3-week Course

Federalism, Decentralisation and Conflict Resolution

Prof. Eva Maria Belser

18 September – 6 October 2017
Theories and practices of federalism and decentralisation are discussed and put to the test throughout the world. They are tools for power sharing, minority accommodation and inclusive state-building and means for ensuring good governance, fostering democracy and contributing to development. During the last three decades, federalism and decentralisation have also become important instruments for conflict transformation and resolution.

The Chair of Swiss and Comparative Constitutional Law in cooperation with the Institute of Federalism of the University of Fribourg reacts to the ever increasing interest in power sharing, by offering a three-week course on Federalism, Decentralisation and Conflict Resolution.

The course under the direction of Prof. Eva Maria Belser combines lectures, group works and presentations by international guests and participants. Participants will study theories of federalism and decentralisation and examine a variety of power sharing arrangements. Case studies will include Belgium, Ethiopia, Great Britain, India, Iraq, Italy, Nepal, Spain, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Syria, Switzerland, the USA and Yemen.

The working language will be English.

The course is aimed at advanced students who hold at least a bachelor degree of law, political science, economics, history, journalism or other related sciences and young professionals keen to improve their knowledge of federalism, decentralisation and conflict resolution.

Interested persons apply by filling in the online application form or by sending their CV and motivation letter electronically to yvonne.heiter-steiner@unifr.ch. The deadline for application is 31st May 2017.

The course costs are CHF 1000.- including tuition fee and course material.

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**Application deadline:** 31 May 2017

**For more information and application:** http://www.federalism.ch

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