



How to Prepare for the College of Europe Selection Interview Candidates for Economics, including the ELEA and EPPA options

Interview invitation

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Preparing for the interview

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Useful reference: Jeffrey M. Perloff, "Microeconomics", Pearson, or any introductory textbook on microeconomics

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Useful reference: Gregory N. Mankiw, "Macroeconomics", Worth Publishers or any intermediate textbook on macroeconomics

Statistics

Probability, Discrete Probability Distributions, Continuous Probability Distributions, Sampling and Sampling Distributions, Estimation, Hypothesis Testing

Useful reference: Anderson, Sweeney, Williams, Camm and Cochran, Statistics for Business & Economics, 12th Edition, Cengage Learning

European Union

General notions about the European Institutions, their role and functioning.

Assessment method

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Selection outcome

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Business-related

Business Organisation, Corporate and Business Strategy, Strategic Decision Making, Business Environment, Internationalisation, Diversification, Corporate Social Responsibility,

Useful reference: Ron Sanchez and Aime Heene "The new strategic management: organisation, competition and competence", or equivalent.

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