

EUROPEAN REGIONAL MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE



30 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

APPLY BEFORE 17/9/2021



University of Sarajevo & University of Bologna
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DESCRIPTION

ERMA is a one year interdisciplinary Master's programme coordinated by the Global Campus SEE, a joint initiative of the University of Sarajevo (UNSA), Center for Interdisciplinary Studies ([CIS](#)) and the University of Bologna (UNIBO), Department of Political and Social Sciences. Our students have the benefit of studying in a highly international environment, attending lectures and workshops held by over 40 professors and experts from 11 partner universities: University of Bologna, Italy; University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; University of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, University of Belgrade, Serbia; Karl Franzens University of Graz, Austria; University of the Ruhr, Germany; University of Peloponnese, Greece; University of Zagreb, Croatia; New Bulgarian University, Bulgaria; University Ss. Cyril and Methodius, North Macedonia; and University of Pristina, Kosovo*, and other partner organisations. The Programme awards students with 60 ECTS and a double-degree diploma of both founding universities (UNSA and UNIBO).

The programme is intended for students who wish to combine studies with practical and field research experience in human rights and democratization issues. Human rights and democracy are cross cutting themes among different disciplines of study, such as political science, social sciences, law, sociology, and philosophy, therefore ERMA fosters an interdisciplinary approach within all the subjects studied. Programme covers topics such as Foundations of human rights; Nationalism, identity and conflict; Democratisation and EU integration; International human rights norms and standards, Mechanisms of human rights protection and implementation as well as Research methodologies. Aside from attending lectures at the University of Sarajevo, students serve a 6 week internship and spend one month at the University of Bologna, Italy.

GC SEE/ERMA is a part of the Global Campus of Human Rights, a unique network of universities, seeking to advance human rights and democracy through regional and global cooperation. It provides ERMA students and Alumni with several unique opportunities such as the [Global Classroom](#), a week-long conference which brings together students and professors from all regional hubs to present their research on a topic of common interest and [GC Human Rights Journal](#) (GC HRJ), a peer-reviewed bi-annual publication serving as a forum for rigorous scholarly analysis critical commentaries, and reports on recent developments pertaining to human rights and democratization globally as well as the GC Internship stipend for the most successful students for 6 months after the graduation, boosting their employability.

STRUCTURE AND CONTENTS

The GC SEE/ERMA Programme is a highly intensive one-year master, implemented from November until the end of the October. To obtain the degree, students are required to attend and actively participate in all of the academic and practical activities. It consists of two semesters, divided into three terms.

TERM I

The Term I takes place at the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of the University of Sarajevo from November to mid-June. Students are taught by ERMA academic tutors and lecturers from the 11 participating universities, as well as experts from IGOs and NGOs. The term is structured in six educational clusters, together awarding 30 ECTS. The structure of the lectures and the research dimension are shaped in such a way to emphasize a shared consciousness among students about the democratic development and the human rights promotion, as well as their protection and implementation in the SEE region. Alongside the lectures, students visit state institutions, intergovernmental organizations, and NGOs active in the field of human rights and democracy in Sarajevo and other cities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, such as Mostar and Srebrenica.



THEMATIC CLUSTERS

1. FOUNDATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY
2. NATIONALISM, IDENTITY AND CONFLICT
3. DEMOCRATISATION AND EU INTEGRATION
4. INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS NORMS AND STANDARDS
5. MECHANISMS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION AND IMPLEMENTATION
6. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY



FIELD TRIPS

1. MOSTAR
2. SREBRENICA



RESEARCH DIMENSION

ERMA students have courses on research methodologies throughout the Term I in Sarajevo, preparing them for conducting research and MA theses writing in the field of human rights and the democracy in the SEE region. To gain a deeper understanding of the regional dimensions of issues connected to human rights and democratization, students are strongly encouraged to write the MA thesis on countries other than those of their citizenship and to do comparative studies on different countries from the SEE region. Throughout the Term, students are assisted in their academic development by the academic tutors of the program, selected and employed among the most successful alumni of the programme.

TERM II

The Second Term is designated for students to acquire working experience in the field of human rights and democracy throughout the SEE, boosting their mobility and international experience. It also serves conducting their research and data gathering related to the MA thesis topic.

In this framework, from mid-June to the end of July, students take up six-week internships at selected IGOs, NGOs, think-tanks, and research institutes across the region. Over the years, more than 100 partner organizations from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia hosted and trained our students as their interns. The internship awards 10 ECTS.

TERM III

ERMA students spend the Third Term of the Programme, from late August to mid-October, at the University of Bologna (UNIBO), one of the 200 top universities in the world, and the leading university in Europe for international mobility. At the place of residence in Italy the students are provided with study rooms, computer labs, library facilities and access to the University of Bologna student services.



During this time students focus on the finalization of their Master's Theses, attend short seminars and lectures, enjoy living together, and also travel around Italy for short excursions and field visits. For 7 weeks students are accommodated at the [Bologna's University Residential Center of Bertinoro \(CEUB\)](#). This term is compulsory and awards 20 ECTS.

The University of Bologna Residential Centre is located in a picturesque medieval town of Bertinoro, Emilia-Romagna, rich in history and popular traditions, situated in Central Italy.

Once having completed their MA thesis, students travel back to Sarajevo for their Master's theses defense. After a successful defense, students are awarded a double Master's Diploma in Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe issued by the University of Sarajevo and the University of Bologna. The graduation ceremony is held in Sarajevo.

INTERNSHIP PARTNERS 2019-20

- Promente, BiH
- Right to the City, Serbia
- Kosovar Civil Society Foundation, Kosovo
- National Institute for Migration and Integration of Immigrants, Albania
- The Balkan Forum, Kosovo
- Association for Culture and Art Crvena, BiH
- Kuma International, BiH
- Ženska soba, Croatia
- Sombor Education Centre, Serbia
- Center for Security Studies, BiH
- Civil Rights Defenders, BiH
- Research Center of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts Migration Institute, Slovenia
- Islamic Cultural Centre, Croatia
- Ideas, Serbia
- Da se zna, Serbia
- ADI, BiH
- WWF Adria, Serbia
- Council of Europe, Serbia
- Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, Croatia
- Qendra Multimedia, Kosovo
- Centre for Women Studies and Gender Research, University of Belgrade, Serbia
- Forum ZDF, BiH
- ECMI, Kosovo
- Helsinki Committee, Serbia
- Office of the Albanian Ombudsman



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In the academic year 2021/22, its 21st year of implementation, the GC SEE/ERMA will admit 36 students, based on their records, abilities and background, language competences, experience, motivation and research interests. Students will be selected from the following target groups: **TG I (25)** Citizens of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Northern Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and citizens of Kosovo (holders of passports of countries recognized by BiH); **TG II (5)** Citizens of the European Union countries, Azerbaijan and the Russian Federation; **TG III (6)** Citizens of other countries.

- **ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

The university degree of the applicants must be earned during studies lasting either 4 or 5 years (3+2) with a previously earned degree of a minimum 240 ECTS. Candidates must hold a university degree in social sciences and humanities, from an accredited university.

- **ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

Candidates have to provide evidence of their English language proficiency. The Master Programme recognizes the following international English Language certificates:

1. TOEFL – minimum 560 paper-based, 220 computer-based, 83 IBT;
2. IELTS - minimum band 6.5, no less than 6.0 in any of its subsections;
3. CAE and CPE Cambridge exams.

Applicants with 1. English as a native language, 2. a university diploma in English language and literature, and 3. those who had previous university education in English language are exempted from providing a separate proficiency certificate. Such candidates shall submit transcripts or certificates issued by their respective universities.

TUITION FEE

Students coming from countries of the TG I are exempted from the tuition fee and are required to cover solely the enrollment costs in the amount of 200€. Students of TG II and III pay the 2000€ tuition fee.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to the comprehensive scholarship scheme, made possible by EU and the Italian government, students from TGI and TGII receive study grants covering regular living costs (November to July) in the amount of 4.500 € gross. Costs of their lodging and dining are covered during the thesis-writing period in Italy. Reimbursements (travel, health insurance, etc.) in the overall amount of 1.200 € are also secured for students of these target groups.



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