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Since the Summer of 2002, Olympia has been hosting, with growing success, an annual international graduate summer program in conflict studies. Thanks to the collaboration of Greek universities with Yale University's Program on Order, Conflict and Violence, the hospitality of the city of Ancient Olympia, and the generosity of Greek foundations, the OSS bring together every year a highly diverse and talented group of graduate students, professionals, and professors from more than 20 countries from around the world.

The purpose of the seminars is to create a forum for high quality academic work in the unique context of Olympia, and to provide opportunities for the creation and consolidation of scholarly networks of cooperation.

The 2009 program will run from July 6 until July 17, 2009. Participants will be selected from a competitive pool of candidates. Tuition charges cover only part of the total cost of the program since OSS is generously supported by several sponsors. A number of scholarships are offered on the basis of merit and need.

Course description

The aim of this course is to provide an overview of the state-of-the-art in the study of conflict and identity. More specifically, we will cover the intersection of large-scale political violence, including intra- and inter-state war, with nationalism and ethnic politics. We will draw from several disciplines and subfields: political science (including international relations and comparative politics), sociology, history, and psychology. While we will focus on substantive findings and debates, we will also cover the methodological questions underlying them. Our geographic focus will be very broad as well, covering the entire world.

The faculty for the 2009 seminars includes:

- Michael Hechter (Ph.D. Columbia), Foundation professor of global studies, Arizona State University; director, School of Government, Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University (https://webapp4.asu.edu/directory/person/848978)
- Lisa Weeden, Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago (http://political-science.uchicago.edu/faculty/wedeen.shtml)
- Stathis Kalyvas (Ph.D. Chicago), Arnold Wolters professor of political science, Yale University; director of the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence at Yale and author of _The Logic of Violence in Civil War_ (http://www.yale.edu/polisci/people/kalyvas.html)
- Dimitris Kerdis (Ph.D. Fletcher School, Tufts University), associate professor of international politics at the University of Macedonia, Greece.
- Brady Kiesling, Former U.S. diplomat; currently Athens-based author, lecturer and political commentator, Web: www.bradykiesling.com

Apply to Olympia Summer Seminars

Applicants should be (post-)graduate students working towards Masters or Ph.D degrees. A few senior undergraduates in social sciences may also be admitted. All applicants should be fluent in English. An application should include a short bio, a letter of recommendation and a copy of university transcripts.
For all inquiries please visit www.uom.gr. You can e-mail olympia@uom.gr. Also you can contact Ms Dimitriadou, tel.: +30 2310 891.474, fax: +30 2310 891.450. Please download the application form from the web and submit by e-mail by May 4, 2009. Early applications are strongly encouraged, especially if a request for financial aid is submitted. Places are limited and will be awarded on merit. Decisions will be mailed out by May 15, 2009. Admitted foreign students will be provided with all necessary documentation in support of a visa application, if this is needed.

Fees

All participants are expected to pay for their own travel to and from Athens. In addition, there is a 100-euro non-refundable registration fee to be paid in advance of the seminar to secure a place, in accordance with the instructions provided in the letter of admission. Tuition and board charges are 790 euros. This covers shared hotel accommodation in a double occupancy room, breakfast and dinner, all the reading material, transportation from Athens to Olympia and back, as well as cultural and social activities. A single room can be provided at an additional charge. A limited number of scholarships for the tuition and board charges are available and will be awarded on a merit and need basis.

- APPLICATION FORM (word document)
- 2009 Olympia Summer Seminar - Schedule
- 2009 Olympia Summer Seminar Reading Material