



OLYMPIA SUMMER ACADEMY

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Olympia Summer Academy Report 2019

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in Politics and International Studies

07-16
JULY 2019

Nafplio, Greece

Who should apply:
Advanced university
students and Ph.D.
candidates, researchers and
practitioners.

Courses provided:

- Conflict and Political Violence
- Terrorism and European Security
- Political Institutions and Development
- Turkey and the modern Middle East
- Remaking Europe
- Political Risk Analysis

Faculty:

Javier Argomaniz, University of St Andrews • Kristin Bakke, UCL • Antonio Barroso, Teneo Intelligence • Grzegorz Ekert, Harvard University • Richard English, Queen's University, Belfast • Kristin Fabbe, Harvard Business School • Orfeo Fioretto, Temple University • Andreas Gofas, NYU Law • Stathis Kalyvas, University of Oxford • Dimitris Keridis, Panteion University • Paschalis Kitromilides, University of Athens • Lukáš Macek, Sciences Po, Dijon • Selil Özel, Kadir Has University • Harry Papasotiriou, Panteion University • Leonid Peisakhin, NYU Abu Dhabi • Wolfgang Piccoli, Teneo Intelligence • Petros Sekeris, Montpellier Business School • George Tzogopoulos, Begin Sadat Center

Early decision deadline:
March 15, 2019
Final deadline:
May 3, 2019

"Take a group of well qualified students from across the world. Combine with political scientists and historians who are leaders in their various fields. Add intensive classes, cultural visits and enjoyable leisure. Set it all within the beautiful and historic Nafplio, first capital of modern Greece. Result: a remarkable educational experience known as the Olympia Summer Academy".

John Breuilly, Professor of Nationalism and Ethnicity, London School of Economics.



Join us and benefit from:

- a faculty at the cutting edge of academic research;
- a student-centered approach, where faculty and students are actively engaged in the learning experience both inside and outside the classroom;
- a worldwide scholarly network that brings together a highly diverse and talented group of about 100 students and professors from more than 30 countries each year;
- a program with a tremendous social dynamic, where the intellectual bonds and relationships formed during its course continue long after its conclusion;
- a picturesque venue where antiquity meets modernity.



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Background Information

The Olympia Summer Academy (OSA) was established in 2002 with the dual purpose of creating a forum for high quality academic work and a platform for the creation and consolidation of scholarly networks of cooperation. This purpose has been served well. Since its establishment the Academy continues to grow both in size and reputation. Indeed, the OSA, which started with one program/cycle only, it now offers six. It has also acquired a stellar reputation not only for its high academic standards but also for its distinct identity that blends effectively the scholarly exchange with the friendly atmosphere, thus providing participants with the opportunity of a multicultural and holistic academic experience.

As of 2014, the Academy is co-organized with the European International Studies Association (EISA). The 2019 Academy was held in Nafplion, Greece, from July 7 to 16, attracting 18 professors and 107 qualified participations (including professionals) from 28 countries.

Academic Structure

The Academy was an eight working days high-level teaching activity where six carefully defined conflict and international studies related areas were treated in depth. The teaching cycles/programs that comprise the OSA were:

- Conflict & Political Violence (8 working days)
- Terrorism and European Security (8 working days)
- Democratic vs Authoritarian Capitalism (4 working days)
- The Making and Unmaking of the Modern Middle East (4 working days)
- Remaking Europe at a Time of Crisis (4 working days)
- Political Risk Analysis (4 working days)

Faculty

The Academy prides itself for its ability to attract, each year and from both sides of the Atlantic, a faculty at the cutting edge of academic research. The 2019 OSA faculty comprised of the following academics and experts:

1. Javier Argomaniz, University of St Andrews, UK
2. Kristin Bakke, University College London, UK
3. Antonio Barroso, Teneo Intelligence, UK
4. Richard English, Queen's University Belfast, UK
5. Kristin Fabbe, Harvard Business School, USA
6. Orfeo Fioretos, Temple University, USA
7. Andreas Gofas, Panteion University, Greece
8. Stathis Kalyvas, University of Oxford, UK
9. Dimitris Keridis, Panteion University, Greece
10. Paschalis M. Kitromilides, University of Athens, Greece

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11. Eran Lerman, The Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security, Israel
12. Lukáš Macek, Sciences Po Dijon, France
13. Soli Özel, Kadir Has University, Turkey
14. Harry Papasotiriou, Panteion University, Greece
15. Leonid Peisakhin, NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE
16. Wolfango Piccoli, Teneo Intelligence, UK
17. Petros Sekeris, Montpellier Business School, France
18. George Tzogopoulos, Begin Sadat Center, Israel

Participants

The course participants, selected through a competitive process, are an important component in the overall success of the Academy. With their rich and varied backgrounds, together with the highly interactive nature of the classes, the participants form strong intellectual and personal bonds, which continue long after the courses.

Indicative list of the participants' home Institutions

- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Ashoka University
- Brown University
- Charles University
- European University Institute
- Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- International Committee of Red Cross
- London School of Economics and Political Science
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology

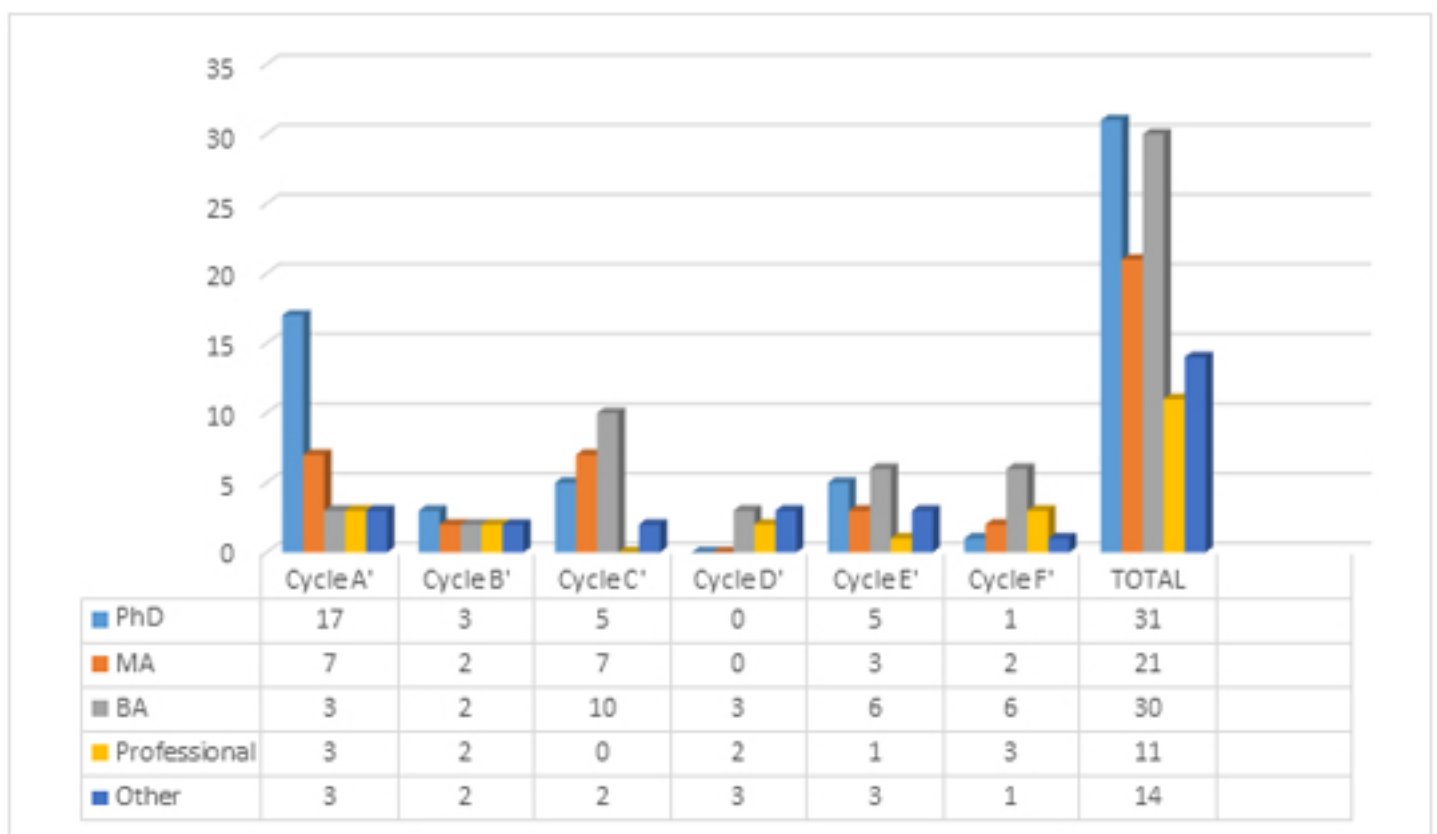
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- National Research University Higher School of Economics
- Panteion University of Athens
- Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies
- The American University of Beirut
- University of Amsterdam
- University of California, Irvine
- University of Glasgow
- University of Macau
- University of Oxford
- University of Sheffield
- University of St Andrews

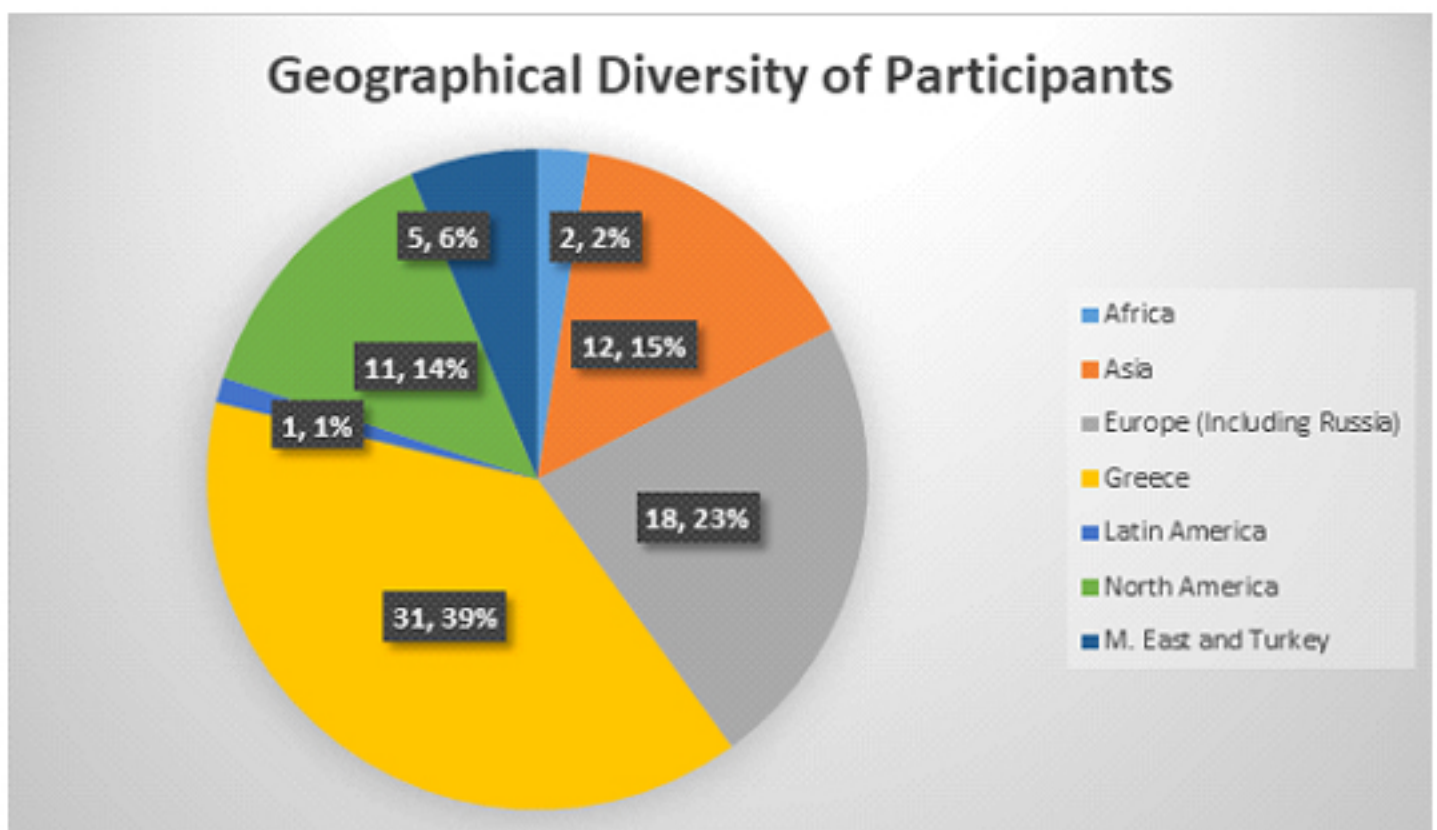
Graphic 1 Evolution of the number of the participations during the last 10 years



Graphic 2 Level of education of 2019 participants

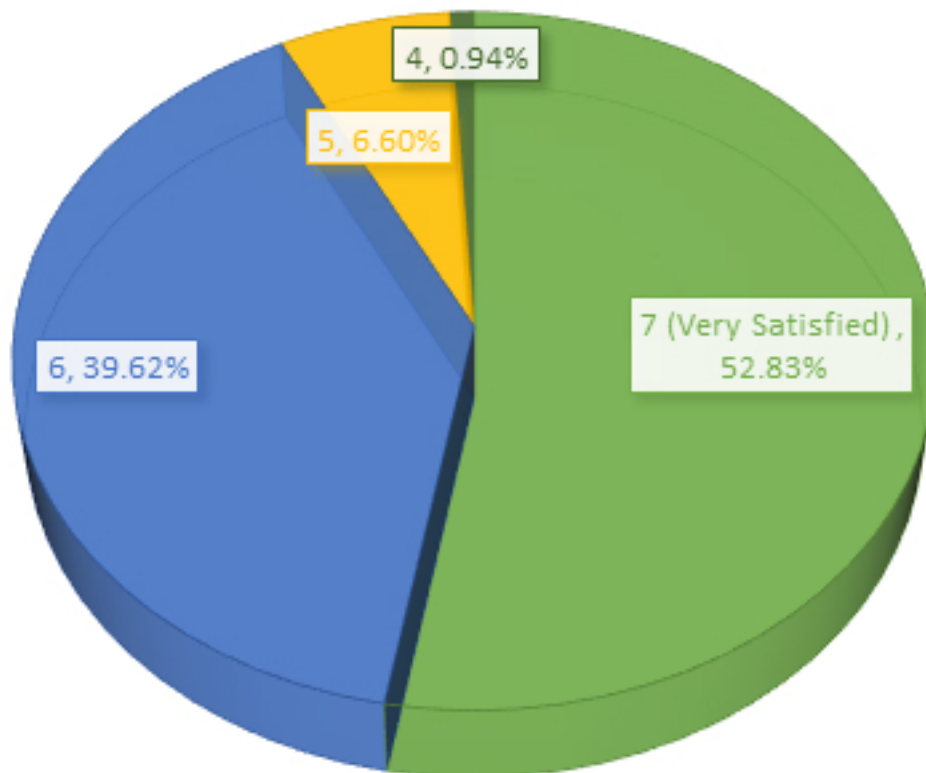


Graphic 3 Geographical diversity of the participants

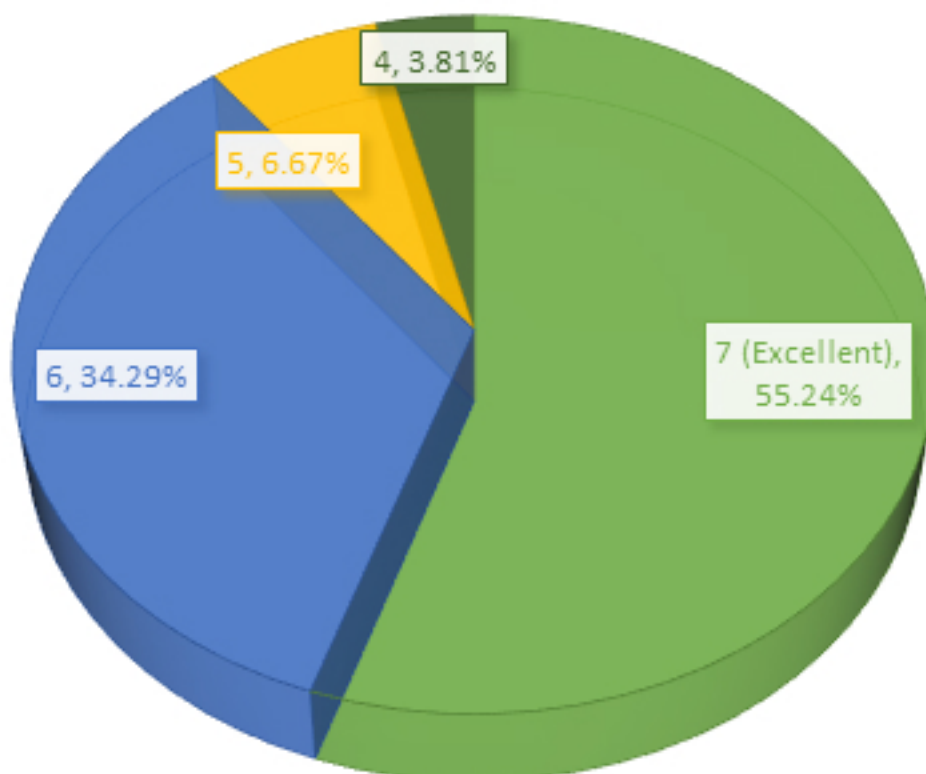


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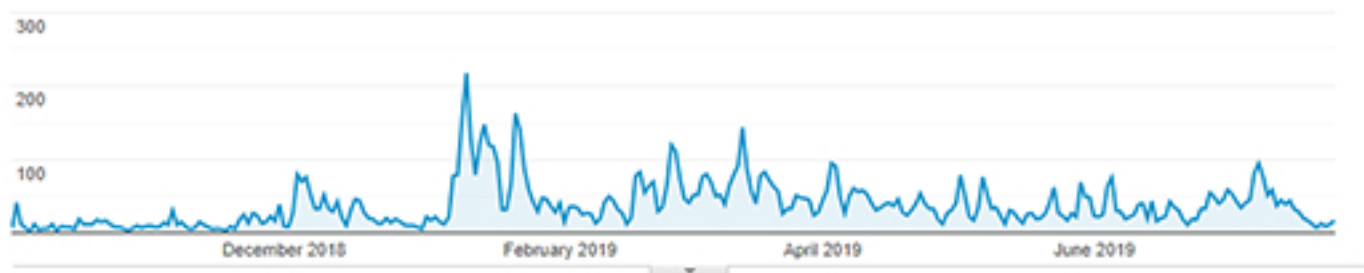
Graphic 4: How satisfied are you with the Olympia Summer Academy in general?



Graphic 5: How would you assess the assistance provided to you before you came to Olympia and during your stay here?



OSA's website traffic according to Google Analytics



Users

8,661



New Users

8,600



Sessions

12,655



Number of Sessions per User

1.46



Pageviews

29,273



Pages / Session

2.31



Avg. Session Duration

00:02:39



Bounce Rate

44.16%



■ New Visitor ■ Returning Visitor



Unique Pageviews

23,604



Avg. Time on Page

00:02:00



Photo Gallery



Cycle C
Seminar Session



Meeting with
K.A.S. Director



NATO sponsored
plenary session
on Rethinking
Security

Photo Gallery



Trip to the Ancient Theatre of Epidaurus



Farewell Party
Fougaro Art Center

Testimonials

As an "Olympian" I expanded and deepened my knowledge in a variety of serious global issues, such as European security, political violence, and risk analysis. In terms of networking and socializing, the OSA facilitated off-classroom interaction and social happenings which played a crucial role to creating bonds with the participants from all programs. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that by the graduation day we had all become a big family. I would also like to highlight that our professors contributed their utmost in creating a friendly and inspiring atmosphere. I would not have been able to live this magical experience, if I hadn't received the scholarship from the Public Benefit Foundation John S. Latsis. Lastly, I would like to thank the leading and organizing team of OSA which was tremendously supportive and considerate throughout this journey.

Konstantinos Georgiou, BA Candidate, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

The 2019 Olympia Summer Academy provided me with a valuable opportunity to experience a truly amazing academic program with scholars from all around the globe. Having the chance to listen, to learn, and to share in a beautiful venue at the Mediterranean Sea in intellectually rich cycles was easily one of the highlights during my studies so far. The combination of skillful organizers, highly motivated lecturers, and a richly varied student body ensured a pleasant and inspiring atmosphere which I genuinely hope to enjoy again in the years to come.

Peter Wedekind, PhD Candidate, Charles University, Prague

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Having attended the 2019 Olympia Summer Academy is one of the best choices I have ever made in my academic career. In those ten intensive days I did not only gain in depth knowledge upon issues related to my professional field, but also, met young aspiring professionals with whom I could collaborate in the future. The experts who taught us were the best in their field and very friendly towards the participants, making the whole teaching -learning experience one of a kind. To conclude, I would like to thank wholeheartedly Public Benefit Foundation John S. Latsis for the full scholarship and the amazing opportunity they granted me.

Karina Iskandarova, MA Candidate, University of Maine

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