

## Call for Applications

5<sup>th</sup> Genshagen Trilateral Summer School 2016

### European Migration and Refugee Policy: Perspectives for a Common Approach

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On July 20-29 2016 the fifth Genshagen Trilateral Summer School will take place as a joint project of Stiftung Genshagen, the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt/Oder, the Institut d'études politiques (IEP) de Strasbourg and the Jagiellonian University in Cracow. Students from Germany, France and Poland respectively will gather at castle Genshagen close to Berlin for ten days in order to discuss, from their various perspectives, a topic of European relevance. The Genshagen Summer School's fifth edition will be devoted to the topic "European Migration and Refugee Policy: Perspectives for a Common Approach"



Since 2015, Europe finds itself confronted with a massive influx of refugees from several conflict regions in the world. Especially the further escalation of the Syrian crisis has contributed to a steep rise in the number of people looking for shelter in Europe. These recent events have spurred an intense debate about which direction Europe should take in its migration and refugee policy. They have made all the more clear that, for political and historical reasons, European countries follow very different approaches in how they deal with people wishing to enter their respective territories. Accordingly, finding a 'common European solution' to the current refugee crisis and to the migration problem in general has proven to be an enormous challenge.

The recent debates in the countries of the Weimar Triangle have shown that views in France, Germany, and Poland on how to react to the influx of migrants and refugees differ greatly. The 2016 Trilateral Genshagen Summer School intends to take these differences as a starting point to discuss the issues at stake through French, German and Polish prisms.

The Summer School programme is both at a high scholarly level and diverse: In a series of **morning lectures**, university teachers and representatives from think tanks with a special expertise in the field of migration and refugee policy will provide students with in-depth-knowledge on various aspects of the topic. Among the themes we will discuss are 1.) the reasons why people migrate; 2.) the routes these people take to reach Europe and the issues they are confronted with on their way; 3.) the challenges they have to face when they try to enter Europe; and 4.) the different concepts of how they are being integrated in the receiving societies.

In the **afternoon workshops**, students will compare French, German, and Polish approaches in dealing with the various aspects discussed in the morning. The workshop groups, which will be set up by the organizers a few weeks before the summer school starts, will present and discuss the different positions of the Weimar countries in interactive presentations. The overall goal of the summer school will be to develop a trilateral Franco-German-Polish concept for a comprehensive European migration and refugee policy.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who can apply?

We invite applications from students at Masters level as well as early-stage PhD students enrolled at a German, French or Polish university. Prior experience with the topic of this year's summer school is welcome, but not obligatory. We also value previous international experiences, especially in a Weimar triangle context. As the Summer School's working language is English, its excellent command is a prerequisite.

### When do I have to apply?

The **deadline for applications** is **22 May 2016** and successful candidates will be notified by 3 June 2016.

### How do I apply?

Please send us a cover letter detailing why you wish to participate in the 2016 Genshagen Summer School and your interest in the topic as well as your CV including your academic and extracurricular career. Everything should be in English, as that is the Summer School's working language. We only accept electronic applications sent via e-mail to: [summerschool@stiftung-genshagen.de](mailto:summerschool@stiftung-genshagen.de)

### How many places are there?

Up to 8 students from each country will be able to participate in the Summer School, meaning that the total number of students will be 24.

### Who will the teachers be?

Teachers and lecturers will be experts and researchers from Poland, Germany and France, and potentially third countries in specific cases.

### How much does it cost and where will I stay?

The **tuition fee** is **150 €**. This covers all costs related to your stay in Genshagen: a shared double room at the castle and all meals are included. Unfortunately, we cannot cover your trip from your hometown to Genshagen and back.

### Where can I find more information?

For more information on the organisers and the castle, please visit [www.stiftung-genshagen.de](http://www.stiftung-genshagen.de) and <https://www.facebook.com/GenshagenSummerSchool>.

Should you have any **more questions**, feel free to get in touch with Charlotte Müller, the project assistant: [summerschool@stiftung-genshagen.de](mailto:summerschool@stiftung-genshagen.de).

### The programme

In addition to the morning lectures and the workshop sessions, students will have the opportunity to meet practitioners from business, government or NGOs and to socialise with fellow participants in our so-called 'fireside lounge' sessions in the evening. The Summer School is accompanied by various social activities including a study trip and a cultural trip to Berlin.



## DRAFT PROGRAMME

### DAY 1 | WEDNESDAY, 20 JULY 2016

Welcome, Introduction and the notorious Genshagen Trilateral Schnitzeljagd

### DAY 2 | THURSDAY, 21 JULY 2016

*Morning lecture:*

**General introduction: What do we speak about when we speak about 'migration'?**

*Afternoon session:*

**Free afternoon for groups to discuss their presentations**

### DAY 3 | FRIDAY, 22 JULY 2016

*Morning lecture:*

**Reasons for migration: Why do people migrate?**

*Afternoon workshop session 1:*

**German, French and Polish perspectives on dealing with the reasons for migration**

### DAY 4 | SATURDAY, 23 JULY 2016

*Morning lecture:*

**Migration routes: How do people migrate?**

*Afternoon workshop session 2:*

**German, French and Polish perspectives on securing migration routes**

### DAY 5 | SUNDAY, 24 JULY 2016

**Cultural trip to Berlin**

### DAY 6 | MONDAY, 25 JULY 2016

*Morning lecture:*

**Arrival in receiving countries**

*Afternoon workshop session 3:*

**German, French and Polish approaches to the reception of migrants**

### DAY 7 | TUESDAY, 26 JULY 2016

*Morning lecture:*

**Integration in receiving societies**

*Afternoon workshop session 4:*

**German, French and Polish perspectives on the integration of migrants**

### DAY 8 | WEDNESDAY, 27 JULY 2016

**Study trip to Berlin**

### DAY 9 | THURSDAY, 28 JULY 2016

*Morning lecture:*

**Towards a common European migration and refugee policy?**

*Afternoon workshop session 5:*

**Presentation of the Franco-German-Polish concept for a comprehensive European migration and refugee policy**

### DAY 10 | FRIDAY, 29 JULY 2016

**Wrap-up, feedback and farewell**