WINTER SCHOOL ON FEDERALISM AND GOVERNANCE 2015

FEDERALISM AND DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION

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WHAT IS THE WINTER SCHOOL ABOUT?

The Winter School is a **two-week international postgraduate programme** on federalism, regionalism and multilevel governance. It provides participants the opportunity to broaden their knowledge, especially from the perspectives of legal and political science. Participants will study federalism in lectures and workshops led by renowned experts within an international learning environment that features top-notch scholars coming from different continents around the globe.

The 2015 edition of the Winter School focuses on the link between federalism and democratic participation. In many countries, trust in traditional mechanisms of democracy is on the decline and discussion about how to improve democratic structures through greater citizen participation is increasing. This issue is much more complex in multilevel systems, where decisions are made on different levels of government by different decision-makers. **The 2015 Winter School explores, from a multidisciplinary and comparative perspective, how federalism can contribute to a multilevel, integrated and pluralistic decision-making.**

The programme will analyse the methods and instruments of democratic participation in multilayered systems and will present case studies from various countries, for example, Switzerland or Canada, as well as the Council of Europe and the European Union. In interactive sessions, participants will also learn about democratic participation in several policy fields such as environmental protection or cross-border cooperation.

The Winter School will examine a series of issues:

- What has caused the crisis of the traditional decision-making processes and the loss of trust in the representative institutions?
- What is the link between representative, direct and participatory democracy?
- Can federalism be a useful governance tool for increased citizen participation in decision-making structures?
- How do decision-making processes affect citizens (and non-citizens) at different governance levels?
- What constitutional arrangements can accommodate participatory instruments into the constitutional framework of multilayered states?
- Can local and regional autonomies foster democracy?

The Winter School 2015 examines these and other questions by **combining theoretical expertise, relevant case studies and political experience.** The programme is a unique opportunity to receive training on the theoretical and practical aspects of federalism and multilevel governance.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The Winter School is designed for those who wish to upgrade their knowledge of federalism through an interdisciplinary and comparative approach, including:

- young researchers and academics
- post-docs, postgraduate and undergraduate students
- civil servants from local, regional or national government
- employees of international organisations or NGOs

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

WHAT TO EXPECT IN INNSBRUCK AND BOLZANO/BOZEN?

The two-week programme is embedded in an exciting international learning environment in Austria (Innsbruck, Tyrol) and in Italy (Bolzano/Bozen, South Tyrol) and includes:

- lectures by distinguished academics
- discussions and case studies with senior experts from international administrations
- study visits to political institutions
- interactive workshops and a public lecture

The working language is English.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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The Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism carries out comparative legal studies and applied research on governance trends in federal, regional and supranational systems within Europe and around the world. The institute is part of the European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen (EURAC), an innovative centre for research and training based in South Tyrol, Italy. Founded in 1992 as a private institution, EURAC is composed of eleven research institutes.

The Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck, Austria, founded in 1669, has gained a long-standing reputation for studies on federalism. It serves as the main academic centre of Western Austria and its neighbouring regions. Its sixteen faculties, among them the Faculty of Law and the School of Political Science and Sociology, offer a wide range of studies. The University is situated in the heart of the Land Tyrol.

The Winter School is honoured to have the patronage of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr Thorbjørn Jagland.

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DATES AND VENUES

FEBRUARY 2-13, 2015

The first week takes place at the Faculty of Law and 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 of Bolzano/Bozen (EURAC), Italy.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 26 October 2014

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