

The Viadrina

The European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) was founded in 1991 and plays an important role as a bridge between Eastern and Western Europe. One third of its 5.000 students come from neighbouring Poland and young people from more than 75 countries study at the Viadrina.

The Viadrina's international and interdisciplinary spirit is put into research practice by its three faculties: the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, and the Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences.

The Viadrina Summer University

The Summer University is a further contribution to the Viadrina's task of crossing European borders and serving as a bridge between the East and the West. With the Summer University, the European University's Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences offers a contribution for international graduate education. In the Viadrina's tradition of international and interdisciplinary research, the Summer University in 2007 will explore the role of religion in modern societies.

The Summer University is a cooperative work of the Viadrina's broad network of international universities, including Mickiewicz University Poznan, Central European University Budapest, Charles University Prague, Sciences Po Paris, University of Manchester, University of Texas/Austin, University of California/Berkeley, and New York University.

Frankfurt (Oder)

Frankfurt's appearance and history is deeply intertwined with the town center location of the Oder river. Buildings, such as the Town Hall and St. Mary's church display Frankfurt's past as a powerful and rich trading town and as a member of the Hanseatic League. Today, the Oder is the border river to Poland and faces the challenges of serving as a gateway to the East. The lively Polish neighbouring town Słubice is within ten minutes walking distance from the university and Germany's capital city Berlin can be reached within one hour by train.

Frankfurt is a green city beautifully located at the river with a promenade, parks and an attractive countryside.

Application

Applications (in English language) must include the following documents:

- The completed application form, including a grant application (if desired)
- A letter of motivation (max. two pages)
- A curriculum vitae (max. two pages)
- Proof of English language proficiency

The application deadline is **April 1st, 2007**. Accepted applicants will be informed by mid-April.

Please submit your application, including the completed application form from our website by email or send by post to:

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Religion and Modernity

The Societal Determination of Religion
and its Cultural Potential

June 18 – July 06, 2007

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Viadrina Summer University 2007

The Viadrina Summer University 2007 invites advanced students and young scholars to explore the subject of societal determination of religion and the cultural potential religion poses to shape modern societies. In an international and interdisciplinary atmosphere, the Viadrina Summer University brings together leading scholars from different backgrounds, such as sociology, political sciences, history, and linguistics.

Religion and Modernity The Societal Determination of Religion and its Cultural Potential

The Viadrina Summer University attempts to provide an appropriate description of the role of religion in modern societies.

We will study the impact of modernity on religion and, vice versa, the influence religion exerts on modern life worlds. Pivotal to this approach is the assumption that religion is not only constantly challenged and changed by processes of modernization, such as pluralization, individualization, or functional differentiation. Rather it must also be considered as one of societies driving forces to modernization. The interaction of religion and modernization is expressed in the relationship between religion and democracy, religion and the rule of law, religion and education, religion and art, religion and nationalism, as well as in the role of Islam in modern societies.

Program

The program of the Viadrina Summer University consists of four core courses, four workshops, lectures and German language classes (on demand). The language of instruction and reading is English.

Additionally, we offer a variety of excursions, one of them on "Hidden Treasures and Monasteries in Berlin and Brandenburg" and an extensive cultural program for evenings and weekends.

Courses, Workshops, Lectures, and Excursions

Core Courses:

Islam in Europe

Monika Wohlrab-Sahr, University of Leipzig and
Riva Kastoryano, CERI Paris

Religion and Modernity: Theoretical Considerations and Empirical Findings

Detlef Pollack, European University
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Religion, Politics and Policies in Western Democracies: Concepts and Comparisons

Michael Minkenbergh, European University
Frankfurt (Oder)

Religious Transformation in Eastern Europe: East Germany and Poland

Tadeusz Doktor, Warsaw University and
Barbara Theriault, Université de Montréal

Workshops:

Religious Revival in Eastern Europe

Olaf Müller, European University Frankfurt (Oder)

Religious Affiliation and Political Attitudes

Jörg Jacobs, European University Frankfurt (Oder)

Religion and Modern Nationalism

Philipp Ther, European University Frankfurt (Oder)

Linguistic, Identity, Gender and Religion

Bozena Tieszen, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee

Lectures:

Secularization Revisited: What I really said about Secularization

David Martin, London University

Secularization in Europe and the US: The continuing secular transition

David Voas, University of Manchester

Credits

Participants can earn up to 18 ECTS points or a graduate course credit.

The Viadrina Summer University certificate requires active participation in two core courses, one workshop, attendance of two lectures and at least two excursions.

Participants who wish to transfer their course credit to their home universities are expected to participate in 45 contact hours and to submit a written work of a total of 25 pages.

For more details, please check our website.

Costs

The Viadrina Summer University is open to advanced students and young scholars from all universities (first university degree (BA) required). A limited number of places are reserved for Viadrina MA students, who have focused their studies on religion and modernity. The registration fee of 750.00 Euros covers tuition, materials, and accommodation. The university is pleased to announce that a limited number of grants are available to cover tuition fees and other costs (see below).

The application form and grant application form can be downloaded from our website.

Financial Support

Students may apply for a grant covering tuition fees, costs of teaching materials, travel and accommodation costs, and other basic living expenses in part or in full. The grant application form must be submitted with the application for the Summer University.

Diversity in the composition of the student body, individual scholarly motivation for the participation in the summer university, students' academic excellence, and financial needs will be taken into consideration.