

Basismodul Seminar Politikwissenschaft V: Summer Term 2018

„The post-2020 EU budget and democratic norm violation – a European Council simulation game”

The Seminar will take place in **Brussels** from **4-8 June 2018**.

There will be one **introductory session** in Cologne on **13 April 2018**.

Accommodation expenses in Brussels will be paid by PROTEUS, a project which is funded by the Kölner Gymnasial- und Stiftungsfonds.

APPLICATION

Please note that interested students will need to apply for this course by submitting a separate application (PDF) to Alina Thieme (alina.thieme@uni-koeln.de) comprising a letter of motivation touching upon the topic of the seminar (The post-2020 EU budget and democratic norm violation), a transcript of records and a CV by **February 28th, 2018**.

Applicants will be informed about the result of the selection process in due time.

Für Informationen zu Prüfungsmeldung (Vorgehen, Fristen, etc.) beachten Sie bitte unbedingt die Hinweise des Instituts: <http://www.politik.uni-koeln.de/exam.html>

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Democratic norm violations in some Eastern member states and the candidate country Turkey is increasingly closely connected to discussions about the post-2020 EU budget. The European Commission is considering a proposal that would establish a link between the respect for the rule of law in member states and financial transfers from the EU. In this seminar, students will take part in a European Council simulation game which will focus on the post-2020 EU budget negotiations and the link between the rule of law and EU funding.

The seminar is embedded into an interdisciplinary and international event bringing together advanced students from all over Europe. It combines the application of political and legal knowledge with elements of a simulation exercise and a summer school. Every participant has the possibility to practice real-life situations in English by performing a specific role in a simulation of negotiations within a European Council Summit on the challenges of recent post-2020 EU budget discussions in light of democratic norm violation in European member states and candidate countries. For more information, please visit: <http://www.ilwr.de/proteus/index.php>

The seminar will start with internal meetings of the German group, consisting of political sciences and law students, and culminate in an international summer school and simulation exercise

(European Council Summit) on negotiating the distribution of the post-2020 EU budget taking place in Brussels between June 4 and 8, 2018.

The objective of the simulation exercise is to bring first-hand understanding of both academic and everyday practice of EU decision-making and budget negotiations by offering students insights in "real life" political processes and the possibility to "experience" the EU as a vivid political system as well as to meet politicians, practitioners and stakeholders in the European capital Brussels. The participants will have the possibility to bring in their own academic/professional contributions and to discuss them with the group and the experts. Three days of intensive preparation will be followed by a simulation exercise of the European Council Summit.

Students will get the opportunity to work in an international sphere since also students from other universities (Science Po Paris, University Paris-Sorbonne, Charles University Prague and the Turkish-German University Istanbul) will participate in the simulation game. They will improve their intercultural and communicative skills. In this respect, they will immerse themselves into the art of negotiation and re-live political processes first hand. They will get into direct contact with important experts and stakeholders and receive the chance to make a first step in creating a professional network. They will get a better understanding of the working mechanisms and decision making procedures of the European Council since every participant will take the place of a 'real' member of this EU institution.

Participating students will be provided with more information (literature, schedule etc.) during the first meeting in April 2018.

The seminar is jointly conducted with the Chair for European Law, Prof. Dr. Stephan Hobe.