

Call for Applications

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V.

Summer School 2016



"Who are we in Europe?"

Challenges and Perspectives of the European Community of Values

25 July – 31 July, 2016 – Rome, Italy

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung welcomes **applications** to its first international Summer School on European identity in Rome, Italy.

The objective of the course is to provide a comprehensive overview of the main contemporary challenges in Europe with a particular focus on its Southeastern regions. On the one hand, the southern member states have the highest youth unemployment rates within the EU. On the other hand the ongoing immigration flows towards Europe puts the whole EU in front of the biggest challenges since the Second World War. In this context we will discuss about the so-called European identity, its values and its understanding of solidarity. Are there shared values by all EU-citizens? What do Europeans have in common? What is the future of European integration? For those interested in European politics, the Summer School offers a unique opportunity to discuss

these essential questions with experts and political actors in an open and international setting.

Participants that fulfill the following **criteria** can apply for the Summer School:

- Master and PhD students (no specific field of studies)
- Strong interest in/commitment to European issues (preferably with active engagement in association, organization, politics, journalism etc.)
- Good English skills (the seminar will be held in English language)

The program will consist of different inputs by experts as well as teamwork in groups. The participants are asked to participate actively in the seminar sessions. Following topics will be discussed:

-Italian and German national Identities

-European Integration from the Perspective of Italy and Germany

-Europe – a Community of Values?

-Challenges of the European Union: Asylum and Immigration Policy, Eurozone Crisis, Youth Unemployment in Italy and the European Union, Anti-Systemic Parties: a Threat to European Integration?

During the event, which will take place in the Agriturismo Casali Santa Brigida in the north of Rome, the attendees will be guests of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. No participation fee will be charged. KAS will reimburse travel costs up to 130 EUR.

Interested students are asked to send a **short motivation letter of one page maximum in English and their CV until July 5th 2016 (extended until July 12th)** to Patricia.Liberatore@kas.de. In following there will be a selection process. Students will be informed until July 15th 2016.

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) is a political foundation with the central office in Berlin, Germany. The KAS-office in Rome is one of about 80 country offices and 200 local and regional projects abroad. The main objectives of the KAS-office in Rome is to promote the bilateral dialogue between Germany and Italy and to foster the European integration.

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