

Erasmus Intensive Programme "Myths, Nation-Building, Political Identities"

14 March 2010 – 27 March 2010, University of Siegen, Fachbereich 1

About the Programme:

From 14 March 2010 – 27 March 2010 the Faculty 1 at the University of Siegen hosts an international Spring School organized in the context of an Erasmus Intensive Programme that examines the topic of "Myths, Nation-Building, Political Identities."

The Intensive Programme is designed as a three-year programme cycle with the first year focusing on the analysis of regional, national, supranational and European myths, on their development and meaning as well as on different forms and perceptions of myths from ancient times to the present. Their interrelations with the complex process of European integration will be analysed by considering selected case studies. The multi-disciplinary programme comprises relevant topics and aspects from various disciplines: History, Political Science, Sociology, Protestant and Catholic Theology, Philosophy, Linguistics and Literary Studies, Media Studies, Art History and Music History. In addition to the participating departments at the University of Siegen members of ten different European partner universities will participate in the programme:

- Uppsala University (Sweden)
- University of Coimbra (Portugal)
- Çukurova University (Turkey)
- Panteion University of Social and Political Science (Greece)
- Cergy-Pontoise University (France)
- University of Deusto (Spain)
- Lancaster University (UK)
- New University of Lisbon (Portugal)
- University of Pisa (Italy)
- University of Siena (Italy)

Aim of the programme:

On the one hand, the programme aims to offer an additional international study component to the participating students within their regular courses of study. Furthermore, by attending the programme students will get to know new perspectives, theories and contents within an

interdisciplinary and innovative learning environment. The students will work and learn in international groups, practice and enhance their intercultural competence and get new insights into their own culture. The programme will not only broaden the students' knowledge on different theoretical and thematic approaches within the Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities that are connected to the overall topic of "myths". During afternoon workshops they will also actively apply what they have learned by analysing different case studies and presenting their results to a broader audience. In addition, students will acquire competences in working with new media by participating in preparatory blended e-learning sequences and using online-forums.

Structure of the Programme:

The duration of the Spring School itself will be 12 days (plus 2 arrival and departure days for international students). The programme will be organised into morning and afternoon sessions. While the morning sessions will include lectures, presentations and discussions on different aspects of the overall theme, during the afternoon sessions the plenum will be split up into working groups where students can develop and discuss theoretical concepts and papers together with teachers and tutors. Students will present their ideas later during specific plenary phases. After the successful completion of the Spring School all participating students will receive a certificate documenting the accumulation of 6 ECTS credit points.

In preparation of the face-to-face period in Siegen an e-learning platform will be created where the participating students will be divided into different working groups to prepare different topics of the programme. On the platform the programme-related material will be published in advance and a discussion forum will be opened. The preparatory e-learning phase will start at the end of January 2010.

The Spring School programme in March furthermore includes different cultural activities related to the topic that will provide an insight into non-academic fields as well as practical experience (e.g. excursions to cultural institutions and regional enterprises).

Target Group of the Intensive Programme:

The target group of the programme are advanced students (3rd year and above) with a background in one of the following participating disciplines: History, Political Science, Sociology, Protestant and Catholic Theology, Philosophy, Linguistics and Literary Studies, Media Studies, Art History and Music History. The programme is directed towards students at Bachelor and Masters level as well as students of teacher training programmes. PhD students are also welcome to the programme. The students should have a good command of English since this will be the core language of the programme. A further criterion for the selection of the participating students is the quality of their previous study results.

Application:

Interested students should submit their application by the **22nd of January 2010**.

The following application documents must be submitted:

- Completed application form including letter of motivation in English (form available at the Faculty's homepage)
- Copy of credits and grades achieved so far (aktuelle Leistungsübersicht)

Applications should be sent via email or fax to:

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