Third trilateral Genshagen Summer School
at Castle Genshagen close to Berlin
August 20–29, 2014

The European Union in a Multipolar World:
German, French and Polish perspectives on EU external action.

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We welcome applications for
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On August 20–29, 2014 the third Genshagen Trilateral Summer School will take place as a joint project of Stiftung Genshagen, the European University Viadrina, the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Strasbourg and the Jagiellonian University in Cracow. Students from Germany, France and Poland respectively will gather at castle Genshagen close to Berlin for ten days in order to discuss, from their various perspectives, a topic of European relevance. The third Genshagen Summer School’s third edition will be devoted to “The European Union in a Multipolar World: German, French and Polish perspectives on EU external action”.

Not least the crisis in Ukraine illustrates that the world and the international system are undergoing fundamental change. A so-called multipolar world is soon becoming a reality, with obvious repercussions on the EU, its conduct of external policies and the relations it maintains with other actors. This also raises questions as to the European Union’s position in such a multipolar world: what position can the EU achieve, and what position does it want to achieve? And how are these matters seen in member states’ capitals, notably in the Weimar Triangle? The 2014 Trilateral Genshagen Summer School intends to analyse these issues through German, French and Polish prisms: how should we position the EU, and how should we shape our relations with existing or emerging great powers, regions of strategic interest?

In so doing, we want to set out and provide in depth-knowledge on a set of bilateral relations between the EU and specific countries or regions. We will moreover look at the EU and single European countries – and notably the Weimar Triangle – as actors in this context. The most important aspect, however, will be to discuss and analyse German, French and Polish views on and appraisals of Europe’s position in the world and vis-à-vis other relevant actors. A balanced approach to all sides will be guaranteed by the careful selection of lecturers and clear instructions to students.
FAQ:

Who can apply?
We invite applications from students at Master level as well as early-stage PhD-students enrolled at a German, French or Polish university. Prior experience with related topics is welcome. We also value previous international experiences, especially in a Weimar triangle context. As the summer school’s working language is English, its excellent command is a prerequisite.

When do I have to apply?
The deadline for applications is 22 June 2014 and successful candidates will be notified by 4 July.

How do I apply?
Please send us a cover letter detailing why you wish to participate in the Genshagen Summer School and what you intend to contribute as well as your CV including your academic and extracurricular career. Everything should be in English, as that is the Summer School’s working language. We only accept electronic applications to summerschool@stiftung-genshagen.de.

How much does it cost and where will I stay?
The tuition fee is 100 €. This covers all costs related to your stay in Genshagen: you share a double room at the castle and all meals are included with the exception of lunches and dinners during the weekend. Unfortunately, we cannot cover your trip from your hometown to Genshagen and back.

Where can I find more information?
For more information on the organisers and the castle, please visit the following web pages: www.stiftung-genshagen.de www.facebook.com/GenshagenSummerSchool

Should you have any more questions, feel free to get in touch with Dr. Barbara Kunz, the project leader, at kunz@stiftung-genshagen.de

The programme

The programme for the Summer School is both at a high scholarly level and diverse: besides lectures given by university teachers, a special focus lies on discussion and exchange among participants. It is completed by cultural events and informal meetings with practitioners from business, government or NGOs.
Draft academic programme:

Day 1  Arrival, Welcome and Introduction
Day 2  The EU as a global actor in a changing world: an introduction
Day 3  The EU and its Eastern neighbours
Day 4  Transatlantic Relations
Day 5  Cultural program
Day 6  The EU and the Mediterranean
Day 7  The EU and China
Day 8  Study visit
Day 9  The EU and Africa
Day 10 Wrap-Up, Feedback and Departure