

Summer School – detailed information

Economics, Management and Social Sciences: Their Application in Rural Development

This summer school is an international cooperation within the scope of the European League of Life Sciences (ELLS) and is organised by faculties and departments that focus on economics, management and social sciences from BOKU Vienna, CULS Prague, SGGW Warsaw and Wageningen University in cooperation with the University of Hohenheim, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and the University of Copenhagen. It addresses rural development issues in interdisciplinary views and aims to bring students and teachers from various countries and fields of work together in order to discuss subjects, to exchange knowledge, to improve the quality of students' work and to improve and test the skills of students in a practical project. The summer school offers the possibility for students to present their drafts of their works (Master or PhD theses) and to develop them. During the course issues of rural development will get presented and argued in order to expand the knowledge of the participating students and to talk about actual topics and problems of rural development. Additionally there will be an organised excursion so as to actually view and discuss some issues of rural development.

Participants

This Summer School targets Master and PhD students, who deal with rural development and are interested to exchange knowledge in an international scope. The number of participants is limited to maximal 25 students.

Schedule

15th April 2010: Deadline for subscription for the Summer School

01st May 2010: The applicants will get informed about the acceptance of their application

31st May 2010: Submission of the students' paper for the Summer School

31st May 2010: Latest transfer of the participation fees

28th June 2010: Handing in the elaborated comments to other students' papers

04th – 11th July 2010: Intensive Summer School at the BOKU (University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences) Vienna

ECTS credits

For successful participation 4 ECTS will be rewarded. In return students are obliged to do preliminary work of about 50 hours during May and June and to participate in the Summer School. Following the Summer School the students are expected to finish their papers that will get published in the Summer School proceedings if several quality standards are met (at the discretion of the editors).

Application

Fill up the digital application form and send it by e-mail or mail to LaisterGünther:

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Address: BOKU, Vienna – Institute for Sustainable Economic Development

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The deadline for subscription is the 15th April 2010.

The applicants will get informed not later than the 1st May 2010 if their application is accepted.

The electronic application form is available at the website: www.euroleague-study.org>>Summer Schools >>Economics, Management and Social Sciences: Their Application in Rural Development

Information

The underlying idea of the Summer School is to give students the opportunity to present drafts of their Master and PhD theses, which is related to “Rural development” and to get some critical feedback and ideas from other students as well as from teachers. Additionally the students will work out a case study to practically apply and improve their knowledge about rural development.

Activities prior to Summer School

Every student has to prepare a paper that is linked to her or his topic of the thesis. The minimum length of the paper is 4 pages at least and it has to be sent before 31st May 2010 to guenther.laister@boku.ac.at. The topics of the papers can be from very broad areas and different study programmes that are provided at ELLS universities but they should focus on economics and/or management in rural development. In doing so the range of topics goes from agricultural production and food marketing to tourism and rural development projects (and many more) and they should address rural economical and social problems.

Possible structure of the paper:

- Title, working title or topic of the thesis
- Short summary of the paper
- Introduction and problem statement
- Goals of the paper or thesis and methods, how to achieve them
- Literature review/theoretical background
- Already existing results
- Outlook/future development

After submitting the papers (**at latest on the 31st May 2010**) the students will receive 2 or 3 papers (depending on the number of participants) of other students in order to give comments on them. The teachers will also give comments to the students' texts during the Summer School, in order to stimulate a discussion. At the beginning of this process the students can express wishes, which papers they would like to remark. Every participating student will get at least 2 comments back on her or his work. Therefore we will maybe ask students to annotate some other than the chosen papers, if there are too many comments for one and not enough for another paper. The comments also have to be submitted in written form to the organisation.

Summer School in Vienna

The Summer School lasts for 6 days and an additional 2 -3 days for arrival and the return trip are planned. During the summer school every student will present her or his paper in class, where it will be discussed. The aim is to get feedback of one's work, which will be done especially by the students, who commented the paper before the Summer School started and the professors. In between the teachers from the different Universities will give lectures about their current research topic and specialisation. There they will address up to date rural development problems and convey the latest status of the research. Also one excursion will be organised for the participants and – by using practical examples - the students will carry out a case study of a rural development project and present it in class.

Activities after the Summer School

Ensuing to the Summer School the students are expected to include the feedback and comments from the classes in their paper and to adapt and to finish it. The papers will get collected and published in the Summer School Proceedings if certain quality criteria are met that are determined by the teachers.

Costs

390,-- EUR for the whole programme

Costs include:

- accommodation in a student residence in Vienna (available from the 4th to the 11th of July)
- breakfast and lunch (dinner is for own responsibility)
- excursion
- welcome and goodbye reception
- Summer School Proceeding

The travelling cost to and from Vienna are not covered. The students should ask at their home universities for possible financial assistance or grants. These assistance may be provided by the particular office for international affairs or the university itself. The payment for the Summer School has to be made until the 31st May 2010. A cancellation fee in the amount of 250,-- EUR has to be made if a student cancels her or his participation after the 1st June 2010.

Coordination

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Downloads

- Detailed Information
- Registration form
- Poster
- Arrival and location