

Call for Applications

International Summer School and Simulation Exercise 2018:

„The post-2020 EU budget and democratic norm violations – a European Council simulation game“

The EUCOPAS Summer School looks for excellent MA students from different disciplines to discuss European challenges with high-level experts and decision makers. EUCOPAS is a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence consisting of the Jean Monnet Chair, Prof. Wessels, University of Cologne and the Jean Monnet Chair in European Union Law and Political Science at Sciences Po, Paris (www.eucopas.uni-koeln.de). EUCOPAS is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.

Topic of the Summer School:

Democratic norm violations in some Eastern member states and the candidate country Turkey is increasingly closely connected to discussions about the post-2020 EU budget. The European Commission is considering a proposal that would establish a link between the respect for the rule of law in member states and financial transfers from the EU. In this seminar, students will take part in a European Council simulation game which will focus on the post-2020 EU budget negotiations and the link between the rule of law and EU funding. The simulation exercise is carried out in cooperation with the PROTEUS project of the University of Cologne.

The Summer School will feature speakers and high-level experts from international organisations, business, politics, as well as recognised researchers. The participants will have the possibility to bring in their own academic/professional contributions and to discuss them with the group and the experts. Students will get the opportunity to work in an international sphere since also students from other universities (University of Cologne, University Paris-Sorbonne, Sciences Po Paris and the Turkish-German University Istanbul) will participate in the simulation game. They will improve their intercultural and communicative skills.

Schedule of the Summer School:

The Summer School is scheduled to take place in **Brussels** from **4 - 8 June 2018**. The program consists of two parts: Three days of workshops and lectures (including presentations of selected EU practitioners) will be followed by two days of simulation exercise. Participants will be asked to prepare for the Summer School in the months prior to this week in Brussels. The simulation game demands additionally team organisation and role preparation. Participants are required to prepare and argue the position of a member state of the simulation game. Detailed information will be provided once the group of participants has been nominated.

There will be one introductory session on 13 April 2018 for students from the University of Cologne. This session will be videotaped for the international students and sent around afterwards.

Qualification of students:

Students that are eligible for participation shall comply with the qualification of at least graduate (MA) students of political and economic sciences, law, international relations and European studies. Teaching language is English.

Travel costs:

Travel costs will be refunded up to 145,00€ per person; accommodation is provided free of charge.