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present

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

**Human Rights, Humanitarian Aid
and International Development Co-operation**

Second Edition

**University Centre of Pomezia (ROME)
Selva dei Pini College**

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In association with



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1. Background and Scope

Amnesty International – Italy and Cirps Consortium in cooperation with CIRPS (Inter-university Research Centre for Sustainable Development – Sapienza University, Rome) are proud to present the second **International Summer School on Human Rights, Humanitarian Aid and International Cooperation**.

Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights for all. Its mission is to conduct research and generate action to prevent and end grave abuses of human rights and to demand justice for those whose rights have been violated.

CIRPS was founded in April 1988 as a Centre of Excellence managed as an Inter-university Department created by nine Italian Universities and located at Sapienza University, Rome. CIRPS' mission is to promote and implement activities related to sustainable economic and social development at international level in cooperation with Italian and international Institutions and organisations.

The second edition of the Summer School will be a 7 day residential intensive course for a total amount of **60 hours, from 6 July to 12 July 2009**. Thirty places are available for **30 graduate** students, researchers or practitioners, **both from Italy and developing countries**, who want to learn technical aspects not usually taught in masters' courses and only occasionally learnt on the field.

The **main objective** of the course is to give participants skills to work in the field of international development cooperation, humanitarian aid and human rights at local and international level, including how to:

- understand the international legal system in human rights protection;
- analyse and manage the processes of peaceful resolution of conflicts;
- develop scientific skills in the field of human rights research and communication;
- understand and manage projects on human rights education, development cooperation, and humanitarian aid.

Programme

The programme will deal with the following issues:

- ✓ Human rights, International protection instruments and International Humanitarian Law

The aim of this module is to:

- increase awareness of the instruments of International human rights protection;
- teach techniques and skills to carry out lobby activities and develop research to support human rights;
- analyse the main rules of International Humanitarian Law and raise awareness of the main issues related to its application.

- ✓ Humanitarian aid, International development cooperation

Over the last ten years, humanitarian aid has become a global system, moving nearly ten billion dollars a year and thousands of organizations. It also represents an instrument ensuring assistance to 30 million refugees and numerous victims.

The aim of this module is to focus on specific aspects such as:

- protection, security and emergency;
- management of stress and private health and techniques for performing investigation on the field;
- democratization processes in developing countries.

✓ Human rights education

The aim of this module is to:

- increase awareness of human rights;
- develop useful skills for the construction of educational paths.

The module will deal with the following issues:

- active listening and communication;
- critical thinking;
- ability to actively participate in working groups;
- actions for the promotion and protection of human rights at local and global level.

Methodology

The course will have an interactive approach with a theoretical structure. Lessons will be supported by debates, simulations, workshops, case-studies and working groups. Ideas and answers will be given through debates and introducing theories, approaches and concrete experiences realized through cooperation projects and case-studies and/or witnesses.

Film screenings and informal activities are scheduled to take place in the evening. Participants will be able to take part in "night talks" on specific issues discussed during the day. Classes will be supported by multimedia and audio-visual material.

The whole course will be carried out in a highly professional atmosphere, with international experts in development, cooperation and professors from Sapienza University, Rome, Amnesty International and European institutions.

1. Location

The Summer School will take place at the **University Centre in Pomezia** in the **Selva dei Pini** residential complex which is a tourist-hotel resort in the middle of a 27 hectare oasis of gardens and woods located along the Via Pontina 20 minutes from Roma EUR (about 17 km). The university campus provides all equipped classrooms, laboratories and sports grounds (swimming pool, football fields, tennis courts) which guarantee the opportunity of experiencing a highly innovative form of education, oriented towards creativity and cultural exchange. Triple rooms are provided with telephone, private bathroom, air-conditioning/heating and television.

2. Participants

The summer school is open to **30 Italian and foreign graduates (5 of which from developing countries)** in human and social science, economics, development, environment and related fields, **post doctoral students, young academics, researchers and practitioners** including those currently working in the field of international cooperation, human rights education and protection and humanitarian aid.

3. Fees

The fee for the Summer School is **€ 400,00**, excluding travel expenses.

The fee includes:

- 7 days classes (tuition and tutorship);
- 7 nights accommodation in triple rooms and related expenditures;
- 14 meals (lunch and dinner for 7 days, including breakfast);
- all didactic material and documents.

N.B. The travel expenses (maximum € 500,00 per person), accommodation and board are guaranteed for 5 graduates from developing countries .

4. Applications

Applications must include a motivational letter and CV. Fluency in oral and written English is also required.

Applications must be submitted by e-mail to cirps.formazione@uniroma1.it

Deadline for applications is 8 June 2009.

Candidates will be notified of the outcome of their applications within two weeks. Participation will be confirmed after receipt of payment. The details of payment will be provided to applicants with their confirmation of eligibility.

N.B. The Course will not be activated if the minimum number of 20 participants will not be reached.

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