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SPECIAL AND EXTENSION PROGRAMS (SEP)

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Special and Extension Programs (SEP) comprises three units:

- the Special Projects Office (SPO)
- the CEU Summer University (SUN; see separate sheet)
- the Curriculum Resource Center (CRC)

SEP acts as an umbrella to the Human Rights Initiative. It provides a bridge between CEU and the Open Society Institute (OSI), and a bridge between CEU and its target countries. To this end, SEP offers programs for university professors, researchers, professionals, and administrators. SEP also makes available organizational and intellectual support for OSI projects (especially the Higher Education Support Program, HESP).

SEP provides the following services: making available the academic and physical resources of CEU for the benefit of its target countries and of OSI's network programs; managing projects on behalf of OSI, developing and supporting CEU's own outreach efforts; and providing training and other technical assistance to support OSI's work in capacity-building for higher education.



Special Projects Office (SPO)

Special Projects Office (SPO) supports higher education activities and initiates new projects in the target region and countries, closely working with the Soros network and with the other two SEP offices, the Curriculum Resource Center (CRC) and the CEU Summer University (SUN). SPO is also the home of CEU's Access to Higher Education initiatives.

The programs provide: administrative support to Soros network institutions; expertise on project development and implementation; advice on higher education development and reform; evaluation and quality control; a contact point for external inquiries; research opportunities; seminars, workshops, and roundtables related to specific topics; access for those wishing to proceed to further study or to study in a non-traditional manner. For more information visit: www.ceu.hu/sep/spo

CEU Professorial and CEU Visiting Research Fellowship

These research fellowships, designed to increase exchanges between scholars of the target region and to promote original research, are offered to academics who wish to carry out one to six months of research at CEU. Applicants should hold a PhD or equivalent degree, and are invited to complete a publication-oriented research project. For more information visit: www.ceu.hu/sep/spo/fellowships.html

Hosting a CEU Lecturer

The "Hosting a CEU Lecturer" Program enables institutions of Higher Education to host CEU professors for short intensive lecture visits in the region. This program responds to specific regional needs in terms of academic expertise, allows both academics and students to experience CEU's approach to teaching, and aims to form the beginnings of further collaboration—from joint research projects to curriculum development. For more information visit: www.ceu.hu/sep/spo/lmobility.html

Regional Mobility Program

The Regional Mobility Program provides financial support for university professors from the region to participate in CEU events e.g. workshops, roundtables and seminars. Participation in such events often creates and strengthens ties between CEU departments and regional universities. For more information visit: www.ceu.hu/sep/spo/rmobility.html

Roma Access Program

CEU, with the financial support of the Roma Education Fund, the Sigrid Rausing Trust, and private donors, is offering a Preparatory Course for promising young Roma university graduates from Central and Eastern Europe. The course is designed to help Roma enter international post-graduate studies on a competitive basis, and focuses on academic and English language development. Full scholarships are offered. For more information visit: www.ceu.hu/sep/spo/roma.html

Human Rights Students' Initiative (HRSI, see also the page "The CEU Student Experience")

HRSI's mission is to promote social activism through awareness raising and capacity building. Its target groups are CEU students and alumni, as well as local and regional NGOs, junior NGO staff and human rights activists. HRSI is supported by SPO, OSI and the CEU Department of Legal Studies. For more information visit: www.ceu.hu/sep/spo/hrsi.html

Workshop Series on Higher Education Policy and Management

The program provides professional development for the academic community in the region. The workshop series is designed for university administrators and those learning to strategize, evaluate and co-ordinate for their institutions. Each workshop consists of 3-4 days of seminar time, in Budapest, for administrators from selected partner institutions. For more information visit: www.ceu.hu/sep/spo/rsrh.html

Modular Doctoral Program

The program allows junior faculty of HESP-supported institutions and departments to attend CEU doctoral courses and work on their dissertation on a part-time basis while continuing teaching at their home departments. The program consists of a taught component that can be completed in modules, a field work and a writing up component. For more information visit: www.ceu.hu/sep/spo/moddp.html

Gender Studies Program Development

This three-year project develops Gender Studies MA or PhD programs at selected institutions, by enhancing academic and teaching qualifications of the programs' junior faculty, and improving the curricula at the level of structure, content, and resources. For more information visit: www.ceu.hu/sep/spo/gspdp.html

Target region and countries:

Non-EU Eastern Europe, Southeastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Central Asia, Mongolia, and Palestine

SEP works at the following levels:

- **Transregional programs** (those initiatives that are available to eligible applicants from all of its target countries)
- **Country-specific projects**
- **Topic or Discipline-specific projects**
- **Research-oriented programs**
- **Non-traditional learning programs**

“Originally, the main goal of my visit to CEU was to study and consult recently produced literature and findings in my disciplinary field. But today I consider that the most beneficial part of my stay at CEU was the practical realization of the paradigm of Open Society. The academic, scientific and cultural traditions of CEU create a unique environment of reciprocal respect and good will.”

(Professor Roman Corobov, Moldova)

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Central European University does not discriminate on the basis of—including, but not limited to—race, color, national and ethnic origin, religion, gender and sexual orientation in administering its educational policies, admissions policies, employment, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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Comparative History Project

The project works on the development of Comparative History as a specialization, or a track within a set of target departments in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe, with CEU acting as the core and the coordinator of the group. The aim is to place the teaching of, and research in, Comparative History firmly on the agenda and into the curricula of the region and to create a well-connected network of researchers/teachers. For more information visit: www.hist.ceu.hu/?q=node/27

Palestinian Faculty Development Program (on behalf of Amideast)

This is an ongoing multi-dimensional program specifically designed for the needs of faculty and administrators in Palestine. The program includes an annual series of workshops on teaching and learning, involvement in Higher Education Management workshops, etc. CEU also contributes to the seminars in Excellence of Teaching (SET) for Amideast. Events are primarily conducted in Palestine.

Curriculum Resource Center (CRC)

The Curriculum Resource Center is CEU's external and internal resource, consultancy, and training unit in curriculum development and related issues. CRC's main goals are capacity building, providing targeted resources to selected academics, as well as professional development in higher education. Activities include training in course design; supporting and developing selected faculty through course development grants; organizing workshops, events and conferences that explore innovative trends within the curriculum development context; as well as preparing CEU's graduate students for successful teaching careers at universities in the region.

Current and upcoming events, workshops, application deadlines, as well as a large database of syllabi from CEU and the region, are available on the CRC website: www.ceu.hu/crc

One-week CRC Sessions at CEU

These CRC sessions organized jointly with CEU departments focus on the revision of courses taught by participants at their home institutions. Each session offers an intensive week-long period for syllabus review, library work, training in course design and teaching methods, as well as workshops on specific topics. For more information visit: web.ceu.hu/crc/crc_visit.html

Course Development Competition (CDC)

The CDC is an annual competition to fund university teachers in specific subject areas to develop and teach new, innovative university courses at their institutions. The program provides ten-month grants to individual teachers or groups of academics and offers two intensive professional development training workshops in Budapest. For more information visit: web.ceu.hu/crc/cdc.html

Curriculum Research Fellowship (CRF)

This year-long research grant invites scholars to investigate social science curricula and curriculum design practices in former communist countries. Research proposals are considered in both practical, immediate curriculum questions or more remote, background issues of historical or theoretical significance. For more information visit: web.ceu.hu/crc/crc_resfel.html

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) Fellowship

The aim of this fellowship is to support university teachers to carry out focused research on their own teaching practices, and student learning in their courses. The fellowship offers selected participants a tool to facilitate their self-reflexivity in the classroom by taking a scholarly approach (i.e. a research approach) to their courses and teaching. For more information visit: web.ceu.hu/crc/crc_sotlfel.html

Workshop series on reforming doctoral education

The CRC office organizes annual workshops that address issues related to the purpose, content and format of doctoral programs in the target region. Rectors, deans, ministry officials and higher education policy-makers are invited to formulate recommendations for the restructuring of doctoral education in their universities and countries. For more information visit: <http://web.ceu.hu/sep/spo/hep.html>

Training programs

The CRC staff trainers deliver training workshops and courses for faculty from the region. The main topic areas are: teaching and learning, course design, students' assessment, course and teaching evaluation, trends in European higher education and professional development.

Teaching in higher education training course for CEU students

CRC also offers a two-semester professional development training course to CEU doctoral students who are to become teaching faculty in the region. The course is a complementary component of CEU PhD students' core academic studies and research and provides them with background knowledge, a repertoire of skills and practice opportunities for the development of their teaching.

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