

The Department of Political Science, Comenius University and The Centre for Territorial and International Studies FiF UK, in cooperation with ARENA – Centre for European Studies, University of Oslo invite you to join

The Ph.D. Summer School on political integration and differentiation in Europe

„Crises, Democracy and Governance in a Differentiated EU“

June 20 – 24, 2016

The European Union as a political structure offers a variety of forms of co-operation and integration, ranging from association agreements, membership in the European Economic Area, and membership in the EU, to membership in the Schengen Area and the Eurozone. The Summer School will cover each individual form of association and its consequences for the respective member states. Participating Ph.D. students will gain crucial insights from the most up-to-date theoretical developments and analytical approaches within the field of institutional change and democratic governance in Europe. The Summer School will also offer Ph.D. students and experienced foreign and Slovak academics, a platform to exchange ideas and gain new perspectives on differentiation in Europe. The Summer School is open to Ph.D. students who are interested in European integration, democratic governance and legitimacy.

Issues of focus include, but are not limited to:

- The sources of crises in the EU and how the political structure of the EU is adapting.
- The consequences of various forms of association in relation to the integration processes of the Union.
- How the governing institutions of the EU and national governments adapt to crises and processes of differentiation?
- The consequences of Slovakia's "deep integration" in the Eurozone while its Visegrad neighbours remain outside.
- The consequences of decision-making processes in the EU for the quality of democracy in Norway and other associated countries.

Summer School academic coordinator:

Jozef Bátora, Department of Political science, Faculty of Arts, Comenius University



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LECTURERS:

The faculty includes well-known professors from recognised research centres covering a wide spectrum of research themes. This multi-disciplinary approach will be a major strength for participating doctoral students.

Pavol Baboš, Department of Political science, Faculty of Arts, Comenius University
Jozef Bátora, Department of Political science, Faculty of Arts, Comenius University
John E. Fossum, ARENA – Centre for European Studies, University of Oslo
Zsolt Gál, Department of Political science, Faculty of Arts, Comenius University
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THE ORGANIZERS PROVIDE:

- **free tuition**
- **travel expenses and accommodation** reimbursement
- **social and cultural activities**
- **access** to the Department's social sciences computer lab and the Faculty Library
- **10 ECTS credits** from Comenius University (for further information see below)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- Upon successfully completing the Summer School, participants will **receive 10 ECTS** credits from Comenius University.
- In order to receive credits, students are expected to prepare for the lessons (by reading the required materials) and to **write an academic paper** (6 000 – 8 000 words) related to a theme of the Summer School. The paper may be devoted to theoretical, methodological issues or may present relevant empirical data on the basis of a carefully elaborated analytical framework. Additionally, the paper may be a part of the student's dissertation thesis. Students are required to send the paper to Doc. Bátora via e-mail: **batora3@uniba.sk** by **8th August 2016**. Further information will be provided during the Summer School.
- The reading materials and detailed programme will be available for participants via our online reader as soon as possible.
- A good command of English is essential for participation in the Summer School.
- We expect students to participate in all lectures of the Summer School.



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HOW TO APPLY?

If you are interested, apply now! **Fill out the enclosed application form** (also available for download on the CTMS website: www.teritoria.sk) and send it to us via e-mail to: **summerschool@teritoria.sk**. The Deadline for application submission is **20th May 2016**. Once you have applied for our Summer School, we will provide you with further information soon after.

LOCATION AND DATE

The 2016 Ph.D. Summer School will take place at the Comenius University. Classes will be held from 20th to 24th June 2016 **at the Department of Political Science**, Faculty of Arts (Múzejná ulica 2, Bratislava, new building UK), 2nd floor. Further details on how to find us: www.politologiauk.sk/kontakt/.

IMPORTANT DATES

20.5. 2016 Application submission deadline
20-24.6. 2016 Summer School "Crises, Democracy and Governance in a Differentiated EU"

We look forward to welcoming you

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