



International Summer School
Rethinking the Culture of Tolerance. Europe, Borders and Migrations
University of East Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
18-24th September 2017

Apply by 10th June 2017

Description and objectives

The International Summer School 'Rethinking the Culture of Tolerance' is a joint program between the University of Milan-Bicocca, the University of Sarajevo, and the University of East Sarajevo.

The School restarts in 2017 with a new three-year project designed to mark the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. The 2017 edition of the School will be devoted to the question of European internal and external borders and their re-definition through the process of integration, both in its deepening dimension (political, economic and socio-cultural) and in its widening perspective, with aspirant countries being involved in the enlargement and accession procedure. The complexity of the process increased over the past few years due to the economic and financial crisis, but also under the weight of the so-called 'refugee crisis'. Confronted with such significant political, legal and social challenges, EU institutions have struggled to undertake effective and just measures to rescue people escaping from war and poverty. What has been happening across European countries, both Western and Eastern, calls into question the core founding principles and socio-political values of the old and new liberal democracies of the European Union, as we celebrate the

60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome. Moreover, growing intolerance and discrimination pervade political discourse throughout Europe, while the issues of migrants is often dealt with through securitization and criminalisation rather than through efficient asylum policies.

These are some of the key issues that our team of scholars and civil society experts will engage with and discuss from a variety of critical viewpoints. We are deeply convinced that the human and humanitarian disaster of migrants and refugees being trapped along the Mediterranean and Balkan routes needs to be continuously monitored and examined, with the view to building new political and legal dispositives able to deal with the crisis in a better way. Hence, one of the main goals of the School is to contribute to creating a counter-narrative about Europe, its borders and the refugee crisis, based on the fundamental values of respect and recognition of dignity, rights and freedom of every human being.

The School will take place in East Sarajevo and Sarajevo, a part of Europe where the redefinition of borders and boundaries has been ongoing from the late 1980s, and the memory of forced migration due to the Yugoslav wars in 1990s is still vivid, which demonstrates the persistence of 'rightlessness in the age of rights'.

General Agenda of the Summer School

Lectures and workshops of the **fourth edition** will combine different teaching methodologies, and the participants will have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge about political, legal and social aspects regarding different migration issues in the frame of the European space in construction.

The lectures and seminars will focus on:

- The European integration project and its open trajectories: nationalism, populism, transnationalism?
- The new language of walls: Renegotiating borders and collective identities in Europe.
- The Union and the continent: Contested European borderscapes and transnational geographies in the era of mass migration.
- Conflicts and migrations: Sociology of war and the critique of geo-political discourse.
- Forced migrations, crimes against humanity and genocide: The experiences of the Yugoslav Wars 1991-1999.
- 'Refugee crises' and European policies of asylum between solidarity and criminalization.
- European civil society and the human rights discourse in pro-refugee activism: Strengths and limits.
- Migration and communication flows: rethinking borders, conflicts and identity through the media.
- Islamophobia, xenophobia, racism, terrorism: The politics of toleration versus the politics of fears.
- Migrations, borders and the European Union: Toleration as respect and recognition, and the new social justice.

These and related topics will be under scrutiny during the intensive one-week training, which is an excellent forum for unpacking the multifarious and heuristic potential of the

concept and the practice of tolerance. Classes combine presentations and lectures followed by questions and answers, with participatory and dialogical teaching methods. Active involvement of the participants is highly encouraged. The final discussion and the opportunity to write a final paper (required for the evaluation) are key to this objective.

Organisation and requirements

The School addresses European and international **MA** and **PhD** students, post-docs and researchers. In particular, the Summer School invites students attending MA and PhD courses at the University of Sarajevo, the University of East Sarajevo and the University of Milan-Bicocca. The deadline for application is **10th June 2017**, and the final selection of candidates will be published on **25th June 2017**.

Period: **18-24th September 2017**

Place: University of East Sarajevo (Lukavica and Pale)

Number of Participants: **35** (15 from Bosnia and Herzegovina and other 'Western Balkan' countries, 10 from Italy, 10 European and International students)

Fee: The access to the fourth edition of the Summer School will be free of any fee for the students from **Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Kosovo and Albania**. All other students will pay a **tuition fee of 300,00 Euros**.

Travel and accommodation: **Participants are expected to cover their travel and accommodation expenses by themselves**. The University of East Sarajevo will predispose a list of hostels and hotels in East Sarajevo and Sarajevo. The selected participants are invited to contact the preferred hostel/hotel directly.

Language: The language of the Summer School is **English**. No certificate is required for the application.

Lectures: Participants will take part in **26 hours of lectures** and **14 hours of seminars and panel discussions**.

Certificate and Evaluation: At the end of the Summer School the participants will give a **presentation** on a selected topic. They will also have the opportunity to **write a final paper** with the assistance of a supervisor, to be delivered by **15th December 2017**. The Summer School scientific committee must approve the topics and the supervisors will evaluate the papers. A **certificate of attendance** carrying **2 ECTS** will be provided to all participants who fulfil the basic requirements of the Summer School. Additional **2 ECTS** will be awarded following the paper evaluation.

Other: Most lessons and seminars will be hosted by the **Faculty of Law of the University of East Sarajevo**, which is located in Pale (15 km from Sarajevo city). One day of the School will be organized by the University of Sarajevo.

How to apply

All candidates should apply online using the following link:

<http://summerschoolbicocca.com/how-to-enroll.php>

The selected candidates should pay the tuition fee (**300,00 Euros**) by **20th July 2017** following the procedure on: <http://summerschoolbicocca.com/fees-payment.php>

Please be sure to indicate the right code of the Summer School: **TOLERANCE**

In addition, we kindly ask all candidates to attach to the application form a short essay (300 words) on why they want to attend the school, or to send it to the following e-mail address: summerschool.tolerance@gmail.com

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The Summer School is organized in collaboration with the Research Centers *Etnicos*, *Diaforà* and *Pragsia*, Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milan-Bicocca.

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