



## International Summer School on the Problems of the New Europe

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### 1. PRESENTATION

The XV International Summer School is organised as a combination of theoretical lectures, hands-on exercises, conferences and work-groups. Based on the observation of the New Europe and on its relation in the global geopolitical arena, the Summer School encompasses the complexity and multiple dimension of innovation in the different spheres of society.

"Imagine. Create. Innovate". With this slogan the European Commission has launched, in January 2009, the Year of Creativity and Innovation aiming to promote creative and innovative approaches in different sectors of human activity and help equip the European Union for the challenges ahead in a globalised world.

Notwithstanding the variety of context- and discipline-specific definition of creativity and innovation, they certainly play a major role in the solution of any problem. The analytical effort undertaken by the International Summer School on the Problems of the New Europe, in the past 14 years, has incorporated an innovative, visionary approach to the future of the EU which we held necessary to tackle Europe's challenges, including the move to the knowledge society, demographic change, globalisation and climate change.

The XV edition of the International Summer School aims to provide an original interpretative framework for the social, political and economic changes occurring at, within and beyond the European borders which, in the context of the current crisis, are considered as a conceived as horizontal, cross-cutting issues involving many areas: education and culture, business, regional and research policies, energy, transport, environment and the information society.

The school general objective encompasses the promotion of exchange among European and non-European stakeholders, communities and individuals to contribute to awareness-raising and experience-sharing and to demonstrate the relevance of creativity and innovation in their areas of activity.

Innovative and creative mindsets, focusing on dealing with all-pervasive complexity, necessitate however of solid knowledge basis. The XV edition of the International

Summer Schools offers the opportunity to graduate students, researchers, scholars and professionals to deepen their knowledge on the issues linked to problems of the New Europe through active participation to seminars, lectures, conferences and workshops stimulating participation through the presentation of papers, panel discussions and simulation modelling.

More info on [www.summerschool.isig.it](http://www.summerschool.isig.it)

## 2. STRUCTURE

The XV International Summer School time is a full-time post-graduate programme organised by ISIG in Gorizia which lasts two weeks<sup>1</sup>.

Didactic activities	Tot. hours
Lectures	15 hours
Hands-on exercises	14 hours
Workgroups	21 hours
Conferences	12 hours
Social Events	

Lectures and conferences are plenary events.

Hands-on exercises may foreseen the divisions of participants in smaller groups to improve participation.

Working groups are designed so to allow participants to elaborate group papers (Cfr Call for papers) under the supervision of the working group tutor. Three thematic working groups are established.

Students' active participation to all sessions is expected.

## 3. HOW TO APPLY

Interested post-graduate students, scholars and professionals holding at least a full university degree<sup>2</sup> must follow the on-line registration procedure ([www.summerschool.isig.it](http://www.summerschool.isig.it)).

Candidates must fill in the registration form in all its parts.

Along with all personal and contact information, candidates must upload directly through the on-line registration their scientific CV (max.5 pages) and their Abstract (Cfr. Call for papers).

Both CV and Abstract are necessary in order to apply.

Registration deadline 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009 h.15.00

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<sup>1</sup> except Saturday and Sunday

<sup>2</sup> Applicants must hold at least a 3 years university degree. Candidates with Master (or 3+2 years university degree) and PhD degrees will be favoured.

Registration are normally processed within seven working days. If candidates do not receive an email confirming their registration in seven working days they should contact the ISS Organisation committee directly ([summerschool@isig.it](mailto:summerschool@isig.it)).

Applications will be evaluated by the ISS scientific committee. The list of successful applicants will be published on the website by the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Successful candidates will also be informed by email by the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

Successful applicants must mandatorily confirm their participation by the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2009.

#### **4. SCHOLARSHIPS**

All successful applicants (up to 80 persons), applying for a scholarship (on the registration form), will be awarded a full scholarship covering board and lodging (which are directly provided by the ISS organisation committee);

IUIES students and participants coming from the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region will be granted a scholarship covering lunches only.

Participants coming from soft-currency countries are entitled to receive a PARTIAL reimbursement of their travel expenses according to the ISS availability of funds (and if the necessary documentation - i.e. tickets, boarding passes, etc. – are provided to the ISS organisation committee). The reimbursement will be issues at the end of the International Summer School if the compulsory attendance will be satisfied at least by a 70%<sup>3</sup>.

#### **5. ATTENDANCE**

Attendance is compulsory to all events. Failure to comply with at least 70% of attendance implies the withdrawal of the scholarship. The ISS organisation committee may ask the refund of all expenses to students failing to comply with the attendance threshold for unjustifiable reasons.

Participants are expected to be on time to all events. Participants arriving more than 15 minutes late will not be allowed in and their attendance will not be taken.

#### **6. CALL FOR PAPERS**

##### **A - Goals**

- To bring together scholars focusing on the New Europe, on its dynamics both within and beyond the EU borders and on its complex social, economic and political framework and on the field of policy making;

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<sup>3</sup> Participants coming from partner institutions (i.e. institutions co-organising the Summer School) will not benefit from any travel reimbursement regardless from their country of origin (i.e. soft-currency countries)

- To promote in-depth discussion of original research papers dealing with the topics of the panel sessions on the XV International summer school on the Problem of the New Europe;
- To offer participants the publication and dissemination of the research papers in an edited volume in English published by ISIG.

## **B - Structure**

The XV edition of the International Summer School foresees the compulsory presentation of an abstract. Abstracts must:

1. indicate the author's contact details (Name/Surname/Email);
2. indicate 3 keywords;
3. not exceed 350 words;
4. be in English;
5. indicate references (a short bibliography/web-directory, max 1 page);
6. be in \*.doc or \*.pdf format.
7. be uploaded through the online registration procedure ([www.summerschool.isig.it](http://www.summerschool.isig.it)) when filling in the online registration form.

Students will be divided into three macro working groups according to the themes addressed in their abstract. The three working groups are:

WG 1 - Innovation and Creativity: regional and local development strategies, cross-border cooperation and the Future of European enlargement;

WG 2 - Innovation and Creativity: the Future of European Integration

WG 3 - Innovation and Creativity: Risk prevention, Climate change and the Environment

### **WG 1 - Innovation and Creativity: regional and local development strategies, cross-border cooperation and the Future of European enlargement.**

The new EU territorial policy encourages regional and local approaches to the integrated socio-economic cohesion and development of MS. The regional/local dimension has increasingly acquire a cross-border and inter-state nature both within and beyond European borders.

The focus of WG1 is on the social, economic and political dynamics interplaying in the definition of the cross-border approach to local development. Issues of cross-border relations, Euroregions and local community empowerment represent the core topics of WP1. The new EU tool and methods promoting these dynamics (Objective 3, EGCT, decentralisation of local authorities powers and participatory democracy) are interpreted as new technologies strengthening the implementation of a vast array of European policies (Territorial policy, EU enlargement, Economic development, Regionalisation, etc). Abstracts considered for this working group should address one or more of the following issues:

- The originality of the regional approach to socio-economic development;
- The European regionalisation process;
- The role of cross-border cooperation in the development of peripheral areas;
- The role of cross-border cooperation in the EU foreign policy;
- Beyond cross-border cooperation: examples and best practices of innovative forms of CBC.

For further information on this Working Group, to propose other topics and for other queries on WG1 you can contact:

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## **WG 2 - Innovation and Creativity: the Future of European Integration**

It seems particularly convenient that the European Commission has launched, in January 2009, the year of Innovation and Creativity, as the process of European integration itself can be regarded as the most striking process of innovation for European societies occurred after the end of the Second World War. As we know, since the beginning of the process, with the European Community of Carbon and Steel, the ambition of Robert Schuman, Jean Monnet, and the other so-called Founding Fathers has been indeed to innovate what a State can be, and what international relations may become: almost every key concept of political science, from sovereignty to citizenship, has been reshaped by the construction of the European Union, and after almost 60 years we can now say that they did it in a very creative way.

Within such framework, the focus of the WG2 is on the future perspectives of the European Union made of 27 Member States. The theme is clearly even too broad, and so we will devote the analysis and discussion to a limited number of main topics:

- Innovative perspectives of future enlargement of the EU
- Creative trends towards a deepening of the integration amongst the States already members
- Innovation and creativity at social level: what young European citizens can do to foster the process; how to promote a European identity;
- Best practises of innovation and creativity in the process of European integration

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## **WG 3 - Innovation and Creativity: Risk prevention, Climate change and the Environment**

The EU Treaty requires the integration of sustainable development considerations into all European policies, so that they mutually reinforce each other and contribute towards the EU's economic, environmental and social objectives. In the late 1980s the Brundtland Commission report defined the “*development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs*” as sustainable. Ever since, a lot of progress has been made toward the adoption of sustainable development strategies at EU level, but despite important achievements, unsustainable trends persist, among which climate change, the loss of

biodiversity, increased pressure on natural resources, ... The focus of WG3 will be on sustainability and climate change. The latter is considered by EU environmental policy-makers as one of the greatest challenges, threatening millions of people. Higher temperatures, rapidly rising sea levels, more frequent storms, floods, droughts and heat waves are already visible today. In the longer term, climate change will put millions of coastal dwellers at risk and result in water and food shortages. Preparedness and adaptation at an individual, institutional and community level are considered as the main ways to face this environmental threat.

Abstracts considered for this working group should address one or more of the following issues:

- European sustainability policy as an innovation tool
- Sustainable development: theory and practice
- Sustainable development: promises and concerns
- The role of sustainability in the EU environmental policy
- Sustainability and local institutions
- Sustainable consumption
- Environmental governance: a way to promote innovation
- Climate change and adaptation
- Innovation in climate change policy

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The working groups sessions are organised so to allow participants to develop jointly (max. 4 students per group) an original group paper starting from their abstracts. Each group will present their work-in-progress during the last two days of the summer school. Each group will then have one more month to hand-in to their WG tutors the final version of the paper which will be published on an edited volume in English by ISIG.

Papers of 25-35 pages in 1.5 spacing, Times New Roman 12pt, including references, tables and figures should be received by the 17/10/2009;

The Edited volume will be published by December 2009.

**PLEASE NOTE: The Abstract sent to the Evaluation Committee is a necessary document for the evaluation of your application. The abstract sent in should be the result of your prior original work but does not necessary implies that you have already a paper ready. Moreover, successful applicants will not be asked to write an individual paper developing their abstract. During the International Summer School participants will develop their original abstract in a paper jointly written with other participants.**

## 7. BOARD AND LODGING

Successful applicants will be accommodated in double-rooms in one of the following two residences:

### Hostel “Convitto San Luigi”

Via Bosco Don Giovanni, 48 – 34170 Gorizia – Tel.+39.0481.550631

[www.convittosanluigigorizia.it](http://www.convittosanluigigorizia.it)

### Hostel “Suore della provvidenza”

Via Vittorio Veneto, 185 – 34170 Gorizia – Tel +39.0481.531659

[www.pensionatostudentescogorizia.it](http://www.pensionatostudentescogorizia.it)

Daily meal vouchers will be handed out to students at registration and are to be used only at:

Pizzeria “Agli Archi”, Via delle Monache 11, Gorizia, tel 0481.31179

A daily menu will be offered to all participants; *if you have any special dietary need, please indicate it in the apposite section of the registration form.*

## 8. COURSES

The Sumer School will be held at the University of Trieste premises in GORIZIA (Via Alviano, 18). Some events will be hosted elsewhere in Gorizia. Details on all venues will be given at registration upon arrival.

## 9. NON-EU STUDENTS

Non-EU citizens generally need a visa to enter Italy.

The visa must be obtained before leaving for Italy. It is issued by the Italian Consular Offices. For further information [www.ester.it/visti/index\\_eng.asp](http://www.ester.it/visti/index_eng.asp)

## 10. SUMMER SCHOOL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE

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