
SEMINAR FOR PHD STUDENTS
“EU and the new neighbours: in search of a new relationship”
30th May- 1st June 2007
Call for applicants

The seminar takes place in the framework of the project **“EU and the New Neighbours: in Search of a New Relationship”**, organised by the Istituto per l'Europa Centro-Orientale e Balcanica, in association with the University of Turku (Finland), the Institute for European Law of the University of Graz (Austria), the Coimbra Group, the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium), the School for Policy Studies of the University of Bristol (UK) and the Italian Association of Slavic Studies, and with the support of the European Commission.

Aim of the round table is to develop the knowledge of the European enlargement process and the neighbourhood policy through the organisation of a seminar for university researchers. During the seminar different subjects of peculiar importance concerning the widening process of the EU, the neighbourhood policy and the EU-Russia relations will be discussed and analysed with an interdisciplinary and comparative approach.

The initiative is composed by two days conference and three days of intensive seminar that will gather a group of prominent professors, journalists and policy makers together with well-known experts and scholars from Russia, Italy, other EU member-states and officials of the European Commission.

The Institute for Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans offers to 10 PhD students a grant covering the travel and subsistence costs for attending the conference and the seminar.

The grant is aimed at supporting research in human sciences on the themes of the conference, being the neighbourhood policy and the relations between the Russian Federation and the European Union. It can be awarded to PhD student under the age of 35 (at the date of submission of the application), coming from Russia or a European Union member state, who is conducting a research on a topic of the conference (see above). An Active knowledge of English is a condition for obtaining the grant.

Applications must be submitted before **20th March 2007**. The applicant's dossier should include the following documents:

- a comprehensive curriculum vitae with photo
- a cover letter specifying the candidate's interest in the grant
- a summary of the research he/she is conducting with a description of the research topic and the methodology
- a letter of recommendation from the supervisor(s) of the research.

The complete dossier must be sent by email to the Coimbra Group at the following address:

quici@coimbra-group.be

By accepting the grant, the PhD students commits him/herself to:

- Participate in and contribute to the conference and the seminar;
- Prepare, during the seminar, a scientific paper containing critical comments to the topics of the conference,
- Mention the grant received in all publications concerning his/her research discussed during the stay in Forlì;
- Present and discuss his/her research during the seminar.

For further information, visit our website www.eurobalk.net and click on

Call for applicants for “EU and Russia: Challenges on a pan-European perspective”

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