

# Straniak Academy

## for Democracy and Human Rights

**8 – 21 September, Budva/Montenegro**

### **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**Dear students and new graduates!**

We proudly present to you the Straniak Academy for Democracy and Human Rights which was recently established by the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM) in Vienna in cooperation with the Faculties of Law, Sociology and Political Science of the Universities of Vienna and Montenegro, and which will take place for the first time from 8 to 21 September 2013 in Budva/Montenegro.

The realisation of the Academy could be achieved with the valuable support and donation in particular of the name giver, the Hermann and Marianne Straniak Foundation, and other sponsors.

The Hermann and Marianne Straniak Foundation was established on 12<sup>th</sup> December 1974 in Sarnen (Switzerland) by Hermann Straniak (Salzburg/Austria). The Foundations' objective comprises, *inter alia*, the promotion of the goals, ideas and values as laid down in the European Convention of Human Rights of the Council of Europe.

#### ***Aim and topics of the Academy***

The goal of the Academy is to promote academic tuition on democratisation and human rights in Southeast European States. The focus is to create a bridge between academia and practice, promoted through an interdisciplinary and interactive format. To keep abreast with political, legal and social changes and to underscore the Academy's continuous relevance for future professionals, a reasonable part of each year's programme shall focus on different topical themes.

The main topics will be concepts of democracy in a globalised world, the international and regional human rights regimes and standards (UN, CoE, OSCE, EU), topics like the relevance of the rule of law, the efficiency of judicial systems, as well as selected human rights and the principle of equality and non-discrimination (see the attached programme).

#### ***Who teaches***

The lessons will be held by experienced professors, practitioners and other lecturers. The students will not only listen to presentations but will also have the opportunity to participate actively in

discussions, workshops, roundtables and evening talks. They will get insights into the practical experiences of different stakeholders, such as judges, ministry officials, and lawyers, politicians and journalists, economists as well as representatives of the civil society.

### ***Whom are we inviting to participate***

We now invite thirty interested and motivated students and new graduates with different academic backgrounds, in particular from Southeast European States but also from EU Member States to apply for a place to study. A Selection Committee will decide on admission of students.

### ***Fees and other costs, venue***

The participation fee is EUR 75 for students and new graduates from Southeast European States and EUR 150 from EU and other States. The travel costs have to be borne by the participants themselves. Accommodation including breakfast for all the time in the Academy's venue – Hotel Mogren in the wonderful historic city of Budva on the Montenegrin coast (<http://www.mogrenhotel.com>) – will be covered by the Academy.

### ***Tuition and free time***

You can find the syllabus of the Academy 2013 in the attached programme. The lessons will last in general from 9.00 to 12.15 in the morning and from 14.30 to 17.45 in the afternoon. During noonday you will not only have time for lunch but also to relax on the city beach which is very close to the hotel. Budva is a very nice place for young people, with a lot of bars, discos, esplanades, ancient romantic squares, castles, and a famous yacht harbour. After the lessons and on the weekend you will also have the possibility to do some sports.

### ***Certificates and credits***

Students will get a certificate of the Academy after having passed an examination in the form of a multiple choice test and a grading for active participation in the lessons. The participating University Faculties will decide on the respective credits to be awarded.

**CALL FOR APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN UNTIL 23 JUNE 2013!**

### **If you are interested to participate:**

If you are interested to participate, please fill in the application form and send it, together with your CV and other documents according to the application form including a cover letter indicating your motivation, to the following e-mail addresses of the Academy's team (see below):

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We will let you know until 30 June 2013 whether your application was successful. In this case we will provide you with all necessary further information.

**If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us:**

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