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Olympia Summer Seminars 2006

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The fifth annual Olympia Summer Seminars will take place from June 26 to July 10, 2006 in Ancient Olympia, Greece. The seminars aim to facilitate an interdisciplinary and comparative approach to the study of current and historical events by bringing together eminent scholars and highly qualified students and professionals from around the world. Set against the backdrop of the birthplace of the Olympic Games and the beautiful and historically-rich Peloponnesian region of Greece, the Olympia Seminars provide a unique opportunity for critical thinking and intellectual interaction in a relaxed environment.

THE PROGRAMS

1) War, Conflict & Identity

Organized in collaboration with Yale University's Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence

This course provides a concise, yet in-depth, overview of theoretical and empirical research on a range of topics at the intersection of war, conflict, and identity, including: interstate and civil war, terrorism, riots and genocide; the impact, formation and transformation of identities; and postwar dynamics. The course will address such questions as: What explains the changing patterns and forms of violent conflict? What is the relation between conflict and violence? How do identities impact on violence, and vice-versa? Is civil war on the rise? What accounts for the major decline of interstate war? Is mass violence becoming more or less common? What is terrorism and how is it linked to these developments? What are the social dynamics of military occupation? How does conflict interact with state collapse and state building? How do societies that undergo civil wars try to overcome their past? The goal is to survey what we know and what we don't, specify connections and discontinuities, and identify emerging research agendas.

Faculty:

.Stathis N. Kalyvas, Arnold Wolfers Professor of Political Science and Director, Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University

.Ian Shapiro, Sterling Professor of Political Science, Yale University and Henry R. Luce Director of the Yale Center for International and Area Studies

.Ignacio Sanchez-Cuenca, Associate Professor of Political Science and Sociology, Universidad Complutense and Juan March Institute

.Daniel Branch, Post-doctoral fellow, Program on Order, Conflict and Violence, Yale University

Eligible to apply: graduate students, researchers, and professionals working in any discipline associated with the field of conflict studies. Applications by outstanding senior undergraduates with relevant professional or internship experience will also be considered.

2) The Challenges of International Media Technology and Policy

Organized in collaboration with Duke University's DeWitt Wallace Center for Communications and Journalism

Using methods and models from a number of relevant disciplines-political science, political economy, political psychology, sociology, history, and philosophy-the seminar leaders and participants will seek to understand and introduce new dimensions on a number of topics of particular concern to future EU member countries. The seminar will address the implications of accession and, most importantly of non-accession, on the regulation of domestic media, as well as the wider effects of European integration for the media systems of the European Union and its member states; and the issue of the European Union's information space: What are the emerging technologies and how do they affect the EU information space? What does this mutual impact indicate for the future? Other topics will include the growing problem of public-service television, the legal system, pervasive corruption, and the role of public opinion. The seminar will conclude with an analysis of models of political communication, election coverage, and media effects.

Complete involvement by the participants is encouraged.

Faculty:

.Ellen Mickiewicz, Director of the Dewitt Wallace Center for Communications and Journalism, Duke University

.Milan Smid, Assistant Professor, College of Social Sciences, Charles University, The Czech Republic

.Marius Aleksas Lukosiunas, Advisor, Communication and Information, UNESCO Moscow, A cluster office for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Belarus, Republic of Moldova and Russian Federation

Eligible to apply: graduate students, researchers, media practitioners, journalists, editors, young communications specialists, and NGO representatives who have a demonstrated interest in the topics of the seminar. Applications by outstanding senior undergraduates with relevant professional or internship experience will also be considered.

HOW TO APPLY

. Applications will be available online from February 16, 2006.

. Deadline for submitting applications is May 8, 2006

Up to 25 outstanding applicants will be accepted to each program. All applicants must be proficient in English.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to apply online. The online application form and guidelines are available on the Kokkalis Foundation's website at <http://www.kokkalisfoundation.gr>. Alternatively, applicants can print out the application form or request a hard copy application by contacting the Kokkalis Foundation in Athens, at +30 210 668 2832. Applications sent by post should be mailed to:

Attn: Margarita Gogou
The Kokkalis Foundation,
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151 25 Athens
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COST

The cost of the program is 450 Euros which includes tuition, room and half-board, reading materials, and related extracurricular activities. In addition, there will be a non-refundable, non-waivable registration fee of 100 Euros for all participants. A very limited number of scholarships will be awarded to qualified students on the basis of merit and need. Priority for these scholarships will be given to students coming from Southeastern and East-Central Europe, and the former Soviet Republic. To be considered for a scholarship, applicants should check the appropriate box on the application form. All participants are expected to organize and fund their own travel to and from Greece to take part in the Olympia Summer Seminars.

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