The Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), Germany conducts the 12th Summer Course "The European System of Human Rights Protection" 5-18 September 2010
Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), Faculty of Law

This Summer Course, held in English, will deal in detail specifically with the European system of human rights protection. Although there are numerous summer courses and other special study programs within Europe on human rights protection, this course provides an integrated treatment of the various European systems and of specifically European issues of human rights protection. It emphasises, therefore, with important matters relevant to European countries with very diverse political, economic and social systems. The subject matter includes human rights protection within the regimes of the Council of Europe (the European Convention of Human Rights and the European Social Charter), the European Union and the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, as well human rights protection on the universal level of public international law where especially relevant to Europe. The treatment of the substantive regimes and their specific rights catalogues is set against the background of a consideration of the philosophical, historical, political, economic and sociological aspects of human rights, and includes practical institutional matters such as complaint procedures as well as developments such as the so called 'New Rights'. Practical and contemporary issues, such as the protection of human rights in situations of war or civil disorder, will also be addressed.

This comprehensive course is presented by a dedicated group of experienced and experts teachers from universities in different European countries, co-ordinated by the Viadrina European University Frankfurt (Oder) (Germany). The other participants are the Universities of Wales, at Aberystwyth and Hull (United Kingdom), Lund (Sweden), Rotterdam (Netherlands), Rennes (France), Sevilla (Spain), Malta (Republic of Malta), Maribor (Slovenia) and Salzburg (Austria), the German Red Cross and the German Institute for Human Rights.

The program in broad outline includes the following:

General and Institutional Issues: overview of regimes and institutions; philosophical, conceptual, sociological and historical aspects; issues of national implementation; control procedures; the role of non-governmental organisations.

Substantive Human Rights: civil and political rights; the right to work; the rights to health and to development; the right to self-determination and minority protection; non-discrimination;
migration and refugees.

This course is designed for advanced undergraduate students or recent graduates from all countries of both Western and Eastern Europe, and other regions of the world and aims to provide them with an opportunity to expand their knowledge of human rights law and policy within the transnational European context. Participants are expected to attend for the whole duration of the program.

We will provide 4 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) Points for the participation at our Summer Course.

Participating students must:
- have a good working knowledge of English;
- be at an advanced stage of their studies or recent graduates;
- have at least a basic understanding of public international law.
Young graduate participants from national and international organisations or NGOs are also welcome.

The total fee for the program is 490 EURO. This charge includes:
- full tuition costs;
- accommodation for full period of the program;
- all meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner).

Further details can be obtained on request by e-mail or fax.

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