

Study Baltic Sea cooperation!

1st CBSS Summer University

Governance and Administration in the Baltic Sea Region

4th–14th August 2014

*Centre for Baltic and East European Studies
Södertörn University, Sweden*

Call for applications

Spend two exciting weeks in the beautiful environment of Stockholm, meet fellow students from the Baltic Sea countries, learn about and discuss the functioning of Baltic Sea cooperation.

Baltic Sea cooperation has developed over the past 25 years, starting off during the final years of the Cold War East-West divide, widening by Baltic independence and deepening by the European Union Northern and Eastern enlargements. As such, the Baltic Sea has become something of an inner-lake of the European Union. The EU macro-regional strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR), the first of its kind, has given additional impetus to various fields of cooperation. But the Baltic Sea Region is also a place of intense and mutually beneficial cross-border cooperation with non-EU member states, particularly Russia, in a regional context. Hence, Baltic Sea cooperation contributes to the development of trustful EU-Russia partnership relations.

The CBSS Summer University has a unique profile. It not only introduces the basics of governance and administration in the Baltic Sea Region by drawing on different disciplines, but also offers insight into the practice of cooperation. Students preparing for a future as professionals of Baltic Sea cooperation or pursuing academic research on topics related to the region are invited to the CBSS Summer University to discuss issues of high relevance and to make valuable personal contacts. The learning outcomes thus include competence building as well as networking and intercultural experience with a view to making one's own contribution to societal, environmental and economic partnerships in the region.

The CBSS Summer University is itself a part of Baltic Sea cooperation. It features as a flagship project of Horizontal Action Neighbours of the EUSBSR with the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS), one of the most central actors in Baltic Sea cooperation, as lead partner. The programme has been developed in cooperation between Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin/Germany, Södertörn University/Sweden and the University of Turku/Finland. It will be held yearly alternating between different universities in different countries of the Baltic Sea Region. In 2014 it is a joint effort hosted by Södertörn University and carried out in cooperation with the University of Gothenburg/Sweden, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, the University of Potsdam/Germany, Tallinn University/Estonia and St. Petersburg State University/Russia.

We welcome advanced master as well as doctoral students from political science, environmental studies, law, international relations, administration science, but also from other disciplines with a more practical link to Baltic Sea cooperation, e.g. economics, communication. Master students shall have studied for at least one year. Basic knowledge of Baltic Sea cooperation from Baltic Sea Region Studies or summer schools is preferable but not compulsory.

We expect approximately 20 students from a range of Baltic Sea countries. The working language of the summer university will be English; therefore, very good understanding and corresponding ability to express oneself in this language is required.

The content of the full-time course includes lectures and seminars on

- Quality of Government
- Concepts of governance and multi-level governance
- Governance and policy-making in the European Union
- Local government in comparative perspectives
- Organising networks
- Public Management and Administrative Reforms around the Baltic Sea
- Macro-regional strategies
- EU-Russia relations in a regional context

This year's teaching staff includes: Björn Hassler (Södertörn University/Sweden), Werner Jann (University of Potsdam/Germany), Claudia Matthes (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin/Germany), Marina Nistotskaya (Quality of Government Institute at Gothenburg University/Sweden), Alexander Sergunin (St. Petersburg State University/Russia), Georg Sootla (Tallinn University/Estonia)

The academic focus shall be complemented by meetings with practitioners and state agencies in Sweden.

Students are expected to deliver a final paper and a personal evaluation.

Credits

6 ECTS credit points will be accredited by Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Department of Northern European Studies. Participants will receive an official transcript of records and a participation certificate.

Examination requirements: 80 per cent minimum class attendance, preparation (reading) and active participation in lectures and seminars, approved final papers.

Registration

Registration is free of charge. To apply please send the following documents to CBSS_Summer_University@hu-berlin.de

- Letter of motivation (4.500 characters maximum)
- CV
- Transcript of Records

Deadline for applications is *15 June 2014*. We advise to apply as early as possible.

Once you have received our acceptance letter, please confirm your participation. Kindly note that your registration becomes valid only after we have received your confirmation. Otherwise we reserve the right to offer the place to another applicant.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided for free from 03rd (arrival) to 14th August (departure after lunch) in student housing in the vicinity of Södertörn University.

Covered costs

Accommodation (double room), lunch and local transport will be provided. Participants are expected to bear the costs for travel, breakfast and evening meals on their own. No tuition costs are charged.

We strongly advise you to arrange for travel health insurance, personal accident insurance, and third-party liability insurance. Södertörn University and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin do not assume any liability for students participating in the CBSS Summer University.

For more detailed information see

www.ni.hu-berlin.de/projekte/CBSS_Summer_University/index.html

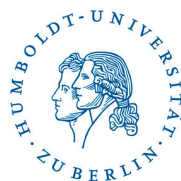
The draft schedule will be available there soon.

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