



SUMMER UNIVERSITY IN BUDAPEST (SUN)

About SUN

"The majority of participants were a real joy. So was their diversity. Most of them came from a sociology or anthropology background, some from economics, others political science, and a few from the humanities. Geographical diversity always pays off, as it did this time too. The Middle Eastern, the subcontinental, the North American, the Central Asian and the different European poles made for a vibrant mix in discussion."

(Judit Bodnar, Assistant Professor, CEU, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology)

Established in 1996, CEU's **Summer University Program** hosts high-level, research-oriented, interdisciplinary and innovative academic courses as well as workshops on policy issues for professional development in the social sciences and the humanities. The courses are targeted at MA or PhD students, junior or post-doctoral researchers, teachers and professionals.

Course offerings cater to the various needs of academic and professional development across a wide spectrum of disciplines. These include anthropology, cognitive science, cultural studies, environmental sciences, comparative religion, political science, public policy, sociology, international relations, legal studies, etc. The program encourages topics in newly-emerging fields and transdisciplinary approaches.

SUN is unique in its diversity of faculty and student body as well as its academic offerings. The programs bring together groups of interested individuals from enormously varied geographical, cultural and academic backgrounds for one, two or three weeks, in Budapest. This exciting multi-cultural composition of the program provides a stimulating environment for engaging participants and faculty in an inspiring and enriching dialogue during the summer school period.

A broad range of teaching methods are used to enliven the course content, such as intensive reading seminars, panel and group discussions, individual and group projects, presentations, field trips, etc. During the courses, while faculty members present their topics through lectures, seminars, etc., they also facilitate work on the development of participants' research and/or policy agendas, through individual tutorials, office hours and at informal meetings.

As in most summer schools, the classroom interaction is supplemented by extracurricular academic and social events such as film-screenings, public lectures and informal social gatherings (e.g. boat trip on the Danube, outings, welcome and farewell social gatherings, etc.).

Participant Profile

Participants who have been accepted into the program have to date come from 99 different countries, ranging from those of Eastern and Central Europe and the former Soviet Union, to countries of Asia, Africa, North America and South America. In recent years, 69% have come from the former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe, while the rest are from institutions in Western Europe and the US.

The majority of participants are MA or PhD students, junior faculty and researchers; others are professionals such as government officials, NGO workers, human right activists, etc.

Faculty Profile

Courses are taught by a team of teachers who also represent a wide range of disciplines in an effort to match the diversity of the student body. Professors have come from approximately 48 different countries, from the region as well as, mostly, from Western Europe and America.

In any one course participants are able to work with a mixture of Eastern and Western academics and practitioners from five or six different countries, who are affiliated with CEU and/or other educational or professional institutions, and who frequently are from different discipline areas.

For a list of faculty visit: <http://www.sun.ceu.hu/2General/faculty.php>

MORE INFORMATION AND INQUIRIES

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Application deadlines

February 14, 2008

(general application deadline)

For course-specific deadlines or deadline extensions visit:

<http://www.sun.ceu.hu/3Courses/courses.php> or

<http://www.sun.ceu.hu/4Applicants/procedure.php>

Financial aid

Applications from all over the world are encouraged. In terms of financial aid continued priority is given to applicants from Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and emerging democracies worldwide. Applicants from these countries, when admitted on merit, will be eligible for scholarships, while those from developed countries will usually be expected to pay fees.

Further information is available at: <http://www.ceu.hu/financial.html>



Certificate and credits offered

All courses award a certificate of attendance. In addition, courses jointly organized with a CEU department also offer credits. E.g. "The European Union and the WTO: Disciplining Regional and Global Markets" course offers 4 legal credits to those passing the examination.

TRACK I: Research-oriented Courses

Track I offers high-level, research-oriented courses for academics. The discipline areas for the 2007 SUN Program include: anthropology, cultural studies, film and media, legal studies, medieval studies, political science, public policy and sociology. The 2008 SUN courses will also be based upon these areas.

Sample Courses

- Culture and Cognition
- Culture as Resource: Culture and Democracy in the Global System
- Media Globalization and Post-communist European Identities
- Global Processes and Non-governmental Public Action
- The Birth of Medieval Europe: Interactions of Power Zones and their Cultures in Late Antique and Early Medieval Italy
- The European Union and the WTO: Disciplining Regional and Global Markets

For a list of courses visit: <http://www.sun.ceu.hu/3Courses/courses.php>

Track II: Training courses

Track II courses mostly address the professional development needs of practitioners, policy makers, etc. These courses tend to provide training and/or deal with policy issues at a practical, applied level. Previous policy courses have focused on corruption, sustainable human development and the Millennium Development Goals, Romani studies, urban policy, energy policy and fiscal decentralization.

Sample Courses

- Cultural Policy-making in the Post-communist Countries
- Energy and the Environment—Bridging the Divide in Global Climate Policy
- Integrity Reform and Strategic Corruption Control
- Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations and Local Financial Management
- Mediation and Other Methods to Foster Democratic Dialogue
- Multi-Disciplinary and Cross-national Approaches to Romani Studies—a Model for Europe
- Public Management of Urban Change in Transitional Cities
- Sustainable Human Development and the Millennium Development Goals: From International Frameworks to Regional Policies
- Teaching Law, Human Rights and Ethics

For a list of courses visit: <http://www.sun.ceu.hu/3Courses/courses.php>

Application Requirements

- a statement of purpose
- a research proposal describing the applicant's current research interest related to the relevant course theme (3-4 typewritten pages excluding the bibliography)
or
a project proposal, a short case study or country report in the applicant's field of activity related to the course theme (3-4 typewritten pages)
- an English language article/research paper in progress, which the applicant would like to develop for publishing as the outcome of the course
- a recommendation letter
- list of publications (if available)
- a copy of an article in English if available, which has been recently published
- a copy of any English language certificate, if available (native speakers are exempt from this requirement)

For more details visit: <http://www.sun.ceu.hu/4Applicants/eligibility.php>

Non-discrimination Policy

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