The International Summer School ‘Rethinking the Culture of Tolerance’ is a joint program of the University of Milano-Bicocca, the University of Sarajevo, and the University of East Sarajevo.

The sixth edition of the Summer School in 2019, titled “European Integration after the Fall of the Berlin Wall”, dedicated to the thirtieth anniversary of the revolutionary year 1989, will be hosted by the University of Sarajevo and its Center for Interdisciplinary Studies. It will examine problems and contradictions faced by the evolving European societies, with a focus on the post-communist countries involved in the process of EU integrations over the past three decades. It marks the conclusion of the second three-year cycle of the School, previous editions being devoted to “Europe, Borders and Migrations” (University of East Sarajevo, 2017) and “Groups, Conflicts and Reconciliation” (University of Milano-Bicocca, 2018).

The fall of the Berlin wall has been celebrated as a milestone in the advancement of human freedom. But, it also gave rise to new concerns and issues regarding institutional and political practices, as well as the everyday life of citizens, within the frame of an emerging European space. The remembrance of its legacy is of crucial importance today: while the ‘Iron Curtain’ has lost both its material and symbolic power, new political, social and economic cleavages and conflicts have emerged across European societies, bringing new challenges to the project of the European integration.
Topics of the Summer School

The School will discuss European model(s) of democracy and social justice from a transnational perspective, in a post-neoliberal era marked by rampant populism and radicalization, in which we face the spectre of new walls, and new forms of intolerance, discrimination and violence. It 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.

The lectures and seminars will focus on:

- European integration process and the legacy of the Berlin Wall.
- Revolutions of 1989: post-communism and democracy in transition.
- New social and political conflicts within the European society.
- Nationalism, transnationalism, and cosmopolitanism today.
- Europeanization: a just and effective peace construction process?
- Old and new identities, old and new walls: on toleration and difference.
- New inequalities: liberal democracy and the failure of social justice.
- Populism and renationalisation: the spectre of intolerance, discrimination and violence.
- Toleration as toler-action and the new European political culture.

These as well as other related topics will be under scrutiny during the intensive one-week training; classes combine presentations and lectures followed by discussions, with participatory and dialogical teaching methods. Active involvement of the participants is highly encouraged.

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Organisation


Deadline for application: 10th June 2019.

Place: University of Sarajevo, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, Zmaja od Bosne 7, Sarajevo, BiH. Two days of the School will be organized by the University of East Sarajevo, and by the Universities of Mostar and Mostar “Džemal Bijedić”, respectively.

Travel and accommodation: Participants are expected to cover their travel and accommodation expenses by themselves. The list of accommodation options will be provided to the selected participants in July 2019. The Summer School will offer a welcome kit and arrange an aperitif, five-days catering lunch and a social dinner for all participants.

Lectures: Participants will take part in 26 hours of lectures and 14 hours of seminars and panel discussions.

Certificate and Evaluation: The Summer School awards 2 or 4 ECTS:
- A certificate of attendance carrying 2 ECTS will be provided to all participants who fulfil the basic requirements of the Summer School.
- All participants will be invited to write a final paper, with the assistance of a supervisor, to be delivered by 15th December 2019. The Scientific committee approves the topics and the supervisors evaluate the papers. Additional 2 ECTS will be awarded following the paper evaluation.

Requirements

Target audience: The School is open to the European and international MA and PhD students, post-docs and researchers. MA and PhD students from the universities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and of Italy, are particularly welcome to apply.

Number of Participants: 35 (15 from Bosnia and Herzegovina and other ‘Western Balkan’ countries, 10 from Italy, 10 from other parts of Europe and the world).

Language: The language of the Summer School is English. No language certificate is required for the application.

Fee: Participation in the sixth edition of the Summer School will be free of any charge for citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Kosovo and Albania. All other participants will pay a tuition fee of 250,00 Euros. The fee has to be paid by the 20th July 2019 following the procedure on: http://www.summerschoolbicocca.com/fees-payment.php.

Please be sure to indicate the right code of the Summer School: TOLERANCE.

How to apply

All interested candidates should apply online using the following link:

http://www.summerschoolbicocca.com/19-tolerance.php

All candidates are required to attach the following documents to the online application form:

1. CV
2. Copy of Passport/ID or any other valid Identity Document
3. Short essay / motivation letter (300 words) answering the question: Why do you want to attend the School?

The list of the participants selected by the Scientific Committee will be published on 20th June 2019 on the website of the Summer School.

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