WHAT IS THE WINTER SCHOOL ABOUT?

The Winter School is a two-week postgraduate programme offering a broad range of courses on federalism and governance. It provides participants the opportunity to broaden their knowledge in multilevel government and governance, especially from the perspectives of law and political science.

The 2014 edition of the Winter School will focus on the topic of “Federalism and Multilevel Constitutionalism”. Establishing, organizing and limiting powers are the core tasks of constitutionalism. In a post-national constellation, the fulfillment of these tasks takes place at different levels of government simultaneously. Debates about multilevel constitutionalism have focused mainly on the compound European constitutional system, which is formed by national constitutions and the Treaties of the EU. There are, however, many other integrated multilevel constitutional spaces. From the perspective of federalism, it is important to include the subnational dimension as well, which is key in making multilevel systems work.

The Winter School 2014 explores from a multidisciplinary and comparative perspective how federalism contributes to the understanding of multilevel, integrated decision-making. Case studies focus mainly on Europe but include also Asia, Africa and the Americas. Interactive group work sessions analyze its impact on several policy fields such as environmental protection, health care and immigration.

The Winter School 2014 is therefore a unique opportunity for young academics, civil servants and practitioners to be trained on theoretical and practical aspects of federalism and multilevel constitutionalism.

• Is multilevel constitutionalism a strictly European phenomenon or are similar developments conceivable in other parts of the world?
• What lessons can be learned from the comparative practice?

The Winter School 2014 provides answers by combining high-level expertise, relevant case studies and problem-oriented approaches and experiences.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The Winter School is designed for applicants who wish to develop and upgrade their knowledge through an interdisciplinary and comparative approach:
• young researchers and academics
• post-docs, postgraduate and undergraduate students
• civil servants from a local, regional or national government
• employees of international organizations or NGOs

Please note that the programme builds on an assumed prior knowledge of federalism.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN INNSBRUCK AND BOLZANO/BOZEN?

The 10-day programme offers all participants an international learning environment. It is carried out over one week in Austria (Innsbruck, Tyrol) and one week in Italy (Bolzano/Bozen, South Tyrol) and includes:
• lectures by renowned academics from Europe, North America, Asia and Africa;
• discussions and case studies with experts from international administrations;
• institutional study visits with politicians;
• interactive workshops and a public lecture

The working language is English.
DATES AND VENUES

FEBRUARY 3-14, 2014

The first week takes place at the Faculty of Law and the School of Political Science and Sociology, Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck, Austria;

The second week takes place at the Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism, European Academy Bolzano/Bozen (EURAC), Italy.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 25 October 2013

For further information, detailed programme, enrolment procedure, costs and scholarship opportunities please visit: www.eurac.edu/winterschool

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