

Summer University

12 - 30 August 2024

Sponsored by: **Institute of Federalism
University of Fribourg**

Week 1: Introduction & Interdisciplinary Approaches to Federalism and Decentralisation

	MON 12.08.2024	TUE 13.08.2024	WED 14.08.2024	THU 15.08.2024**	FRI 16.08.2024	SAT 17.08.2024	SUN 18.08.2024
TIME*	Introduction	Theories of Federalism	Theories of Federalism	Excursion to Bern	Theories of Federalism	Excursion to Gruyères	Leisure
08:30-10:00	Welcome Address & Introduction Eva Maria Belser	Theories of Federalism Sören Keil	The Economic Case for Federalism Mark Schelker	Visit to the Federal Parliament Bern	The Sociological Perspective on Federalism and Minorities Verena Richardier	Excursion to Gruyères	
10:30-12:00	What is a State? Sören Keil						
12:00-13:00	Lunch						
13:00-15:00	Introduction & Expectations SK/RO/VR/DS	Tower of Power (until 13:30) SK/RO/VR/DS	Federalism in Switzerland Eva Maria Belser	City Tour: On the Trail of Bern's Colonial Past	Fribourg: How Can a Canton and a City Accommodate Minorities? Bernhard Altermatt	Excursion to Gruyères	
15:30-17:00	Tutorials on Theories of Federalism SK/RO/VR/DS	Tutorials on Theories of Federalism SK/RO/VR/DS		Leisure in Bern	Fribourg City Tour		
		17:00 - Welcome Apéro	17:30 - Special Lecture on "Human and Minority Rights in Crisis" by Josef Marko followed by an apéro at 18:30				

Week 2: Peace & Federalism

	MON 19.08.2024	TUE 20.08.2024	WED 21.08.2024	THU 22.08.2024	FRI 23.08.2024	SAT 24.08.2024	SUN 25.08.2024
TIME*	Peace Negotiations	Federalism in Europe	Federalism in Africa	Day 1: Conference	Day 2: Conference	Leisure	Leisure
08:30-10:00	Peace Mediation and Negotiations Julian Hottinger	Autonomy and Federalisation in Spain Mireia Grau Creus	Federalism in South Africa Nico Steytler	Summer University 2024 Conference: Challenges to Federalism and Conflict Resolution	Summer University 2024 Conference: Challenges to Federalism and Conflict Resolution		
10:30-12:00							
12:00-13:00	Lunch						
13:00-15:00	Workshop on Negotiation Julian Hottinger & Verena Richardier	Nationalism and Unionism in Europe and Beyond Paul Anderson	Federalism and Conflict in Ethiopia Assefa Fiseha & Mengistu Arefaine	Summer University 2024 Conference: Challenges to Federalism and Conflict Resolution	Summer University 2024 Conference: Challenges to Federalism and Conflict Resolution		
15:30-17:00	Introduction to the Simulation on Conflict Resolution Daan Smeekens & Verena Richardier		Roundtable on Peace, Federalism and Secession Assefa Fiseha, Mireia Grau Creus, Paul Anderson & Verena Richardier				
	19:00 - Country Presentations		20:00 - Movie Night				

Week 3: From Theory to Practice

	MON 26.08.2024	TUE 27.08.2024	WED 28.08.2024	THU 29.08.2024	FRI 30.08.2024	SAT 31.08.2024	SUN 01.09.2024
TIME*	Federalism in Asia	Decentralization & Conflict Resolution	Conflict Resolution	Exams	Conclusion	Departure	
08:30-10:00	Federalism and Conflict in India Rekha Oleschak	Decentralization and Conflict - The Case of Ukraine Oleksandra Keudel	Workshop: Simulation on Conflict Resolution Daan Smeekens & Verena Richardier	Exams	Conclusion of the 2024 Summer University Sören Keil & Verena Richardier		
10:30-12:00					Feedback sessions		
12:00-13:00	Lunch						
13:00-15:00	Postcolonial Federalism in a Comparative Perspective Shahal Khoso	Workshop: Simulation on Conflict Resolution Daan Smeekens & Verena Richardier	Free (Exam Preparations)	Leisure	Diploma Ceremony		
15:30-17:00							
		20:00 - Pub Quiz		19:00 - Farewell Dinner	17:00 - Apéro at Town Hall		

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DISCLAIMER: Please note that the Summer University 2024 programme is still under construction! Times, dates, lectures, etc. are subject to change, and will be updated when more information is available.

* Times are indications: we remain flexible and may adjust where necessary.

** Public holiday in Fribourg