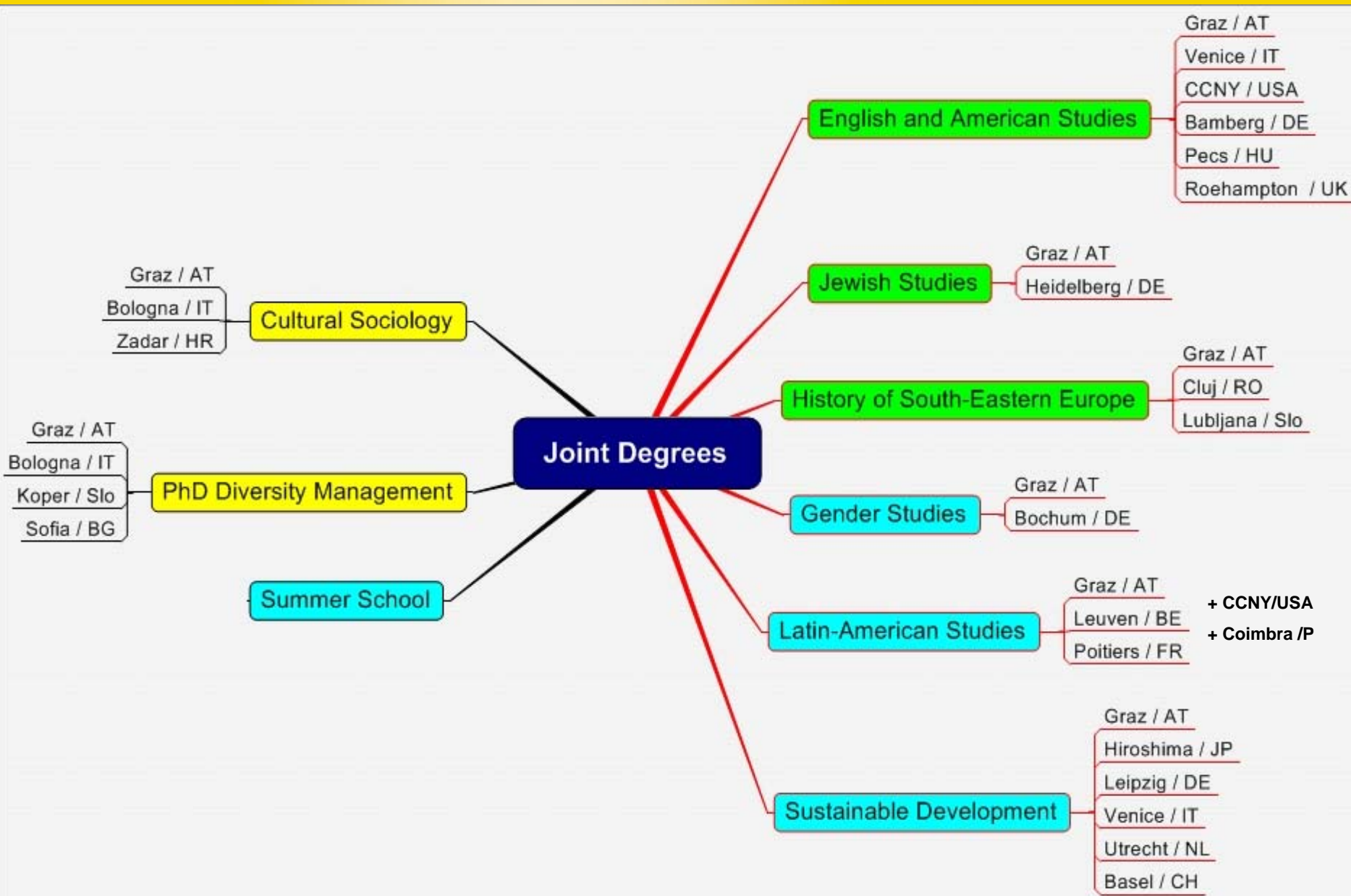
- **Objectives:** Development & Implementation of Joint Degrees
- **Graz** = coordinating university
- **20** international partners
- **MA level / PhD level**
- **Project Start:** October 2004
- **Admission of first students:** September 2007
- **Funding:** Local government/ European Commission

# Joint Degrees

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- important instrument of internationalization
- contribute to greater transparency
- ensure mutual recognition of academic degrees and qualifications
- promote student and teaching staff mobility
- increase the international "employability" of graduates
- strengthen local identity through global cooperation



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Thank you for your attention!

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