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## SUMMER SCHOOL

PROGRAM CODE  
SS017-02

PROGRAM DURATION  
7 Days

DATES  
18-24 September 2017

CREDITS  
2+2 ECTS

TUITION  
€ 300

University of Milano-Bicocca — University of Sarajevo — University of East Sarajevo  
Department of Sociology and Social Research

# RETHINKING THE CULTURE OF TOLERANCE. EUROPE, BORDERS AND MIGRATIONS.



## DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

The International Summer School restarts in 2017 with a new three-year project designed to mark the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. The 2017 edition of the School will be devoted to the question of European internal and external borders and their re-definition through the process of integration, both in its deepening dimension (political, economic and socio-cultural) and in its widening perspective, with aspirant countries being involved in the enlargement and accession procedure. The complexity of the process increased over the past few years due to the economic and financial crisis, but also under the weight of the so-called 'refugee crisis'. Confronted with such significant political, legal and social challenges, EU institutions have struggled to undertake effective and just measures to rescue people escaping from war and poverty. What has been happening across European states, both Western and Eastern, calls into question the core founding principles and socio-political values of the old and new liberal democracies of the European Union, as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome. Moreover, growing intolerance and discrimination pervade political discourse throughout Europe, while the issues of migrants is often dealt with through securitization and criminalisation rather than through efficient asylum policies. These are some of the key issues that our team of scholars and civil society experts will engage with and discuss from a variety of critical viewpoints. We are deeply convinced that the human and humanitarian

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disaster of migrants and refugees being trapped along the Mediterranean and Balkan routes needs to be continuously monitored and examined, with the view to building new political and legal dispositives able to deal with the crisis in a better way. Hence, one of the main goals of the School is to contribute to creating a counter-narrative about Europe, its borders and the refugee crisis, based on the fundamental values of respect and recognition of dignity, rights and freedom of every human being.

Open to the MA and PhD students, the School involves scholars and young researchers from several European and regional universities, offering a platform for an intensive one-week training, and providing an excellent forum for unpacking the multifarious and heuristic potential of the concept and the practice of tolerance. Lectures and workshops will combine different teaching methodologies, giving the participants an extraordinary opportunity to deepen their knowledge about political, legal and social aspects regarding migration issues in the frame of an emerging European polity. The School will take place in East Sarajevo and Sarajevo, a part of Europe where the redefinition of borders and boundaries has been ongoing from the late 1980s, and the memory of forced migration due to the Yugoslav wars in 1990s is still vivid, which demonstrates the persistence of 'rightlessness in the age of rights'.

**Program coordinators:** Prof. Tatjana Sekulic

**Location:** East Sarajevo

**Requested documents to be uploaded in the application form:** CV, ID card or passport/ motivation letter

**Target audience:** The School addresses European and International MA and PhD students, post-docs and researchers. In particular, the Summer School is open for students attending MA and PhD courses at the University of Sarajevo, the University of East Sarajevo and the University of Milan-Bicocca.

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### Admission criteria

Each Summer School Program has different Admission Criteria, although General Criteria for all Summer Programs are as follows:

- Applicants should be 18 years old
- Applicants should have completed at least one year of college or enrolled in the first-year

### English language proficiency

English proficiency is required for all summer school programs offered by University of Milano-Bicocca. Though we don't ask for a formal English certification, but what we expect is:

- Your oral comprehension and expression must be sufficient for effective class participation.
- Your reading comprehension and writing skills must be sufficient for responding clearly and accurately for course assignments
- Your comprehension and communication skills must be sufficient for individual/group interaction