

Call for Participants



12th Annual Summer School on National Minorities in Border Regions

Minorities as Citizens | 24-31 July 2022 | Oñati, Spain

CONTEXT

In 2022, the Annual Summer School on National Minorities in Border Regions will examine the participation of national minorities in political life. This topic encompasses a broad range of phenomena, starting with the legal definition of citizenship (that provides rights to participation), and continuing with political representation (parties), collective mobilisation (social movements), transnational frameworks (European norms) and minority representative bodies (national councils).

While many of these phenomena are related to political science, others are sociological and legal. As a result, the Summer School will also be multi-disciplinary in scope and will thereby speak to many different audiences.

Furthermore, the Summer School will not only highlight conceptual lenses, but also profile practical examples and case studies. This will cover not only profiles of minority political parties, but also successful social movements, mechanisms for monitoring of European norms, and analyses of national minority councils. The German-Danish border region as well as the Basque Country provides an ideal source-base for these topics, since the minorities here embody all of these levels of participation.

TOPICS COVERED

- Citizenship: How has the notion of citizenship evolved? How has this affected political participation of minorities? What challenges has it created for non-citizen minorities? What is the relevance of dual citizenship for minorities?
- Legal and institutional frameworks: What are the key international norms allowing for the political participation of minorities? What international institutions oversee implementation of these norms? What role do supranational bodies such as the EU play in these processes? How much have transnational minority organisations contributed to this infrastructure?
- Forms of political participation of minorities: How efficient and effective are different forms of political participation? Do they reflect recent developments in the notion of representation? How do online communication channels affect the way in which minorities mobilise and participate? How are minority women and minority youth represented?



PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The programme will combine traditional and non-formal educational methods, interactive sessions and networking activities and will thus inspire the participants to engage with the topics of the course critically and from different perspectives and disciplinary approaches.

The course will include:

- Keynote lectures delivered by prominent scholars, academic lectures and practitioners' seminars
- Interactive workshops conducted by trained professionals and discussion sessions
- Meetings and networking with local minority stakeholders, panel discussions
- A study trip to local institutions and museum excursions in the Basque country (subject to COVID-19 related regulations)
- Presentation and research exchange among the participants
- Social events (visits to selected museums/exhibitions, international evening).

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The Summer School team aims to select a total number of 22 junior scholars, researchers or practitioners, having the following professional background:

- Students from relevant fields of studies (MA and PhD students), and/or
- Practitioners from the public sector, NGOs, mass-media.

Applicants are required to submit a completed online application form. To finalise the submission of an application, applicants must also submit their detailed CV via email to summerschool@ecmi.de no later than **20 April 2022**. Please state "NMBR SuS22 Application" in the subject line. **The application will not be considered for the selection process unless the required documents are submitted via email.**

FEES

Applicants who submit their completed applications before the Early Bird deadline will be eligible for a reduced fee in the event that they are selected for the program. Fees will be due to be paid in late June/early July.

The tuition fee for the Summer School 2022 is

- 200 EUR if the completed application is submitted until 3 April 2022 (EARLY BIRD discount);
- 250 EUR if the completed application is submitted after 3 April 2022.

VENUE AND PARTNERS

The 12th Annual Summer School on National Minorities and Border Regions is organised together with Coppieters Foundation and is kindly hosted by our partners at the Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law in Oñati, Basque Country, Spain.



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