



Study Baltic Sea cooperation!

2nd CBSS Summer University

Governance and Administration in the Baltic Sea Region

17th–28th August 2015

*Department of Northern European Studies
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany*

Spend two exciting weeks in the vibrant city of Berlin, meet fellow students from the Baltic Sea countries, learn about and discuss the functioning of Baltic Sea cooperation.

Baltic Sea cooperation has developed over the past 25 years, starting off during the final years of the Cold War East-West divide, widening by Baltic independence and deepening by the European Union Northern and Eastern enlargements. As such, the Baltic Sea has become something of an inner-lake of the European Union. The EU macro-regional strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR), the first of its kind, has given additional impetus to various fields of cooperation. But the Baltic Sea Region is also a place of intense and mutually beneficial cross-border cooperation with non-EU member states, particularly Russia, in a regional context. Hence, Baltic Sea cooperation contributes to the development of trustful EU-Russia partnership relations.

The CBSS Summer University has a unique profile. It not only introduces the basics of governance and administration in the Baltic Sea Region by drawing on different disciplines, but also offers insight into the practice of cooperation. Students preparing for a future as professionals of Baltic Sea cooperation or pursuing academic research on topics related to the region are invited to the CBSS Summer University to discuss issues of high relevance and to make valuable personal contacts. The learning outcomes thus include competence building as well as networking and intercultural experience with a view to making one's own contribution to societal, environmental and economic partnerships in the region.

The CBSS Summer University is itself a part of Baltic Sea cooperation. It features as a flagship project of Horizontal Action Neighbours of the EUSBSR with the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS), one of the most central actors in Baltic Sea cooperation, as lead partner. The

programme has been developed in cooperation between Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin/Germany, Södertörn University/Sweden and the University of Turku/Finland. It is held yearly alternating between different universities in different countries of the Baltic Sea Region.

We welcome advanced master as well as doctoral students from political science, environmental studies, law, international relations, administration science, but also from other disciplines with a more practical link to Baltic Sea cooperation, e.g. economics, communication. Master students shall have studied for at least one year. Basic knowledge of Baltic Sea cooperation from Baltic Sea Region Studies or summer schools is preferable but not compulsory.

We expect approximately 20 students from a range of Baltic Sea countries. The working language of the summer university will be English; therefore, very good understanding and corresponding ability to express oneself in this language is required.

The content of the full-time course includes lectures and seminars on

- Quality of government
- Concepts of governance and multi-level governance
- Governance and policy-making in the European Union
- Local government in comparative perspective
- Network governance
- Public management and administrative reforms around the Baltic Sea
- Cooperation on environmental issues in the Baltic Sea Region
- The European Union strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
- EU-Russia relations in a regional context

The academic focus is complemented by meetings with practitioners and state agencies in Germany.

Credits

6 ECTS credit points will be accredited by Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Department of Northern European Studies. Participants will receive a participation certificate.

Students' opinions about the 1st CBSS Summer University

"A great opportunity to study BSR issues which made me even more attached to the region."

"The interactive approach brought us a lot of practical knowledge to share in our studies and at work."

"The CBSS Summer University definitely helped me to decide what I want to do in the future!"

"An asset of the CBSS Summer University is undoubtedly making new friends, building networks and enjoying the spirit of Baltic Sea cooperation."

"It was great to meet so many interesting and dedicated people!"

Examination requirements

80 per cent minimum class attendance, preparation (reading) and active participation in lectures and seminars, approved final papers (essay, 2.500 words and personal evaluation).

Registration

Registration is free of charge. To apply please send the following documents to CBSS_Summer_University@hu-berlin.de

- CV
- Official transcript of records
- Letter of motivation (4.500 characters maximum)

Deadline for applications is 14 June 2015. We advise to apply as early as possible.

Please consider thoroughly if you will be able to participate in the summer school and to do the required reading (e.g. examinations, new place of studies). We cannot nominate successors at short notice. Once you have received our acceptance letter, please confirm your participation by signing and returning the learning agreement. Kindly note that your registration becomes valid only after we have received your confirmation. Otherwise we reserve the right to offer the place to another applicant.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided for free from 16th (arrival) to 28th August (departure) at a hostel.

Covered costs

Accommodation (double and triple rooms), lunch and local transport will be provided. Participants are expected to bear the costs for travel, breakfast and evening meals on their own. No tuition costs are charged.

We strongly advise you to arrange for travel health insurance, personal accident insurance, and third-party liability insurance. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Södertörn University do not assume any liability for students participating in the CBSS Summer University.

For more information see

www.ni.hu-berlin.de/projekte/cbss_summer_university/index_html

The draft schedule will be available there soon.



Participants at the 1st CBSS Summer University, 3rd–14th August 2014, Södertörn University, Centre for Baltic and East European Studies

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