

# INFORMATION LETTER FOR STUDENTS "EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS" 3.0

Dear all,

This is your information team writing again! We hope that your winter educational activities were going well! To make it better and prospective, we are offering you the third edition of our information letter.

We have done a great job to gather even more information for you about some interesting conferences, scholarships and schools, which will help you to broaden your mind and expand your career and scientific horizons.

Follow usual structure - Summer schools, Scholarships, PhD and Masters programs, Conferences and Workshops, Job Opportunities & Internships – find something useful and interesting exactly for you. Apply for each suitable offer in our guide and you will be lucky!

For our part, we promise that we will work even harder to make our next release even better, because it is very important to help you find the most suitable features and interesting offers to unlock everyone's strong potential! We wish you success and see you soon in our next digest!



## **Summer schools**

### 1. European Identity between Unity and Diversity

Where: Charles University, Prague

Dates: from March, 29 till April, 9, 2020

**Deadline:** February, 17, 2020

Topics: the current challenges and risks to the development of Europe

**Tuition fee:** €860 EUR (includes housing and meals)

The objective of the Spring University Prague 2020, "European Identity between Unity and Diversity", is to provide students with a broad understanding of the most significant political and social issues in contemporary Europe. The course provides an interdisciplinary approach and combines multiple learning methods, such as lectures, workshops, round-table discussions, fieldwork, group-work, and student presentations. Students will not only have the opportunity to explore a range of interesting topics and gain valuable insights into the current challenges and risks to the development of Europe but will also have occasion to improve their research and presentation skills.

### 2. <u>Migration and Integration: Refugees, Rights & Realities</u>

**Where:** University of Amsterdam **Dates:** from June, 14 till July, 2, 2020

**Deadline:** February, 1, 2020 or April, 1, 2020

**Topics:** legal, (geo)political, sociological and anthropological analysis of forced

migration

**Tuition fee:** €1600 including lunch on class days, all course materials, excursions and events; €625 Housing fee (optional) and a €75 refundable deposit

States around the world are facing an increase of forcibly displaced person. Seemingly unprepared, they struggle to handle the new reality. This course aims to strengthen an understanding of the issues surrounding forced migration and integration. It does so from various perspectives, ranging from crisis management and geopolitics, to international refugee law and anthropology. The first week of the course will explore the journey of refugees on a macro scale by unpacking the various factors involved in forced migration. We will focus on global politics, get an introduction in international refugee law and learn more about the link between development and migration. In the second week, we will look specifically into the various displacement situations across the world: the Syrian refugee crisis, the genocide on the Rohingya and their flight to Bangladesh, the migration crisis in Latin America, the influx of refugees into Europe and the political crisis this led to, and the protracted refugee situation in the African Great Lakes region. In the final week, we will dive deeper into the topic of integration of refugees, both in the Netherlands and elsewhere, as well as grass-roots initiatives.

### 3. Activism and Social Change

Where: University of Amsterdam Dates: from July, 5 till July, 23, 2020

Deadline: February, 1, 2020 or April, 1, 2020

**Topics:** different forms of protest and resistance, the tactics and strategies of

activists and social movements

**Tuition fee:** €1600 including lunch on class days, all course materials, excursions and events; €600 Housing fee (optional) and a €75 refundable

deposit

In this three week programme, students will examine different forms of protest and resistance and learn about the tactics and strategies of activists and social movements. They will critically apply social movement theory to explain the successes and/or failures of these movements in different social contexts. We will also take advantage of our location and explore Amsterdam as a hotbed for social change in recent history. Participants will learn about the squatter and LGBT movements of the 70s and 80s, the occupy movement (as it occurred globally and in the Netherlands), and the various protest movements that are emerging in Amsterdam today.

### 4. Social Network Analysis with Digital Behavioral Data

Where: Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne

**Dates:** 16-20 March, 2020 Deadline: March, 9, 2020

**Topics:** R, Social networks, information retrieval, social impact, emotional

interaction, information spreading

**Tuition fee: €300** 

Social Network Analysis with Digital Behavioral Data provides a broad approach to the quantitative analysis of social networks and social interaction through digital trace data. The course integrates the implementation of data retrieval and processing, the application of statistical analysis methods, and the interpretation of results to derive insights of human behavior at high resolutions and large scales. The motivation of the course stems from theories in the Social Sciences, which are addressed with respect to societal phenomena and formulated as principles that can be tested against empirical data. The course includes the retrieval of digital behavioral data in an automated manner, using Twitter and other resources and programming interfaces to capture social network data. This is followed by methods for processing this data to construct social networks and to process the content of social interactions. Exercises sessions are linked and allow the students to analyze a sample of Twitter users of their interests over the length of the course.

### 5. Introduction to Methods of Social Network Analysis with R

Where: University of Pisa, Italy

**Dates:** 20-24 April, 2020 **Deadline:** March, 31, 2020

**Topics:** Introduction to Networks, Descriptives, Hypothesis testing, Random

graph models

**Tuition fee: €**500

It will be a five-day, intensive course mainly devoted to introducing participants to Social Network Analysis with a practical approach, and with the aim to giving answer to questions such as "how to do research", "how to collect, analyze and interpret social network data data", using the "R" environment, especially the package "Statnet". Attending the International Spring School on "Methods for Social Network analysis with R", students become members of a scientific community based on the continuous exchange and comparison between knowledge and experience. Participants are encouraged to bring their own data to the course.

# **Scholarships**

### 1. University of Sheffield Research Scholarships

Where: University of Sheffield, UK

**Dates:** scholarships for study commencing in the 2020-21 academic year are

now open

**Deadline:** January, 29, 2020, at 17.00 (GMT)

The University of Sheffield invests a significant amount of funding each year in order to support the very best postgraduate research students. For entry in 2020-21, each Faculty is offering a number of University of Sheffield Research Scholarships on a competitive basis. Applications are assessed on the basis of academic success and qualifications, experience, research background, a clear well-articulated research proposal, the potential impact of the research and a good match with supervisor/department expertise. **Main requirements:** open to UK, EU and international applicants; applicant should have, or expect to achieve, a first or upper second class UK honours degree or equivalent; applicant should be applying to start your first year of study on a full-time or part-time PhD with the University in academic year 2020-21 (after 1 October 2020).

Those who are interested could follow the online application form <a href="here">here</a>.

### 2. <u>Teaching Fellowships for Advanced Students</u>

Where: Brown University

**Dates:** scholarships for 2020-21 academic year are now open

Deadline: January, 30, 2020

The Brown/Wheaton Faculty Fellows Program, a collaborative program between Brown University and Wheaton College, annually offers outstanding advanced graduate students the opportunity to experience faculty life firsthand at a liberal arts college. By teaching a one-semester course at Wheaton and participating in the intellectual life of the college, Brown/Wheaton Faculty Fellows gain a better understanding of the responsibilities and challenges of academic life at a four-year, liberal arts college, which can be markedly different than those at a research institution such as Brown.

**Main requirements:** All applicants must submit a cover letter and CV to Associate Dean; all applicants must furnish to the Graduate School evidence of the endorsement of their Director of Graduate Study; Rising sixth-year students who are in the Humanities or Social Sciences must also submit a Dissertation Completion Proposal.

For more details on this award please contact via e-mail: <a href="mailto:ghadessi">ghadessi</a> touba@wheatoncollege.edu or <a href="mailto:Vanessa Ryan@brown.edu">Vanessa Ryan@brown.edu</a>.

### 3. British Chevening Scholarship

Where: The University of Manchester

**Dates& Deadline:** Varies according to country applied from. Check with home country's British Council or British High Commission office.

Chevening Scholarships are the UK government's global scholarship programme, funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and partner organisations. The Scholarships are awarded to outstanding scholars with leadership potential. Awards are typically for a one-year Master's degree.

**Main requirements:** Applicants must hold an offer of study at The University of Manchester before applying for this funding; must have good English language skills - usually a minimum of IELTS of 6.5.

For further information on applying for a Chevening Scholarship, sign up for alerts at <a href="http://www.chevening.org">http://www.chevening.org</a>. Applicants can also contact the Chevening Scholarships Secretariat at <a href="http://www.chevening.org/contact-us">http://www.chevening.org/contact-us</a>.

### 4. Postgraduate Opportunity Scholarships

Where: Newcastle University

**Dates:** Applications for 2020/2021 entry are now open

**Deadline:** June, 26, 2020

There are 46 awards available to successful applicants for the 2020/2021 academic year. Successful applicants will receive a £5,000 scholarship.

**Main requirements:** You can apply for a Postgraduate Opportunity Scholarship if you are: offered a place to study full time or part time (maximum 2 years) on one of our eligible postgraduate courses; a UK domiciled student who has paid fees at the 'home' rate since starting your undergraduate course; paid the higher rate of tuition fee for your undergraduate degree.

You may apply via <u>special application form</u>. Full details can be found via email at <u>UK.postgraduate-scholarships@ncl.ac.uk</u>.

5. <u>Cardiff University School of Law and Politics - ESRC-funded PhD Studentship in Politics and International Relations</u>

Where: Cardiff University

**Dates:** Applications for 2020/2021 entry are now open

Deadline: February, 3, 2020 at noon (12:00)

The Department of Politics and International Relations at the School of Law and Politics provides an enthusiastic and intellectually stimulating environment for postgraduate research to those wishing to study a PhD. With a combination of established researchers with international reputations the Department has a dynamic and forward-looking research ethos, and hosts research groups and centres that cover a variety of diverse and cutting hedge subject areas. These studentships are 'open' awards.

**Main requirements:** Applicants should apply to the Doctor of Philosophy in Politics or International Relations with a start date of October 2020; proof of English Language Competency (7.0 IELTS minimum); two academic references to be submitted in support.

Please mark your application for consideration for ESRC Politics and International Relations Open studentship. You may apply via <a href="mailto:CalderaroA@cardiff.ac.uk">CalderaroA@cardiff.ac.uk</a>.

# **Master Programmes & PhDs**

1. <u>Two doctoral studentships in Sociology</u> AND <u>One doctoral studentship in Political Science</u> (same requirements for both programmes)

**Where:** Stockholm, Sweden **Deadline:** February 17, 2020

**Scholarship:** not mentioned. However, the position is fully funded. Employment is for a maximum of four years of full-time study.

If you want to continue your academic track and write a doctoral research which is in some way geographically concerned with the Baltic Sea region and/or the post-communist part of Europe and Central Asia, you are very welcome to apply for this PhD programme! As a doctoral student in Sociology, you will join a research environment that offers multidisciplinary perspectives and an advanced curriculum. Moreover, this doctoral position in Sociology includes both admission to third-cycle education, i.e. doctoral studies, and employment on a doctoral studentship. As doctoral student, you will

take doctoral courses, participate in research seminars, and participate in national and international research activities.

**Main requirements:** 1) a second-cycle/Master's level qualification, 2) fulfilment of the requirements for courses comprising at least 240 credits of which at least 60 credits awarded at second-cycle/Master's level, OR 3) the acquisition of substantially equivalent knowledge in some other way in Sweden or abroad, 4) A qualified applicant has the equivalent of 90 credits in Sociology (or a related social science) and has successfully completed second-cycle studies in Sociology or an equivalent field + *for the application procedure:* 1) a research plan of no more than 2000 words (excluding references), including a description of how the planned research is related to the Baltic Sea area or post-communist countries of Europe and Central Asia; 2) Contact details for two references who can testify to your academic maturity

Those who are interested could follow the online application form <u>here</u>.

2. MA in Democracy and Governance (Social Sciences)

Where: Tartu, Estonia

Deadline: March 15, 2020

**Scholarship:** 10 tuition waivers available

**Tuition Fee:** €3800 p/year (it covers tuition and some study materials)

**Application Fee:** €50 one-time (non-refundable)

The programme provides in-depth knowledge about the history of democracy, modern democratic institutions, public policy and governance, elections and political behaviour, ethnopolitics, and ethics. This MA programme integrates empirical and theoretical understanding of democracy and governance, the two essential parameters of political development in the contemporary world. Applying for this programme you will get a chance to get a comprehensive knowledge of modern democratic institutions and their political processes, proper research skills to perform policy analysis and contribute to policy formation and an international perspective that will enrich career prospects both at home and globally.

**Main requirements:** 1) bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification, 2) English proficiency (TOEFL: 75 overall, IELTS: 5.5 overall), 3) letter of motivation

Those who are interested could follow the online application form <u>here</u>.

3. Master of Public Policy at Willy Brandt School of Public Policy

Where: Erfurt, Germany

**Deadline:** February 29, 2020 (priority deadline), May 31, 2020 (general deadline). International students are strongly encourages to apply before the

priority deadline!

**Scholarship:** not mentioned. However, in a partnership with DAAD, the Haniel Foundation and EICF.

**Tuition Fee:** €1500 p/semester OR €6000 for entire programme (4 semesters)

+ €220 must be paid each semester (includes entitlement to free public transportation within and around the city)

Drawn from political science, economics, sociology, public administration and law, the Master of Public Policy curriculum builds the skills and knowledge base required of a professional policy analyst. It includes courses in political and economic analysis, statistics, public management and ethics. The programme is interdisciplinary, combining quantitative and qualitative approaches to policy analysis and problem solving. Most courses deal with real-world applications, yet this aspect is complemented with a Practical Training Module. A mandatory internship at a public policy institution, usually between the second and third semester, as well as a project group assignment in the third semester gives students the opportunity to apply what they have learned in the classroom.

**Main requirements:** 1) English proficiency (TOEFL Internet: 90 overall, IELTS: 6.5 overall), 2) min. one year of professional experience. For further information, you can follow this <u>checklist</u>.

Those who are interested could follow the online application form <u>here</u>.

4. Rondine Cittadella della Pace World House Program

Where: Arezzo, Italy

**Deadline:** February 9, 2020

Tuition Fee: covered

The program aims at promoting conflict transformation through the experience of young people coming from conflict and post-conflict areas and belonging to different cultures by applying an original training approach. Fellows receive high-quality training on topics related to conflict management, as well as improve their soft skills and learn about the necessary methodologies needed to create concrete opportunities for development and reconciliation. After having completed the program in Rondine, participants of the World House return to their countries of origin ready to act in different socio-cultural contexts. **Main requirements:** 1) aged between 21- 28; 2) knowledge of English is desirable for a profitable participation in the Rondine training; 3) note that Italian is the official language for communication and activities in Rondine (the program starts with a 3-month intensive course of Italian language and culture); 4) be a holder of a Bachelor degree; 5) willing to be engaged in civil society

Those who are interested could follow the online application form <a href="here">here</a>.

### 5. Master or PhD in Sustainability Science

Where: Tokyo, Japan

Deadline: February 28, 2020 (Master); April 10, 2020 (PhD)

**Tuition Fee:** \$10,000 p/year

Scholarship: monthly allowance of 120,000 JPY. A limited number of

scholarships are available for outstanding applicants from developing countries

who can demonstrate a need for financial assistance.

The PhD programme in Sustainability Science is a three-year programme that aims to produce scholars who will become key researchers in the field of sustainability science. The programme takes an innovative approach to sustainability, seeking to promote a better understanding of the issues by incorporating global change perspectives, specifically those related to climate change and biodiversity. The programme provides students with unique opportunities to interact with leading scholars and policymakers through lectures, international conferences, and workshops. Students undertake problem-oriented research by playing an active role in UNU-IAS research projects, and acquire the quantitative and qualitative analytical skills necessary to understand the underlying principles of various systems involved in sustainability issues and debates.

Main requirements: 1) GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale for at least one of the Master's degrees earned; 2) English language proficiency (TOEFL: 600 – Paper-Based Testing (PBT) OR 100 – Internet-Based Testing (IBT); IELTS - 7.0 overall). However, if applicants who completed an undergraduate or postgraduate degree programme where the language of instruction and examination was English, should NOT provide the results of English proficiency; 3) Applicants must possess a master's degree in a discipline related to sustainability studies and a minimum of 2 years of practical field experience related to UNU-IAS research themes, or possess two master's degrees — at least one of which must be in a discipline related to sustainability studies; 4) Written essays. For further information here you can find the detailed list of the requirements for Master programme and PhD programme.

Those who are interested (both in Master or PhD) could follow the online application form here.

# **Internships & Job Opportunities**

1. Internship at SWP (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik)

Where: Berlin, Germany

**Duration:** June - August, 2020 OR September - November, 2020

**Deadline:** March 31, 2020 (for internship starting in June); June 30, 2020 (for

internship starting in September)

**Salary:** €300 p/month

SWP is interested in attracting young academics in political science and related social sciences (economics, law, administration, occasionally also regional studies, ethnology,

or journalism). During this internship you will have a chance to assist with all tasks within the research division, especially research projects, and producing documentation and background reports for research division members. Moreover, you could choose the research division according to your interests and develop the study in that field.

**Main requirements:** 1) very good knowledge of English (but no certificates are required for the application), 2) filled application form, 3) letter of motivation (max. 1 page), 4) for a mandatory internship: confirmation that the internship is a formal requirement, including required duration (copy of relevant passage from degree regulations or letter from university.

Those who are interested could find an application form <a href="here">here</a>. Please send your application and all necessary documents in **one summarized PDF** file to this <a href="e-mail">e-mail</a>.

2. <u>Job as a (Senior) Manager of Digital Trade and International Relations</u>

Where: Brussels, Belgium Working language: English Deadline: February 7, 2020

**DigitalEurope** wants European businesses and citizens to benefit fully from digital technologies and for Europe to grow, attract, and sustain the world's best digital technology companies. **DigitalEurope** ensures industry participation in the development and implementation of EU policies. The subject matter includes multilateral and bilateral negotiations (including free trade agreements and economic integration agreements), market access barriers, customs issues (classification and duty suspension of electronic products as well as rules of origins). Applicants with strong work experience or a Master level university education in law, international relations or political science is an advantage for this job! The fellow will be responsible for maintaining and developing our relationships with international and global bodies and associations.

**Main requirements:** 1) strong analytical skills and interpersonal competencies, 2) knowledge of EU decision-making procedures, current affairs and a demonstrable understanding of EU legislative developments, 3) native English speaker or equivalent, 4) a minimum of 4-8 years' relevant work experience is required.

Those who are interested could forward their CV and a cover letter to this <u>e-mail</u>. Don't forget to mention EuroBrussels when applying!

3. <u>EU Policy Intern. CPME - Standing Committee of European Doctors</u>

Where: Brussels, Belgium Working language: English

**Duration:** March 2, 2020 - July 31, 2020

**Deadline:** February 7, 2020 **Salary:** €950 for 5 months

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) represents national medical associations across Europe. We are committed to contributing the medical profession's

point of view to EU institutions and European policy-making through pro-active cooperation on a wide range of health and healthcare related issues.

**Main requirements:** 1) very good English, good knowledge of another EU language desirable, 2) Master's degree or equivalent in law, political, economic or social sciences, 3) strong analytical and problem-solving skills, 4) knowledge of EU Law and the European decision-making process.

Those who are interested could send their CV and a letter of motivation (max. 1 page) in **one PDF** to this <u>e-mail</u>. Don't forget to mention EuroBrussels when applying!

# **Conferences & Workshops**

1. <u>Under pressure: Electoral and non-electoral participation in polarizing times</u>

Where: Berlin, Germany Working language: English Dates: May 15-16, 2020 Deadline: February 7, 2020

Financial Aid: The organisers will cover travel cost and accomodation for all

presenters.

The workshop aims to provide new answers to these central questions by bringing together established and younger researchers from various sub-disciplines of political science and sociology. This seems necessary as the analysis of electoral and non-electoral forms of participation and mobilization is still often carried out separately. Potential contributions might also focus on the politicization of key contested issues, such as immigration or climate change in different arenas of contention, and how such conflicts spill-over to initially non-political sites of civic engagement, such as sports clubs, schools, or cultural events. People, who are interested in the fields of political science, sociology, communication science and other relevant disciplines are invited to apply!

**Main requirements:** submit a proposal (include an abstract of no more than 300 words)

Those who are interested could submit their proposals to this e-mail.

2. <u>CfP: Mobilizing Worldviews: The Visual Repertoires of the Far Right (2020 ECPR General Conference)</u>

Where: Innsbruck, Austria Working language: English Dates: August 26-28, 2020 Deadline: February 10, 2020

Financial Aid: The organisers will cover travel cost and accomodation for all

presenters.

The workshop aims to provide new answers to these central questions by bringing together established and younger researchers from various sub-disciplines of political

science and sociology. This seems necessary as the analysis of electoral and non-electoral forms of participation and mobilization is still often carried out separately. Potential contributions might also focus on the politicization of key contested issues, such as immigration or climate change in different arenas of contention, and how such conflicts spill-over to initially non-political sites of civic engagement, such as sports clubs, schools, or cultural events. People, who are interested in the fields of political science, sociology, communication science and other relevant disciplines are invited to apply!

Main requirements: submit a proposal (include an abstract of no more than 300 words)

Those who are interested could submit their proposals to this e-mail.

3. <u>Jean Monnet Network. Linking to "Europe" at The Periphery (Leap), Project Workshop 1: Teaching and Learning Europe</u>

Where: Lviv, Ukraine

Working language: English Dates: March 26-27, 2020 Deadline: February 9, 2020

Financial aid: the organizers will cover lunch, coffee breaks and accommodation

(University hotel) for the selected candidates.

There is already a pressing challenge faced by the higher education globally posed by the need to answer to the needs of a knowledge society. The structural differences and divergent trends within the EU integration, frequently described as a fracture along North-South, East-West or centre-periphery lines, creates a challenge to teaching and learning the EU integration in diverse settings which are at different points of the EU integration. The picture gets more complicated when it comes to teaching EU Studies at 'the periphery' where the EU integration is predominantly an ongoing process and a moving target and the EU Studies faces the danger of being perceived as a derivation of how the country in question is doing with regard to the EU integration rather than an autonomous scientific discipline. The scholars, doctoral candidates as well as other experts who study 'Europe' in general and the EU in particular are invited to participate! Selected papers presented at the workshop will be compiled in a Special Issue in a high-impact academic journal focusing on the complexities and challenges of teaching and learning the EU at 'the periphery' and other various settings. The participants will also receive a certificate of attendance.

**Main requirements:** 1) abstracts (max. 250 words), 2) In case you will be chosen as a participant of the workshop, you should submit their full papers **10 days before the workshop**.

Those who are interested could submit their abstracts to this e-mail.

4. <u>Cooperating Across Global Regions: Societal Actors, Transnational Mobilization,</u> and Regional Integration 1960s-2020

Where: Duisburg, Germany Working language: English

Dates: June 8-9, 2020

**Deadline:** February 10, 2020

Financial aid: Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered for

presenters within the limits of the applying regulations.

This workshop will take an interdisciplinary perspective on the origins, practices and implications of trans-regional cooperation among transnational societal actors. The workshop will adopt a globally comparative approach and include relations among transnational societal actors from Western Europe as well as e.g. Latin America, Africa, and South-East Asia. At the same time, the workshop also invites papers based on ongoing social science research to conceptualize and study empirically the role of societal actors in trans-regional cooperation in conjunction with the formation and consolidation of RIOs. **Main requirements:** 1) an abstract of your paper (max. 300 words) with information on its focus, key arguments and empirical basis, 2) a short biographical note with information on your institutional affiliation and relevant ongoing research projects and/or publications.

All invited paper-givers are expected to submit an outline paper of 8-10 pages with key arguments as well as a select bibliography (including esp. works in languages other than English) by 15 May 2020.

Those who are interested could submit their proposals in **one Word doc** to this <u>e-mail</u>.