

## Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2022

# Federalism and/in Emergency

**Online edition****30 January - 12 February 2022**

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**WHAT IS THE WINTER SCHOOL ABOUT?**

The Winter School is a two-week international postgraduate program on federalism, regionalism and multi-level governance. Through an interdisciplinary and comparative approach, the school explores how federalism can contribute to multi-level, integrated and pluralistic decision-making.

A wide range of lectures give participants the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of multilevel governance and government, especially from the perspectives of law and political science. The Winter School provides a cutting-edge learning environment with international and distinguished scholars from various academic disciplines who run the courses and workshops on federalism and its challenges.

The 2022 Winter School will focus on **federalism and/in emergency**. During the two-week online edition, participants will analyze the ways in which multilevel systems act in and respond to emergencies. They will, *inter alia*, explore the constitutional provisions on emergencies and exceptional situations while also considering the constitutional resilience of federal or regional systems. Furthermore, Winter School participants will look at the roles that national and subnational executive leaders, parliaments, and courts play during crises and the formal and informal inter-governmental cooperation tools that may be applied to these scenarios. The program will provide insight into asymmetric territorial responses to emergencies in multilevel systems, as well as the impact of emergencies on subnational autonomies. An entire day will be dedicated to the role of supranational entities in the management of global, national, and subnational crises.

Furthermore, the 2022 Winter School will offer in depth sessions on economic and financial crises, natural disasters, public health emergencies, and territorial conflicts.

In addition to numerous opportunities for discussion with leading experts on multilevel governance throughout the lectures, a variety of interactive sessions will offer participants the chance to share their knowledge and experiences. Lectures, workshops, Q&A sessions and a round table will take into account multilevel systems from different parts of the world.

**The Winter School will examine a series of issues:**

- Is there any evidence that multilevel systems are more or less capable of managing emergencies than unitary states?
- What do emergencies teach us about the division of powers and responsibilities in multilevel systems?
- How do federal constitutions treat states of emergency?
- What role do subnational entities play in responding to crises?
- Do states of emergency allow for asymmetric territorial responses?
- Can emergencies affect or even trigger constitutional reform?
- Are existing formal and informal cooperation tools sufficient should new mechanisms be added?

The 2022 Winter School will examine these and other questions by combining theoretical expertise and relevant case studies. As such, the program is a unique opportunity for young academics, postgraduate students, civil servants and practitioners to receive enhanced training on the theoretical and practical aspects of federalism.

**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?**

The Winter School is designed for those who wish to increase their knowledge of federalism through an interdisciplinary and comparative approach:

- young researchers and academics
- post-docs, postgraduate and graduate students
- civil servants from local, regional or national government
- employees of international organisations or NGOs

*Please note that the program requires previous basic knowledge of federalism.*

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the uncertainty regarding international travel, the organizers have decided to organize the 2022 Winter School as an online edition. For further details, please refer to our website: [winterschool.eurac.edu](http://winterschool.eurac.edu)

## WHAT TO EXPECT OF THE WINTER SCHOOL?

In a variety of different online formats, the Winter School offers:

- lectures by distinguished academics;
- discussions and case studies with top experts in the field
- interactive workshops.

The Winter School is held entirely in English.

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The **Institute for Comparative Federalism** carries out comparative and applied research on governance trends in federal, regional and supranational systems within Europe and around the world. The institute is part of Eurac Research, Bolzano/Bozen, an innovative centre for research and training based in South Tyrol, Italy. Founded in 1992 as a private institution, Eurac Research is composed of eleven research institutes and four centers.

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The **Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck**, Austria, founded in 1669, has gained a long-standing reputation for studies on federalism. It serves as the main academic centre of Western Austria and its neighbouring regions. Its sixteen faculties, among them the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, offer a wide range of studies. The University is situated in the heart of the Land Tyrol.

## DATES AND VENUES: 30 January - 12 February 2022

The Winter School 2022 will take place online.

## Application deadline: 17 October 2021

For further information, a detailed programme, enrolment procedure, costs and scholarship opportunities, please visit: [winterschool.eurac.edu](http://winterschool.eurac.edu)

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