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International Summer School
CRACOW 2005

EU - UKRAINE
Perspectives of Co-operation

The Summer School offers courses on the history, present day situation and perspectives of Ukraine in the context of Central European and European relations. Special emphasis is given to the perspectives of co-operation between the European Union and Ukraine. The main objective of the new neighbourhood policy of the European Union and of the concept of "Wider Europe" is to intensify co-operation with European countries which are not members of the European Union, and to avoid the situation that the new external borders of the EU create barriers for co-operation. Between the EU and Ukraine the so-called "Action Plan" has been agreed to support integration processes.

As of May 2004 Ukraine is a direct neighbour of the EU and its future partner. With the inauguration of Viktor Yuschenko, Ukraine has entered a new era. The challenge ahead is to use this new chapter in Ukrainian history to build a stronger EU-Ukraine relationship. For both sides it is a good time now to reflect on how they can work together more effectively to achieve common goals. The peaceful revolutionary processes of the winter 2004/2005 have shown that Ukraine has entered the path of democracy and European standards.

What is the road ahead for the EU and Ukraine? Both parties declare their will to work closely together as neighbours. Historical and cultural ties mark out in particular Poland and Austria to undertake initiatives in support of political and economic reforms in Ukraine.

The summer school will discuss the instruments of neighbourly co-operation and integration, the development of democracy in Ukraine, regional programmes stimulating co-operation, and also the role of cultural remembrance in establishing dialogue.

Dates: 15-29 July 2005

Venue: Kraków/Poland, University campus in Przegorzaly

Working language: English

Participants: 25 advanced and post graduate students, young scholars and young government officials from European countries

Organisers: Institute for Danube and Central European Affairs/IDM/Vienna

International Cultural Centre/Cracow

Jagiellonian University Cracow

Austrian Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Iwan Franko Lviv State University

Programme modules:

Cultural Memory and Spaces of Identity (Ukraine, Central Europe, Europe)

Europe and Ukraine
Major Historic Developments
Cultural Traditions and Ukrainian Nation-building
Cultural Memory of Kiev, Lviv and Kraków
Ukraine and the Notion of Central Europe

Political Changes in Ukraine

Political Transitions 1991 and 2005
Ukraine-Russia Relationship
The Events of November/December 2004
Westerners and Easterners - Internal Divisions in Ukraine
Democracy and the Legal System/Constitutional, Legal and Administrative Reforms

Polish and Ukrainian Experience after 1991

Cooperation between EU and Ukraine

The EU Action Plan for Ukraine
Perspectives for Further Integration Steps
Polish-Ukraine Neighbourhood Policies
Ukraine's Participation in International Institutions and Structures -
Defence and Security Issues
Perspectives for a EU-membership?

Introductory seminar to the study tour, and students presentations

6. Study tour (3-days visit to Lviv and Polish/Ukrainian border region)
Meetings and discussions with representatives of regional and local authorities, NGO s, etc. with the aim of finding out about cross-border co-operation initiatives.

Faculty: academics and experts from Austria, Belgium, Poland, Ukraine
Classes: lectures, seminars, panel discussions, study tour
Application package: a cv, a recommendation letter, an essay demonstrating familiarity with issues connected with EU action in support of Ukraine, evidence of substantial English language skills - to be sent to: the International Cultural Centre, Rynek Główny 25, 31-008 Kraków, Poland
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