

Straniak Academy

for Democracy and Human Rights

14-27 September 2014, Budva/Montenegro

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Dear students and new graduates!

We invite you to apply for the second *Straniak Academy for Democracy and Human Rights* which will take place from 14-27 September 2014 in Budva/Montenegro!

The Academy was established last year by the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM) in Vienna in cooperation with the Faculties of Law and Social Sciences of the University of Vienna and the Faculties of Law and Political Science of the University in Montenegro.

The establishment of the Academy could be achieved due to the valuable support in particular of the Hermann and Marianne Straniak Foundation, established in 1974 in Sarnen/Switzerland. The Foundation's objective comprises, *inter alia*, the promotion of the goals, ideas and values of the European Convention of Human Rights.

The Academy is also supported by other sponsors i.e. the Central European Initiative (CEI), Agrana, the Viennese Bar Association, UNIQA, and law firms Grilc, Vouk and Škof and others.

Aim and concept of the Academy

The goal of the Academy is to promote academic education on democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Southeast European States with a special focus on the Western Balkan region. The Academy creates 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 focuses on different themes.

The two-weeks programme includes lessons and workshops on different thematic fields such as concepts of democracy in a globalised world, the international and regional human rights instruments and standards (UN, CoE, OSCE, EU), the relevance of the rule of law, the efficiency of judicial systems, as well as special human rights related topics such as the prohibition of torture, the freedom of speech and the media, minority rights, equality and non-discrimination etc.

Who teaches?

The lessons will be held by experienced professors, lecturers, regional and international experts and practitioners. The students will not only have the opportunity to listen to presentations, but will also participate actively in discussions, workshops, roundtables and evening discussions. They will get insights into the every-day work of practitioners and experts, such as judges, ministry officials, lawyers, politicians and journalists, economists as well as representatives of the civil society.

Whom do we invite to apply?

We invite motivated students and new graduates with different academic backgrounds – who are especially interested in democracy, human rights and the rule of law – to apply for the programme. The target group are in particular students from the Western Balkan region and from Austria. Students coming from other countries are also welcome to apply, however preference will be given to students coming from the above mentioned target regions.

Tuition and free time

The syllabus of the Academy 2014 will be uploaded soon. In general, the lessons will last from 9.30 to 12.30 in the morning and from 15.00 to 18.00 in the afternoon. On some days, evening discussions will take place with invited experts and practitioners. During noonday the students 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. An excursion will be organised during the weekend to Cetinje, the mountain of Lovćen and the wonderful historic town of Kotor.

Certificates and credits

At the end of the Academy students will receive an evaluation and a certificate after having passed the final examination. The preconditions for a positive evaluation are to pass a multiple choice test and active participation during the two weeks. The courses can be credited by ECTS points according to the plan and programme of the student's respective University Faculties.

Fees and other costs, venue

The participation fee is EUR 150 for students and new graduates from the Western Balkan region and EUR 250 from EU and other States. The travel costs are not covered by the Academy. Accommodation including half board (breakfast and lunch/dinner) for the two weeks is covered by the Academy. Students and lecturers will be accommodated in Hotel Mogren in the wonderful historic town of Budva on the Montenegrin coast (<http://www.mogrenhotel.com>). The lessons and workshops will take place in the conference room of the Hotel with a wonderful terrace and enough space for working groups.

CALL FOR APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN NOW UNTIL 30 JUNE 2014!

How to apply?

If you are interested to participate, please fill in the application form and send it, together with your CV and a motivation letter IN ONE PDF DOCUMENT, to the following e-mail addresses of the Academy's team (see below):

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We will let you know beginning of July 2014 whether your application was successful. In this case we will provide you with all necessary further information.

If you have any questions, please visit our website and don't hesitate to contact us:

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