

Call for Application

Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) on Spinoza's Philosophy Summer term 2024: Hortus Spinozanum – Philosophy in a Time of Crisis

Send us your application by 15 February 2024.

The deadline has been prolonged to 27 February 2024!

<https://site.unibo.it/sivenatura/en/projects/bip>

Hardly any other Western philosopher of the early modern era developed more radical approaches than Baruch de Spinoza. The unconventionality of his philosophy stems from several doctrines, e. g. the capacity of matter to form itself, the parallelism of body and mind, the excessivity of positive affects, the differentiability of Being, and the potentiality of the multitude to govern itself.

The Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) provides critical tools for interpreting the present era from a Spinozian perspective, but also offers an opportunity to study multiple aspects of Spinozism and Spinoza's thought, including historical ones. In addition, you will gain insights into why Spinoza received outstanding attention from various currents of contemporary critical thought, from post-structuralism and post-Marxism to New Materialism.

The European University Viadrina and the professorship Cultural Philosophy/ Philosophies of Culture invite MA and doctoral students to apply for the BIP on Spinoza, taught by lecturers from more than eleven European universities. The project will explore the potential of blended learning, combining in-person and distance activities involving teachers, students and lecturers to initiate the construction of a broad and multidisciplinary collaboration network. The activities will be divided into three phases, the first and third of which will be online, while the second will take place at the University of Bologna, between 20 May and 14 June 2024. You will attend the courses on the Bologna campus for 5 to 10 days, up to a maximum of 30 days (the maximum duration of stay is only possible for MA students who have widely completed their studies and no longer have to attend seminars or doctoral students who can take 30 days off).

During the summer term, Prof. Katja Diefenbach will offer an introductory lecture course on Spinoza's philosophy that will take place (in German language) on Thursdays between 2 and 4 p.m.

The program carries six credits, for a total of 30 teaching hours (between F2F and online). Activities will be conducted mainly in English or French.

Your stay in Bologna will be financially supported (70 €/ day) by Erasmus funds and coordinated by the Viadrina Outgoing Office. Around 6 scholarships are available.

Further subsidies for green travel or to compensate for disadvantages are possible.

Please send your brief and informal application by February, 15th, to Prof. Katja Diefenbach by e-mail (diefenbach@europa-uni.de). A couple of lines are sufficient (in English or German).

We are looking forward to receiving your application!

Please state:

- why you are interested in the programme;
- whether you have already previous knowledge of Spinoza's philosophy (which is **not** necessary in order to apply) and if so, regarding which aspects;
- whether you are interested in attending, during the summer term, the Thursday introductory lecture course to Spinoza's philosophy (in German language) at the European University Viadrina.

Dates:

Online-Phase 1: 15 April – 15 May

Phase 2: 20 May – 14 June 2024, face-to-face (F2F) activities at the University of Bologna

Online Phase 2: 15 June-30 June 2024

Coordination:

If you have questions regarding financial support, travel, and accomodation, pls. contact our Outgoing office: outgoing@europa-uni.de

Cooperating universities:

Università di Bologna, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Université libre de Bruxelles, Galatasaray Üniversitesi, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Europa-Universität Viadrina, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, Université de Reims, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität

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