

INTERNATIONAL WINTER SCHOOL ON FEDERALISM AND GOVERNANCE 2013

FEDERALISM AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

The aim of the Winter School 2013 is to better understand the challenging and largely unexplored link between federalism and protection of fundamental rights from a multi-disciplinary perspective, providing in-depth analysis and practical knowledge of the instruments, the problems and the solutions available in this field. Several case studies from all continents will be presented and discussed by both academics and practitioners who manage these issues on a daily basis. Additional workshops will give participants the opportunity to discuss highly topical issues of federalism and fundamental rights.

The Winter School will provide response to questions such as: to what extent is territorially differentiated protection of fundamental rights possible and even desirable? What fundamental rights are best suited to be developed differently in different parts of a state's territory? What lessons can be learned from comparative practice? How can federal, regional or devolved forms of government be used to improve rather than limit the enjoyment of fundamental human rights? What do international standards and practice have to say in this regard?

DATES AND VENUES

FEBRUARY 4-15, 2013

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 Bolzano/Bozen (EURAC), Italy.

Application deadline: October 22, 2012

For FURTHER INFORMATION, A DETAILED PROGRAMME, ENROLMENT PROCEDURES, COSTS AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES,

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WHAT IS THE WINTER SCHOOL ABOUT?

The Winter School is a postgraduate programme offering a broad range of courses on federalism and governance. It enables researchers, post-doctoral students and practitioners to extend and deepen their knowledge in multilevel government and governance, especially from a legal and political science perspective.

The 2013 edition of the Winter School focuses on the topic of “Federalism and Fundamental Rights”. Federalism, regionalism, devolution, autonomy and other forms of territorial division of power are key tools for effective and democratic governance. They are often used to address fundamental rights issues, mostly in an effort to better promote and protect them, but also, in some instances, to limit them. The link between federalism and fundamental rights is still largely unexplored. The Winter School 2013 provides answers to a series of issues by combining high-level expertise and problem-oriented approaches.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The Winter School is designed for applicants who wish to develop and upgrade their knowledge by applying an interdisciplinary and comparative approach:

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

Please note that the programme builds on assumed prior knowledge in the area of “Federalism and Fundamental Rights”.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

The **10-day programme** offers all participants a challenging international learning environment. It takes place during one week in Austria (Innsbruck) and one week in Italy (Bolzano/Bozen, South Tyrol) and includes:

- lectures by renowned academics from Europe, North America, Asia, Africa and Australia;
- discussions and case studies with experts from international administrations and judicial bodies;
- institutional study visits with politicians and a public lecture in Bolzano/Bozen.

Successful participants of the programme are awarded 10 ECTS credits.

The working language is English.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

• Univ.-Prof. Dr. Anna Gamper

Full Professor at the Department of Public Law, State and Administrative Theory at the Faculty of Law, University of Innsbruck.

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• Univ.-Prof. DDr. Günther Pallaver

Full Professor at the School of Political Science and Sociology, University of Innsbruck.



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 in 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 11 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 15 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 Austria's Tyrol.

LECTURERS

- Dott.ssa Elisabeth Alber – European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen, Italy

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- Dr. Solomon Ayele Dersso – Institute for Security Studies (ISS), Ethiopia.

- Prof. Em. Thomas Fleiner – University of Fribourg, Switzerland

- Univ.-Prof. Dr. Anna Gamper – University of Innsbruck, Austria

- Prof. Constance Grewe – University of Strasbourg, France, and Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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