

## Certificate

A certificate of participation with 10 ECTS will be issued at the conclusion of the summer course.

## Fees

The total fee is € 490. This charge includes full tuition costs, accommodation and meals. Each participant must meet the cost of travel to and from Frankfurt (Oder). In cases of need a scholarship may be provided (*subject to funding availability and demonstrated need*). Further details can be obtained from the address below.

## Application procedure

Written applications should include:

- the application form
- proof of competence in the English language

All applications **must** be written in English. Forms can be obtained from the address below.

## Application deadline

Applications should be received by 31 May 2015 at the address below.

## Address

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## The Viadrina European University – History and Location

The Viadrina European University, refounded in 1991, began its first academic year in 1992, continuing the fine tradition of the first State University of Brandenburg (*Alma Mater Viadrina*, 1506–1811). Today it especially endeavours to face the challenge of a newly open and expanded Europe. In co-operation with Polish and other affiliated European universities, the Viadrina, due to its unique geography and history, plays a special role as a bridge between Eastern and Western Europe. The University's Faculties go beyond the confines of their own disciplines, so as to work together to meet challenges involved in building a common European house.

Small class sizes allow students excellent supervision and personal contact with the professors, thus providing excellent study conditions. Students at the Viadrina enjoy a peaceful and productive atmosphere in preparing for their exams.

Frankfurt (Oder) lies directly on the border with Poland, 90 Kilometres east of Berlin (45 minutes away by public transport). The city, with a population of 70.000 has changed considerably over the last few years and has become increasingly attractive for young people seeking a suitable place for study. Apart from academic facilities, there are a cinema, the Kleist Theatre, Cabaret, the State Philharmonic Orchestra of Frankfurt (Oder), and of course good students bars. Various sports are also offered at the Viadrina. Within the University additional variety and entertainment is provided by the Students' Theatre, the Viaphoniker Orchestra, and international film evenings.



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**Germany**

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## Objectives

This Summer Course will deal in detail specifically with the European System for the protection of human rights. Although there are numerous summer courses and other special study programs within Europe on the human rights protection, this course concentrates on an *integrated* treatment of the various European systems and of specifically European issues of human rights protection, that is, with important matters relevant to over forty European countries with diverse political, economic and social systems.

The subject matter, therefore, includes human rights protection under the regimes of the Council of Europe (the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Social Charta), the European Union and the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (Helsinki Accords), as well as that on the universal level of public international law. The treatment of these substantive regimes and their specific rights catalogues will be set against the background of a consideration of the philosophical, historical, political, economic and sociological aspects of human rights, and include practical institutional matters such as complaint procedures as well as developments such as in the area of 'New Rights'. This comprehensive course has been organised by and will be presented by a dedicated group of experienced and expert's teachers from universities in fourteen European countries, co-ordinated by the Viadrina European University Frankfurt (Oder) (Germany). The other participants are the Universities of Lund (Sweden), Barcelona (Spain), Utrecht, Rotterdam (The Netherlands), Aberystwyth, Hull (United Kingdom), Salzburg (Austria), Maribor (Slovenia), Malta.

## Dates and Location

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## Draft Program

### Prof Christopher Harding (Aberystwyth)

*Philosophical, conceptual and historical aspects*

### Prof Ryszard Piotrowicz (Aberystwyth)

*Prohibition of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment*

### Prof Pablo Pareja Alcaraz (Barcelona)

*UPR of the HRC and Europe*

### Dr Stefanie Haumer (DRK Berlin)

*Relationship between human rights protection and international humanitarian law*

### Prof Dr Hans-Joachim Heintze (Bochum)

*Overview of regimes and institutions*

### Prof Gerard C. Rowe (Frankfurt [Oder])

*Prohibition of discrimination*

### Prof Dr Carmen Thiele (Frankfurt [Oder])

*Self-determination and minorities*

### Inga Jäkel (Frankfurt [Oder])

*Moot Court*

### Dr Richard Burchill (Hull)

*Right to free elections*

### Dr Nina-Louisa Arold (Lund)

*Utilising the European Court of Human Rights*

### Dr Therese Comodini Cachia (Malta)

*Freedom of expression*

### Prof Silvo Devetak (Maribor)

*Minority rights within the EU*

### Prof Paul Mevis (Rotterdam)

*The right to fair trial*

### Prof Jan Reijntjes (Rotterdam)

*The right to liberty and security*

### Dr Ulrike Brandl (Salzburg)

*Migration and refugees*

### Prof Michael Geistlinger (Salzburg)

*The right to respect private life*

### Prof Leo Zwaak (Utrecht)

*The right to life and abolishment of death penalty*

### Dr Jonas Grimheden (Vienna)

*The role of the FRA for human rights in the EU*

## Who can participate?

This course is especially designed for young academics and researchers, graduates or advanced students in order to provide students from all countries of both Western and Eastern Europe with an opportunity to expand their knowledge of human rights law and policy within the transnational European context. Participants are expected to attend the whole program.

Participating students should

- have a good working knowledge of English;
- be at an advanced stage of their studies and have at least a basic understanding of public international law

## Teaching method & materials

Held in English, the summer course will combine lecture and discussion approaches. Lectures will have

a maximum number of 60 participants, while discussion groups will be limited to 30 participants. Participants will be expected to be actively involved, including the reading of materials set in advance for each session. Materials especially prepared for this course will be provided free of charge.

## Accommodation

Accommodation in modern students apartments (containing either single or twin bedrooms, with own kitchen and bathroom) will be provided for each participant.

## Visas

**Important!** Lectures will take place in Germany, but accommodation will be located in Slubice, Poland (across the Oder River from Frankfurt). Therefore, each participant may, depending on nationality, be required to hold **multiple entry visas** for both Germany and Poland (must be obtained before arrival!)