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Course Information

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DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

This international course, taught in English, is interdisciplinary in nature.



It deals extensively not only with the legal matters, but also touches upon other disciplines such as history, politics, science, philosophy and sociology.

The main aim of the course is to analyze the role and functioning of the law and its institutions as regulating mechanisms of social conflicts in present-day Europe. Specific emphasis is given to the real day-to-day functioning of those mechanisms in the light of the applicable normative framework.

The course focuses on the resolution of civil disputes, both in the field of general civil disputes and in specific areas. Equal attention is given to state established and controlled mechanisms and those established and controlled by civil society.

PARTICIPANTS

Scholars and students engaged and/or interested in civil dispute resolution and its history are invited to apply. Those who are active and/or interested in other legal areas such as commercial law and family law are also encouraged to participate.

We warmly welcome scholars, students and practitioners who have a particular interest in empirical and factual research into how specific

rights are affected and protected in practice.

The course is also of interest to scholars and students from other, non-legal disciplines with an interest in dispute resolution mechanisms. In particular, the Course Directors encourage participation of scholars and students in the fields of Social Sciences and the Humanities who have an interest and/or expertise in the functioning of the justice system, the impact of legal reforms on society and the social and political role of legal institutions and legal professionals in civil society.

PARTICIPATION FEE and COST

All participants are expected to cover the IUC course fee of €40. There will be a limited number of scholarships available to participants for travel and accommodation cost, depending on funds available at the time of application.

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Topics for 2007

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The selection of topics is guided by a wish to provide a truly representative forum for the study and discussion of the central theme of this course. Some of the subjects identified to be in the focus of the 2007 program are:

- harmonization of procedural practices
- communication and cooperation of actors
- legal professionals
- case management and court administration
- judicial reform
- legal culture
- organizations: courts and institutions

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Course Directors

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On the IUC

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The Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik (IUC) is an independent international institution for advanced studies. It is a meeting ground for learning and scholarship which is co-sponsored by some two hundred member universities and institutions of higher learning around the world.

Founded in 1971 at the height of the Cold War, the IUC became one of the most important venues for the exchange of ideas by scholars from both the East and West. Over the years, more than 40,000 scholars and students have participated in the Centre's courses and conferences.

Based in Dubrovnik, Croatia, formerly a self governing Mediterranean city-state, at the crossroads of various cultural and political influences, the IUC is currently building on its past achievements and traditions under a new set of challenging circumstances.

It is maintaining high standards of independent scholarship, but at the same time, it is looking for opportunities in bridge-building in a region and the world that must continue to rededicate itself to pluralism.

The IUC is now especially keen on promoting specialized postgraduate education that will take into account both the regional issues and the overarching challenges of globalization.

More information on the IUC is available at www.iuc.hr

For more information on the application process and our program please visit our web site:
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