

The ACCESS EUROPE summer school on Democracy and the Financial Crisis in Europe
Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July 2015 VU University Amsterdam

Teachers

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Arndt Wonka, Senior Researcher, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, University of Bremen
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About the summer school

This one-week, full-time, intensive summer school is organized by ACCESS Europe (www.accesseurope.org) and the VU University Amsterdam law school. ACCESS Europe is a co-operative venture between VU University and the University of Amsterdam, providing a platform for research and debate on Europe, the European Union and its Member States. It has recently been awarded Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence status.
The summer school will consist of a series of interactive seminars with leading scholars in law and political science. The 20-25 participants will explore the theme of 'Democracy and the financial crisis in Europe' from different angles, with plenty of opportunities to link it to their own research.

Programme

Each day will consist of three two-hour sessions, 9-10.45, 11.15-1, and 2-4. In each session one of the teachers will explore, with the group, an aspect of the summer school theme using their own research and expertise. Participants will be encouraged to bring their own research agendas into the discussion. There will be some informal afternoon and early evening sessions in the campus café, where participants can discuss research issues.

Monday 29th June

1. Marije Bartl, Building Markets in Times of Crisis: TTIP and the future of Democracy
2. Dmitry Kochenov, Citizenship as a commodity in financially challenged states
3. Agustin Menendez, Crisis governance and the EU constitution

Tuesday 30th June

1. Jonathan Zeitlin, Socializing the European Semester? Economic Governance and Social Policy Coordination in Europe 2020
2. Ben Crum, Depoliticisation versus Accountability: Is There a Role for Parliaments in the new EU Economic Governance?
3. Damian Chalmers, title tba

Wednesday 1st July

1. Anton Hemerijck, Fault lines and Silver Linings in the EU's Social Market Economy
2. Yiannis Drossos, Yesterday The way to forget about tomorrow. The Greek crisis as a European case
3. Georgette Lalis, The role of the Commission Task Force in Greece, and its interaction with Greek institutions

Thursday 2nd July

1. Clemens Kaupa, Ideology and law: dealing with competing macroeconomic world views in EU law
2. Fabian Amtenbrink, Revisiting the independence and democratic accountability of the European Central Bank after the crisis
3. Gareth Davies, The role of courts in crisis management

Friday 3rd July

1. Franca van Hooren, title tba.
2. Arndt Wonka, EU politics in times of crisis: how contested, which issues and what consequences?
3. Mark Dawson, Accountability in economic governance after the crisis

For whom?

The summer school is open to those doing PhDs in law, political science, or other related subjects. There is a strict maximum of 25 participants. Those admitted will be expected to attend all sessions, and will be asked to make a commitment to this effect: not only is our generous European Commission funding dependent upon participation, but we want to make sure that the excellent teachers we have arranged are used to the full and that the summer school community is a lively and worthwhile one. It is not expected that participants have past experience in all the fields covered, but they should have a genuine interest in exploring disciplines beyond their own and a willingness to put in the effort this requires.

Costs

Thanks to funding from the European Commission, as part of an award of Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence status to ACCESS EUROPE, there is no fee for attending the summer school. However, participants will have to cover the costs of their travel to Amsterdam and accommodation and living expenses for the week. The ACCESS EUROPE office can assist with arranging

accommodation, and may be able to assist with travel in some cases. For information contact ACCESS EUROPE at accesseurope@uva.nl

Scholarships

There are up to ten scholarships of up to 650 euros each to cover the costs of travel and accommodation. These will be awarded on the basis of need and merit. Those who would like to be considered for a scholarship should state this in their application letter, and confirm that they are unable to raise sufficient funds from their home institution. Preference will be given to those who are unable to attend the summer school without financial assistance.

How to apply?

Applications should consist of a CV, a letter of motivation which includes a brief description of the applicant's own research, and the name of a referee who may be contacted. The referee should be someone who knows the applicant's work well, such as their PhD supervisor. Documents should be emailed to ACCESS EUROPE at accesseurope@uva.nl.

Admission will be competitive, based on CV, the letter of motivation, and the relevance of the summer school for the applicant's own research.

Timeline

Applications should be received by April 14th 2015. Decisions on admission and scholarships will be taken by the end of April. Late applications will be considered as long as there is still space available.

Practical stuff

The summer school will take place in the Law Faculty of VU University Amsterdam, which is on the VU University campus just to the south of central Amsterdam. It is easily accessible from Schiphol airport or by train, and is five minutes from central Amsterdam by tram, metro or bike. The campus has shops, cafes and a bar-restaurant which participants will be able to use.

The summer school is a joint production of ACCESS EUROPE (www.accesseurope.org) and the VU Law Faculty. Funding is from the European Commission and ACCESS EUROPE. For questions about the summer school you can contact Clemens Kaupa at c.kaupa@vu.nl or Gareth Davies at g.t.davies@vu.nl

Not a PhD student?

Are you interested in studying the European crisis but not a PhD student?

As well as the summer school above, the VU offers the Amsterdam Summer School 2015. This gives you the chance to probe the causes of the crisis, proposals for how to address them, as well as the need for reform of the Eurozone and the wider European Union, through the course 'Crisis and Reform in the European Union'. Tailored for students at bachelors and master's level, this course involves a variety of activities, ranging from interactive seminars to debate training, and from field research to a forum discussion in the Dutch Houses of Parliament in The Hague. For more information, please see:

<http://www.studyabroadinamsterdam.nl/en/summerschool/index.asp>