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CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

4th ENP PhD Summer School, 23 June-1 July 2016

College of Europe, Natolin campus, Warsaw

**“The ENP under Pressure: Conceptual and Empirical
Understandings of EU Foreign Policy towards
the Southern and Eastern Neighbours”**

Application deadline: 27 April 2016

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1. Venue & date

Following the success of previous summer schools held at the Natolin campus of the College of Europe, **the European Neighbourhood Policy Chair at the College of Europe, Natolin campus**, is organizing the 4th ENP PhD Summer School on *“The ENP under Pressure: Conceptual and Empirical Understandings of EU Foreign Policy towards the Southern and Eastern Neighbours”*. The Summer School will take place from **23 June to 1 July 2016 at the College of Europe, Natolin campus (Warsaw)**.

The event is sponsored by the ENP Chair of the College of Europe, Natolin campus (<http://www.coleurope.eu/page-ref/european-neighbourhood-policy-chair>), in collaboration with the ECPR (www.ecpr.eu), the ECPR-SGEU (<http://sgeu-ecpr.org/>), and the TEPSA (<http://www.tepsa.eu/>).

2. Rationale

The ENP PhD Summer School will concentrate on analyzing conceptually and empirically the dynamics between the European Union (EU) and its eastern and southern neighbourhoods, with a special focus on the recently revised European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) framework of 2015. It will analyze the evolution and implications of the 2004, 2011 and 2015 ENP, social and political transformations in the neighbouring countries, as well as issues related to conflict and territorial occupation. It will also discuss how the most recent developments in the ENP countries and across the EU's neighbourhoods influence EU policies and politics.

3. Purpose

The purpose of this summer school is to bring together and train a group of PhD students in theoretical, empirical and research-strategic issues on the subject matter, as well as to encourage the exchange of their expertise. Additionally, the aim is to support the participants in furthering their research projects. The ENP PhD Summer School invites political science applicants who specialize in various sub-disciplines, including EU Integration Studies, International Relations, Comparative Politics, Peace and Conflict Studies, and Public Administration.

4. Structure and content details

The ENP PhD Summer School will be held at the Natolin campus of the College of Europe and will focus on both the eastern and the southern dimension of the ENP. Each day, invited academics will give lectures on a subject related to the theme of the summer school and will provide participants with feedback and comments on their PhD projects. The topics presented during the lectures include, among others:

- Research designs in the study of European integration, EU foreign policy and the ENP
- The Evolution of the ENP – Problems and Pitfalls
- What kind of power? Role concepts, the ENP and ‘Normative Power Europe’
- External Perceptions of the ENP and the EU as an international actor
- The EU’s Common Foreign and Security Policy and the ENP
- The role of the European Parliament, the EEAS and other EU institutions in the ENP
- The ENP and Democracy Promotion
- A new generation of association agreements with the eastern neighbours of the EU
- The EU and state-building in the southern neighbourhood
- The EU, the ENP and the Arab Spring
- The ENP and the Eastern Partnership – The case of Ukraine
- The ENP and the Eastern Partnership – The Case of South Caucasus
- The EU, the ENP and conflicts in the neighbourhood
- The role of civil societies in conflicts in the neighbourhood
- The EU, the ENP and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict
- Migration and displacement in the European neighbourhood

The school offers PhD students to present their work in progress and benefit from academic support on issues relating to their individual PhD projects. In this respect, PhD students are expected to circulate their paper before each presentation, and each presentation will be assigned to a discussant/lecturer that is supposed to prepare a number of specific comments. All of the students’ presentations will be followed by substantive discussions about how to improve their research theoretically/conceptually/methodologically and with regards to the case studies and the evidence used.

5. Costs

The ENP Chair provides 16 *successful applicants* with a **grant covering accommodation and full board during their stay at the Natolin campus of the College of Europe**. No additional participation fee is required. All participants cover their travel costs.

6. Requirements and applications

A maximum of 16 PhD students may participate. Participants should most preferably be at least one year into their studies.

To apply, please send in **one PDF file**:

- **A cover letter describing your motivation to participate in the 4th ENP PhD Summer School**
- **A brief outline of your Ph.D. project (2-3 pages maximum)**
- **Your CV (2-3 pages maximum)**

by **27 April 2016** to Ms. Maja Olszewska at maja.olszewska@coleurope.eu. All applicants will be informed about the results of the selection by **the end of the first week of May** at the latest.