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## INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

**DURATION**  
7 Days

**DATES**  
17th - 23th September,  
2018

**CREDITS**  
2 + 2

**TUITION**  
€ 250,00  
Access to the Summer  
School will be free of any  
fee for selected students  
from Bosnia and  
Herzegovina, Serbia,  
Montenegro, Macedonia,  
Kosovo and Albania.

**LOCATION**  
Milan, University of  
Milano-Bicocca.

University of Milano-Bicocca – University of Sarajevo – University of East Sarajevo

# RETHINKING THE CULTURE OF TOLERANCE Groups, Conflicts, and Reconciliation

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The fifth edition of the School will take place at the University of Milan-Bicocca in September 2018.

The 2018 edition of the School will be focused on the manifold questions of collective identities and nationalism, seen both as producing forms of solidarity based on group identification, but also as legitimizing violence through dynamics of inclusion/exclusion.

Contemporary politics continues to be shaped by the practices of 'bordering, ordering, and othering' inherent in the process of nation-state building. While this poses a great challenge to the project of a post-national Europe, one should not forget that the dramatic conflicts that marked the 'short twentieth century' were justified precisely on these grounds.

Nazism and Fascism produced an unimaginable amount of intolerance and discrimination that culminated in their totalitarian practices of extermination, which targeted groups and individuals based on their ethnic, religious, political and biological identities. On the other hand, the structural violence inherent in Stalinism was one of the main causes of the breakdown of communist regimes in Europe in the 1990s, which led to the violent dissolution of composite states such as the former Yugoslavia.

What is the legacy of these experiences? What lessons can be learned? How can the European Union respond to the ongoing radicalization of new forms of fascism and right-wing movements within the European public space?





The School will explore issues of reconciliation and of dealing with the past, drawing on the experience of post-WWII Europe and focusing on the political, social, juridical and psychological consequences of recent conflicts, particularly in reference to the legacy of the Yugoslav wars (1991-1999) and the current situation in the Middle East. Special attention will be devoted to the question of 'perpetrators' and the public acknowledgement of their criminal, political and moral responsibility as a crucial factor for the substantial reconciliation of societies that have experienced violent conflicts.

The School involves scholars coming from Italian, Bosnian-Herzegovinian and other regional and European universities, offering a platform for an intensive one-week training aimed at unpacking the multifarious and heuristic potential of the concept and practice of tolerance. Lessons and workshops will combine different teaching methodologies, and the participants will have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge about radical forms of nationalism and their dangers, but also to think up creative ways of resisting and fighting against them within the frame of an emerging European space.



**PROGRAM COORDINATOR**  
Prof. TATJANA SEKULIĆ

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
June 15th, 2018

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED IN THE APPLICATION FORM**  
CV and Passport/ID card, Motivation letter.

#### **TARGET AUDIENCE**

The School is open to European and International MA and PhD students, post-docs and researchers. MA and PhD students from the University of Sarajevo, the University of East Sarajevo, and the University of Milan-Bicocca are particularly welcome to apply.



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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 or over
- Applicants should have completed at least one year of college or be 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, 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 to respond clearly and accurately for course assignments
- Your comprehension and communication skills must be sufficient for individual/group interaction

#### **Accommodation at University of Milano-Bicocca**

In order for you to fully experience Bicocca campus life, we have carefully selected residences close to the main campus building.

The University of Milano - Bicocca makes available at their residences (Building U12, via Vizzola 5 in Milan and Building U22, via Mantova in Sesto San Giovanni) rooms suitable for guest service. To book accommodation and learn about the costs and terms of your stay you can write to: [booking.bicocca.fms.it@sodexo.com](mailto:booking.bicocca.fms.it@sodexo.com)