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SUMMER INTENSIVE PROGRAMME:

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

Detailed information



NEW INTENSIVE PROGRAMME WITHIN ELLS

ECONOMICS, MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL SCIENCES: THEIR APPLICATION IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Within the Euroleague for Life Sciences (for more information see <http://www.euroleague-study.org>) the faculties and departments focusing on economics, management and in general on social sciences from Wageningen University, BOKU Vienna, SGGW Warsaw and CULS in Prague offer the students the possibility to participate in the intensive programme of the summers school type addressing the application of courses from their home universities in the rural development viewed from international prospects and in interdisciplinary dimensions.

The aim of this intensive programme is therefore to highlight rural development in interdisciplinary views, to bring students and teachers from various countries and fields related to economics, management and social sciences together in order to exchange their knowledge, to improve the quality of their work (incl. Master degree thesis) and to test their skills while practising development projects.

Organisation of the intensive programme (terms and venues)

APPLICATION:

Deadline for the application: April 20, 2007: applications of the students should be sent by e-mail to subject area coordinator: Michal Lostak: lostak@pef.czu.cz.

The application consists of:

- Surname and name of the applicant:
- His/her university, faculty/department/unit:
- e-mail address:
- Topics of his/her master degree thesis and the abstract/summary of the main ideas in the thesis (one paragraph maximum; 100-150 words):
- Short expectations from the summer school (one paragraph):

Till April 30, 2007 the applicants will be informed about the acceptance of their application.

Timetable of the summer school:

1.5. – 5.7. 2007: Activities prior to summer school; these activities are conducted at home universities according to instructions for the preparations for summer school (see below)

8.7. – 16.7.2007: Summer school in Warsaw (SGGW Warsaw; <http://www.sggw.waw.pl>)

Detailed description of activities:

The first period before summer school:

1.5. 2007 – 31.5. 2007:

The students elaborate their papers they will present at summer school in Warsaw. The papers are based on students' thesis (bachelor degree thesis, and especially on elaborated master degree thesis). The papers can be rooted in all types of study programmes conducted at ELLS universities. Although the topics of the papers might be from very broad areas, they should address various issues in the agriculture or in the countryside from the point of view of social sciences. It means they should focus on economics, management, rural life, diversification of the activities in the countryside, rural tourism and its forms, economics and management of primary agricultural production, food marketing, processing the data about agriculture and rural areas, the use of ICT for the countryside and farming, demographic, social or political trends in agriculture and in the countryside, rural development strategies and projects and many others topics). Generally speaking the students should present their elaborated diploma thesis corresponding with the aims of this intensive programme.

The papers of all participating students will be available in defined time for all other participating students and teachers from other ELLS universities.

Estimated students' workload for the first period: about 50 hours (2 ECTS). The home universities might require higher workload up to 75 hours (corresponding to 3 ECTS)

The structure of the paper (about 2,500 – 3,000 words)

- Title (topic of the thesis).
- Short summary of the paper (about 100-150 words)
- Relevance of the topic (why is the topic important?; what were student's reasons for addressing this topic?; give the arguments why the topic is relevant from national/regional or even European point of view; the context of the topic).
- Goals of the paper/thesis + outline of the methods of their achievement (what does the student want to demonstrate?; what are the objectives of his/her work?; indicate the accordance between the goals of the paper/work and national context /argue how relevant are the goals from the point of view of situation in the region/country/Europe/; the methods could be only outlined, there is no need of their detailed description, unless author considers it important as for the general work).
- Theoretical background of the paper/thesis; outline of literature review (outline of used theoretical approaches, presentation of literature review of the already existing works about the topic).
- Existing empirical findings from student's work (presentation of the first findings aiming at the goals of the work, if they are available to the author /also the hypothesis which will be tested can be presented/; or description of studied settings can be presented).
- The ideas about the future development of the work (how the work will continue till the final completion of the thesis /in this moment without considering the comments of the other students and teachers participating in ELLS intensive programme).
- **TILL MAY 31 2007 THE PAPERS HAVE TO BE SENT TO THE ELLS SUBJECT AREA ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR MICHAL LOSTAK (lostak@pef.czu.cz)**

The second period before the summer school:

1.6. 2007 – 5.7. 2007:

The papers submitted by May 31, 2007 will be considered and commented by other students and teachers who will participate in the summer school. The idea is that every student will comment at least 2 papers of other students. The comments will be done in the frame of the instructions below. Every text will be also commented by one teacher (the teachers will present their comments during the ELSS summer school in Warsaw). The subject area coordinator Michal Lostak will prepare the list of the papers with their abstracts. Every student assigns his/her name into this list to at least 2 texts s/he picked out. It means the student will comment these texts. Because every paper should be commented by at least 2 other participating students, in a case there is paper without commenting student (or only with one such student) the teachers from ELLS universities will work on achieving the required proportion (e.g. if there is more than 2 students asking to comment one paper, they will be requested to consider the comments to the papers where there is less than 2 commenting students; in a case of not reaching the agreement the papers might be assigned by the draw /lot/). The comments will be sent to the evaluated student by assigned commenting students 5 days before the summer school in Warsaw by e-mail (therefore everybody should indicate his/her e-mail address). The teachers will give the comments in Warsaw.

Detailed time plan

1.6.2007 – 8.6.2007: assignment of the commented papers

11.6.2007: finalised list of papers and the commenting students; sending the papers to the students for comments

11.6. 2007 – 30.6.2007: elaborating the comments of the papers (students and teachers should communicate).

The students will write their comments in the length of maximum one page referring to:

- The topic of the paper (its relevance from the point of view of the country of commenting student /fostering awareness of various European countryside(s)/; what is the "hot" topic in theme in the commenting student's country?; is the topic in the paper discussed in the commenting student's country at all?).

- Goals of the work and the methods used (where are strong and weak points of the methods as for the goals of the paper/thesis?; what other methods can be also used /try to argue why the not used methods might be exploited/).
- Comments to the theoretical backgrounds (e.g. recommendations of the other theories; try to suggest other literature to read /try to argue why to use such literature/; are authors' theoretical backgrounds in accordance with the goals of the work).
- Comments concerning the achieved findings (if they are in the text).
- Comments concerning future development of the work

Estimated students' load for the second period: about 35 hours (1.5 ECTS)

The third period: summer school

On Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the summer school will focus on lectures and a sort of pre-diploma seminar. It means especially on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings the lectures will be given to the students. The lectures will be delivered by ELLS teachers (topics of the lectures see below in the detailed time-table of the summer school). The lectures will continue by discussion between students and teachers. After the lunch the students will present their papers and other will comment them (discussion on the papers done both by assigned commentators, other students and the teachers).

On Thursday a field trip (study excursion) is planned. During the study trip the students and the teachers will visit one Polish rural community. There will be possibility to be more familiar with this community. Based on the knowledge, data and information about the community, the students will work in next days on suggesting the possible ways of the future development of this community.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday the students will have the chance to test their practical skills in elaborating the ways of the development of certain (already visited) community. After the field trip into one Polish rural community, the students will suggest possible ways of its development using available data and findings from the excursion. They will work in teams together with young teachers from SGGW and they will consult the teachers from other ELLS universities. Finally they will present their projects of possible development (probably for the representatives of the community).

Estimated students' workload for the third period: about 40 hours (1.5 ECTS).

Detailed time-table of the summer school in Warsaw

Sun, July 8, 2007

13:00-15:00: Opening the summer school, meeting of students and teachers, their introduction, organisational matters, international team building

15:30-18:00: informal discussion of the teachers with the students about their works

19:00: welcoming reception

Mon, July 9, 2007

09:00-10:45: Lecture and discussion: "Polish agriculture after transition" (prof. Klepacki; SGGW Warszawa)

11:00-12:45: Lecture and discussion: "Multifunctional agriculture and agriclusters in Europe" (prof. Heijman; WUR Wageningen)

12:45-14:00: lunch

14:15-16:15: students' presentations (4 students)

16:30-18:30: students' presentations (4 students)

Tue, July 10, 2007

09:00-10:45: Lecture and discussion: "Regional management in rural development (prof. Wyrzens; BOKU Wien)

11:00-12:45: Lecture and discussion: "How did the statistics revolutionary changed the science (implications for rural development)" (prof. Parlinska; SGGW Warszawa)

12:45-14:00: Lunch

14:15-16:15: students' presentations (4 students)

16:30-18:30: students' presentations (4 students)

Wed, July 11, 2009

09:00-10:45: Lecture and discussion: "Social capital and its role in rural development (LEADER+ initiative)" (Dr. Lostak CULS Prague)

11:00-12:30: students' presentations (4 students)

12:30-14:00: Lunch

14:15-16:15: students' presentations (4 students)

16:30-18:30: students' presentations (4 students)

In a case there are less than 27 students at the summer school, the times not used for students' presentations will be utilised for individual consultations of the teachers with the students

Thu, July 12, 2007

All day field trip into the Polish rural community to be familiar with the locality which will be the addressed in the suggested ways of future development.

Fri, July 13, 2007

09:00-12:45: team work on the strategies of development (suggesting the ways of future development in teams)

12:45-14:00: Lunch

14:15-16:15: team work on the strategies of development (suggesting the ways of future development in teams)

16.30-18.30: presenting the results of the first day of work, discussion

Sat, July 14, 2007

09:00-12:45: team work on the strategies of development (suggesting the ways of future development in teams)

12:45-14:00: Lunch

14:15-16:15: team work on the strategies of development (suggesting the ways of future development in teams)

16.30-18.30: presenting final results of the first day of work, discussion

Sun, July 15, 2007

09:00-11:00: final evaluation of the intensive programme

11:15-14:00: Lunch

15:00-18:00: informal discussions among students and teachers as for their work and the suggestions on the development of the community;

Mon, July 16, 2007

departures

For students who indicate their interest the local organisers can offer the trip to Krakow

ECTS total: 5 (or 6 ECTS if the home university requires students to work more in the period prior to programme in Warsaw).

Maximum number of students: 27 but can be changed to slightly higher number, if there is the interest.

Cost of the summer school: 200 EUR (includes accommodation in the SGGW dormitory /2 rooms share toilet and shower/; meals /only breakfast and lunch, dinner is not included/; study trip). Travel costs to and from Warsaw are not included (they must be also paid by students). The students should ask and contact their home universities about possibilities of financial assistance or grants. The summer school does not have any chance to provide any grants.