



## WHAT IS THE WINTER SCHOOL ABOUT?

The Winter School is a **two-week international postgraduate programme** on federalism, regionalism and multilevel governance. A wide range of lectures provides the opportunity for participants to broaden their knowledge of multilevel governance, especially from the perspectives of legal and political sciences. Renowned experts in the field lead courses and workshops on federalism and its challenges in the Winter School's international learning environment that features top-notch scholars coming from different backgrounds and from around the globe.

**The Winter School explores, from an interdisciplinary and comparative perspective, how federalism can contribute to multi-level, integrated and pluralistic decision-making.** The 2016 edition will cover **conflict and cooperation in federal systems**. For one week at the University of Innsbruck and one week at the European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen (EURAC), participants will analyze both the effectiveness of federalism as a tool to solve intergovernmental conflicts and discuss the relevant constitutional instruments and institutions in multilevel systems, such as second chambers or constitutional courts. Furthermore, hot topics such as fiscal federalism and the role of political parties in promoting conflict or cooperation will be discussed. Among the practical case studies from different continents (Asia, Africa and Europe), attention will be paid to recent secessionist movements in Europe and possibilities for their solution.

**Beside numerous opportunities for discussion** with renowned experts on multilevel governance throughout the lectures, interactive sessions will also offer participants the chance to share knowledge among themselves. Interactive workshops will address asymmetries in multilevel systems, financial relations, political parties, as well as the policy field of environmental protection.

### The Winter School will examine a series of issues:

- How can federalism be used to mediate conflicts between territories?
- What are the characteristics of successful models of co-operative federalism?
- To what extent are second chambers a tool to integrate subnational entities?
- How can intergovernmental bodies be used to prevent conflicts?
- What can constitutions offer vis-à-vis secessionist movements?

- Is territorial autonomy in divided societies a tool for conflict or cooperation?
- What is the role of political parties in intergovernmental relations?

The Winter School 2016 examines these and other questions by **combining theoretical expertise and relevant case studies**. As such, the programme is a **unique opportunity** to receive enhanced 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:

- post-docs, postgraduate students and young researchers
- 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 of federalism.*

## 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 Winter School is held entirely in 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.
- **Prof. Dr. Francesco Palermo**  
Head of the EURAC Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism in Bolzano/Bozen and Professor of Comparative Public Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Verona.
- **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 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.

## LECTURERS

- **Dott.ssa Elisabeth Alber** – European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen, Italy
- **Dr. Mariachiara Alberton** – European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen, Italy
- **Prof. Dr. Arthur Benz** – Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany
- **Prof. Dr. Joshua Castellino** – Middlesex University, London, United Kingdom
- **Dr. Marco Dani** – University of Trento, Italy
- **Dr. Giacomo Delledonne** – Saint-Louis University, Brussels, Belgium
- **PD Dr. Klaus Detterbeck** – Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg, Germany
- **Prof. Dr. Gisela Färber** – German University of Administrative Science Speyer, Germany
- **Dr. Vincent de Graaf** – Organisation for Security and Co-Operation in Europe (OSCE), The Hague, The Netherlands
- **Dr. Malcolm Harvey** – University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom
- **Dr. Karl Kössler** – European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen, Italy
- **Prof. Giuseppe Martinico** – Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy
- **Dr. Matteo Nicolini** – European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen and University of Verona, Italy
- **Prof. Dr. Francesco Palermo** – European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen and University of Verona, Italy
- **Prof. Dr. Paolo Passaglia** – University of Pisa, Italy
- **Prof. Patricia Popelier** – University of Antwerp, Belgium
- **Prof. Nico Steytler** – University of the Western Cape, South Africa
- **Prof. Dr. Roland Sturm** – Friedrich-Alexander Erlangen University (FAU), Germany
- **Dott.ssa Martina Trettel** – European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen, Italy
- **Dott.ssa Alice Valdesalici** – European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen, Italy
- **Prof. Dr. Jens Woelk** – European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen and University of Trento, Italy

## DATES AND VENUES

### FEBRUARY 1-12, 2016

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: 25 October 2015

For further information, enrolment procedure, costs and scholarship opportunities please visit:  
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