

2018 Olympia Summer Academy Report



OLYMPIA SUMMER ACADEMY in Comparative and International Politics

**08-18
JULY | 2018**

Nafplio, Greece

Who should apply:

Graduate students, researchers and young professionals and senior undergraduates.

Courses provided:

- Conflict and political violence
- Terrorism and European security
- Democratic vs authoritarian capitalism
- The making and unmaking of the post-Ottoman order
- Forced displacement in theory and in practice
- Political risk analysis

Faculty:

Valentina Bacchin, Oxfam Lebanon • **Antonio Barroso**, Teneo Intelligence • **Yael Berda**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem • **Richard English**, Queen's University Belfast • **Kristin Fabbe**, Harvard Business School • **Orfeo Fioretos**, Kings College • **Andreas Gofas**, Panteion University • **Francesca Grandi**, Overseas Development Institute • **Stathis Kalyvas**, University of Oxford • **Christian Kaunert**, University of South Wales • **Dimitris Keridis**, Panteion University • **Paschalis Kitromilides**, University of Athens • **Benjamin Lessing**, University of Chicago • **Kieran McConaghy**, University of St Andrews • **Harry Pappasotiriou**, Panteion University • **Wolfgang Piccoli**, Teneo Intelligence • **Mohamed Saleh**, Toulouse School of Economics • **Petros Sekeris**, Montpellier Business School • **Anastasia Shesterina**, University of Sheffield • **Plamen Tonchev**, Institute for International Economic Relations

"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 each year brings together a highly diverse and talented group of about 100 graduate students and professors from more than 30 countries;
- 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 the ancient meets the modern.



Early decision deadline: March 4, 2018

Final deadline: May 4, 2018

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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 programme/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 2018 Academy was held in Nafplion, Greece, from July 8 to 18, attracting 19 professors and 77 qualified students (including professionals) from 32 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 post-Ottoman Order (4 working days)
- Forced Displacement: Theory and Practice (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 **2018 OSA faculty** comprised of the following academics and experts:

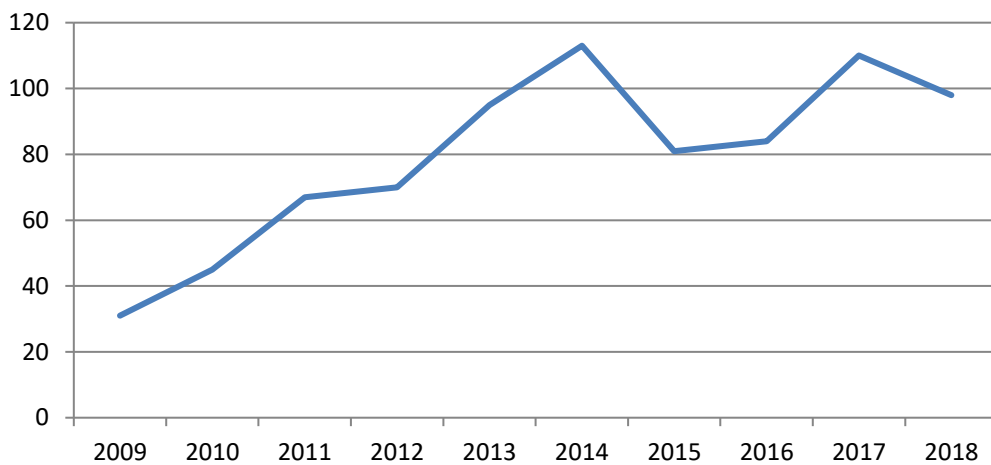
1. Valentina Bacchin, Humanitarian Protection Coordinator, Italy
2. Antonio Barroso, Teneo Intelligence, UK
3. Yael Berda, Hebrew University of Jerusalem & Harvard University (winter session 2018), Israel
4. Richard English, Queen's University Belfast, UK
5. Kristin Fabbe, Harvard Business School, USA
6. Orfeo Fioretos, Temple University, USA
7. Andreas Gofas, Panteion University, Greece
8. Francesca Grandi, Overseas Development Institute, UK
9. Stathis Kalyvas, University of Oxford, UK
10. Christian Kaunert, University of South Wales, UK
11. Dimitris Keridis, Panteion University, Greece
12. Paschalis M. Kitromilides, University of Athens, Greece
13. Benjamin Lessing, University of Chicago, USA
14. Kieran McConaghy, University of St Andrews, UK

- 15. Harry Papisotiriou, Panteion University, Greece
- 16. Wolfango Piccoli, Teneo Intelligence, UK
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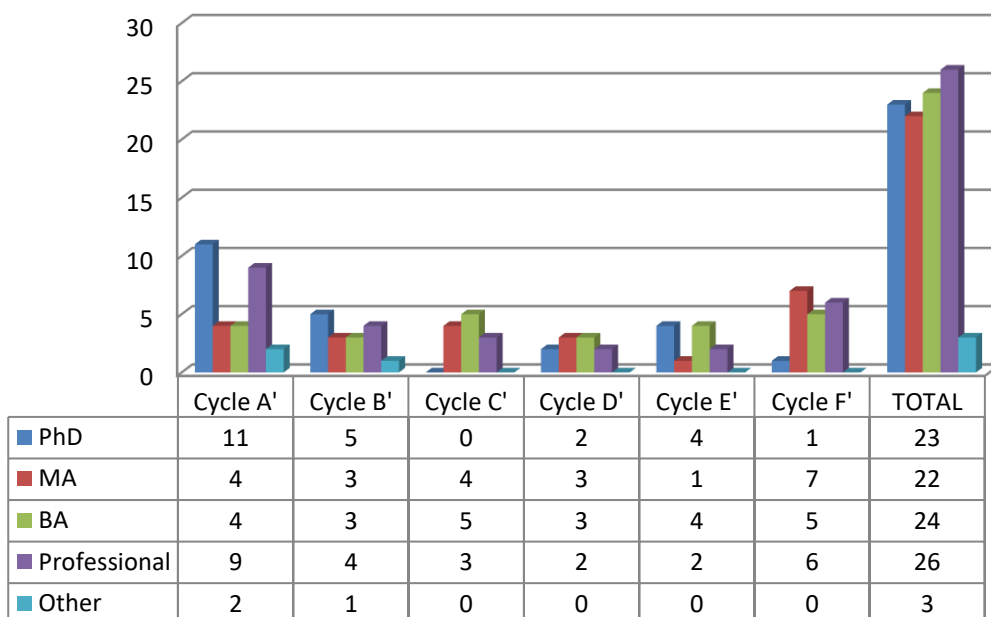
Participants

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.

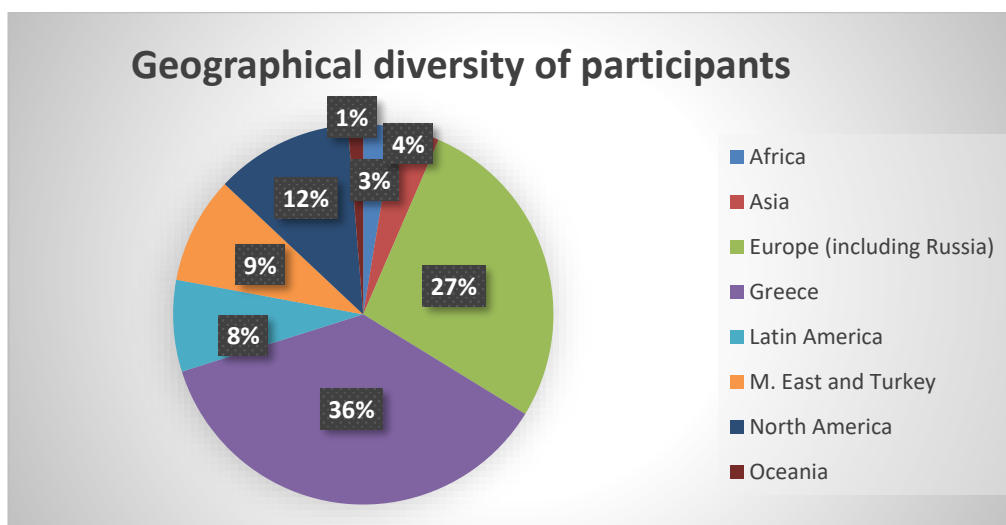
Graphic 1 Evolution of the number of the participations during the last 10 years



Graphic 2 Level of education of 2018 participants



Graphic 3 Geographical diversity of the participants

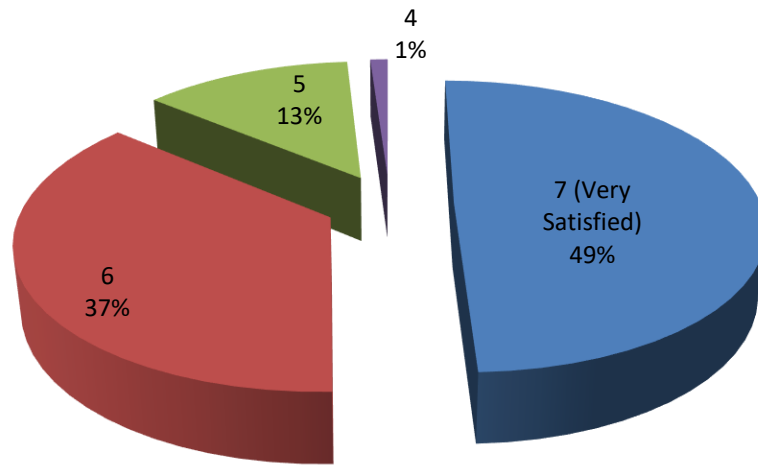


Indicative list of the participants' home universities

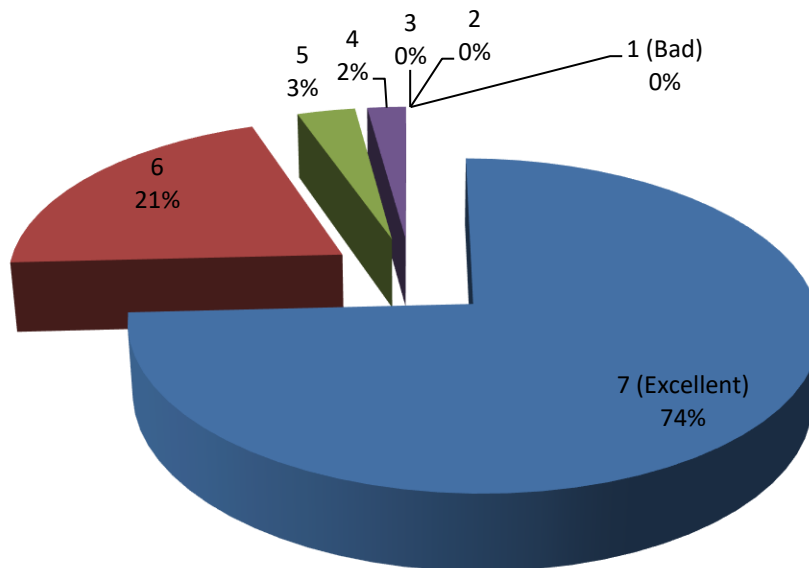
- European Commission
- International Committee of Red Cross
- United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq
- American University of Beirut
- Brown University
- George Washington University
- John Hopkins University
- Kings College London
- Panteion University of Athens
- Rice University
- Sabanci University
- University of Amsterdam
- University of Essex
- University of Mannheim
- University of Oxford
- University of Sheffield
- University of St Andrews
- University of Washington
- Université Libre de Bruxelles

Satisfaction rates

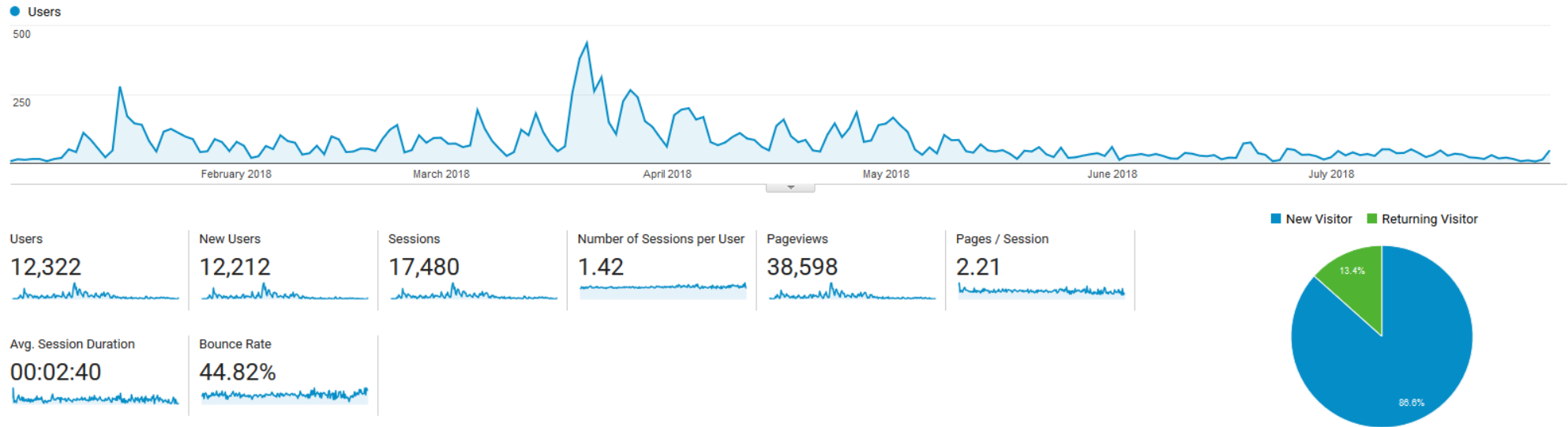
Graphic 4: How satisfied are you with the Olympia Summer Academy in general?



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



* According to the official Google data, since January 1st, 2018, 12.322 people visited the OSA website, and 38.598 times the content of our site was read.

Day trip:

Mycenae
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← **Epidaurus**

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Testimonials:

“The Academy is a wonderful experience for students and faculty, learning so much from each other on exciting subjects such as terrorism and political violence, while also enjoying the delights of Greece, including the wonderful sights and the terrific weather! It was an amazing experience that I will never forget!

Many thanks again, and it was such a great honor to be invited!”

Christian Kaunert, Professor of Policing and Security, University of South Wales.

“OSA is the ideal programme for aspiring academics, graduate students, and those who want to immerse themselves in their studies. I’ve been so impressed by the calibre of students and the discussions we had. New research ideas emerged, career plans solidified and friendships have formed that will last a life time. The balance of study and leisure time in the Greek sunshine was perfect -an incredible experience!”

Kieran McConaghy,

Lecturer at the Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (CSTPV),
University of St Andrews.

“Teaching at OSA on the making and unmaking of the Ottoman Empire was an incredible experience for me.

I enjoyed sharing my research on security and emergency in Israel/Palestine and Cyprus in a regional transnational framework. The students were interested and engaged and I learned a lot from the other faculty in the workshop atmosphere as they were truly top of the line in their field. Informal conversations at the beach and breakfast enabled me to share about my own experiences in politics, academia and media and learn about what the students and faculty were interested in. Nafplio is a magical place, perfect for studying the sociology of empires.

I can't think of a better way of regional intellectual engagement that challenges the mind and opens the spirit to new ways of thinking seeing and hopefully making the changes we want to see.

Thank you and I hope to come back soon”.

Yael Berda, Assistant Professor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem;

Gerard Weinstock Visiting Lecturer on Sociology, Harvard University (winter session 2018).

“The Olympia Summer School Academy is a truly unique opportunity for highly motivated scholars to come together and be exposed to state-of-the-art advances in their field, while enjoying a combination of great weather, cultural immersion, and fun. The interactions between students and teaching staff are completely informal and continue outside the teaching rooms, around a coffee, or by the beach, and this contributes to creating strong and lasting ties”.

Petros Sekeris, Associate Professor of Economics,

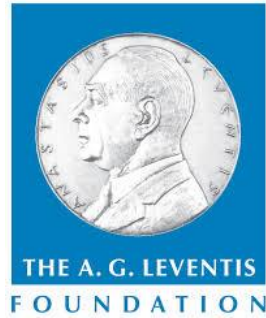
Montpellier Business School, Montpellier, France.

“The Olympia Summer Academy is an exceptional opportunity for students, professionals and academics to engage intensively on questions that matter: What are the sources and processes of armed conflict? How do forms of political violence intersect? How can we study the challenging and sensitive issues of repression, displacement, terrorism, and war? Participation in the Academy will benefit anyone interested in the complexities of the contemporary security environment”.

Anastasia Shesterinina,

Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Politics/International Politics, Department of Politics,
University of Sheffield.

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