

WINTER SCHOOL ON FEDERALISM AND GOVERNANCE 2017

FEDERALISM AND POWER-SHARING

Innsbruck (A) and Bolzano/Bozen (I)

30 January – 10 February 2017



WHAT IS THE WINTER SCHOOL ABOUT?

The Winter School is a **two-week international postgraduate programme** on federalism, regionalism and multilevel governance. It explores, from an interdisciplinary and comparative perspective, how federalism can contribute to multilevel, integrated and pluralistic decision-making.

A wide range of lectures provides an opportunity for participants to broaden their knowledge of multilevel governance and government, especially from the perspectives of legal and political sciences. Top-notch scholars coming from different backgrounds and from around the globe lead courses and workshops on federalism and its challenges in the Winter School's international learning environment.

The 2017 edition of the School will focus on **power-sharing in federal systems**. For one week at the University of Innsbruck and one week at the European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen (EURAC), participants will analyze the legal structures of distribution systems, their interpretation by courts, and the differences between dual and integrated, asymmetric and devolved federal systems. Furthermore, hot topics such as asymmetric federalism and the impact of federal power-sharing on key policy fields will be discussed. Among the practical case studies from different continents (Asia, Africa and Europe), special attention will be paid to the allocation of powers and subsidiarity in the European Union.

Beside numerous opportunities for discussion with leading experts on multilevel governance throughout the lectures, interactive sessions will also offer participants the chance to share knowledge among themselves. Both lectures and workshops will address the issue of power-sharing in the context of fiscal relations, environment, education, social welfare and immigration/integration.

The Winter School will examine a series of issues:

- How can federalism be used as a tool to divide and share powers?
- Which role do courts play in competence interpretation?
- Do power-sharing systems vary with regard to particular models of federalism?
- How can asymmetric federalism be accommodated in the power-sharing system?
- What is the impact of the subsidiarity principle on the relation-

ship between the EU and its member states?

- How does power-sharing impact on particular policy fields, such as fiscal relations, environment, education, social welfare and immigration/integration?
- What lessons can be learned from comparative practice?

The Winter School 2017 examines these and other questions by combining theoretical expertise and relevant case studies. As such, the programme is a unique opportunity for young academics, post-graduate students 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 upgrade their knowledge of federalism through an interdisciplinary and comparative approach, including:

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

Please note that the programme builds on assumed prior knowledge of federalism.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN INNSBRUCK AND BOLZANO/BOZEN?

The two-week programme is embedded in an exciting international learning environment in Austria (Innsbruck, Tyrol) and in Italy (Bolzano/Bozen, South Tyrol) and includes:

- lectures by distinguished academics;
- discussions and case studies with experts;
- study visits to political institutions;
- interactive workshops and a public lecture.

The Winter School is held entirely in English.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

- **Univ.-Prof. Dr. Anna Gamper**
Full Professor at the Department of Public Law, State and Administrative Theory at the Faculty of Law, University of Innsbruck.
- **Prof. Dr. Francesco Palermo**
Head of the EURAC Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism in Bolzano/Bozen and Professor of Comparative Public Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Verona.
- **Univ.-Prof. DDr. Günther Pallaver**
Full Professor at the School of Political Science and Sociology, University of Innsbruck.



The Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism carries out comparative legal studies and applied research on governance trends in federal, regional and supranational systems within Europe and around the world. The institute is part of the European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen (EURAC), an innovative centre for research and training based in South Tyrol, Italy. Founded in 1992 as a private institution, EURAC is composed of eleven research institutes.



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 School of Political Science and Sociology, offer a wide range of studies. The University is situated in the heart of the Land Tyrol.

LECTURERS

- **Dott.ssa Elisabeth Alber** – European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen, Italy
- **Dr. Mariachiara Alberton** – European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen, Italy
- **Prof. Eva Maria Belser** – University of Fribourg, Switzerland
- **Prof. Dr. Gisela Färber** – German University of Administrative Science Speyer, Germany
- **Prof. Dr. Anna Gamper** – University of Innsbruck, Austria
- **Dr. Mireia Grau Creus** – Institut d'Estudis Autonòmics, Barcelona, Spain
- **Prof. Andrew Harding** – National University of Singapore
- **Dr. iur. Karl Kössler** – European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen, Italy
- **Prof. Giuseppe Martinico** – Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy
- **Prof. Nicola McEwen** – University of Edinburgh, Scotland
- **Prof. Dr. Francesco Palermo** – European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen and University of Verona, Italy
- **Prof. Patricia Popelier** – University of Antwerp, Belgium
- **Prof. Francois Rocher** – University of Ottawa, Canada
- **Dr. Wilfried Swenden** – University of Edinburgh, Scotland
- **Prof. Dr. Miranda Schreurs** – Technical University of Munich, Germany
- **Prof. Nico Steytler** – University of the Western Cape, South Africa
- **Dott.ssa Martina Trettel** – European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen, Italy
- **Dott.ssa Alice Valdesalici** – European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen, Italy
- **Prof. Dr. Jens Woelk** – European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen and University of Trento, Italy
- **Ass. iur. Carolin Zwilling** – European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen, Italy

DATES AND VENUES

30 January – 10 February 2017

The first week takes place at the Faculty of Law and School of Political Science and Sociology, Leopold-Franzens-Universität, **Innsbruck, Austria**.

The second week takes place at the Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism, European Academy of **Bolzano/Bozen (EURAC), Italy**.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 23 October 2016

For further information, a detailed programme, enrolment procedure, costs and scholarship opportunities, please visit: winterschool.eurac.edu

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