



XVII Summer School of Economics

July 14th – July 18th, 2014

WHAT DOES THE XVII SUMMER SCHOOL HAVE TO OFFER?

The Institute of Economic Sciences is organizing the 17th annual **Summer School of Economics** titled ***“How to make Western Balkan Tigers? Lessons from Economic Theory and Practice”***. The School started in 1998, triggered by the need to provide education about emerging market economy and contemporary economic trends that were excluded from the formal system of education at the time. Since the Summer School gathers students from the entire region of the Western Balkans, it not only offers students the opportunity to learn from distinguished lecturers, both from Serbia and abroad, but also the chance to meet their peers from the region, and establish friendships and networks that will be important in their future careers.

The students of economics, law and social sciences from the region will have a possibility to share their critical views with the lecturers from both academia and practice. The students will have the opportunity to attend the lectures given by the professors from the prestigious world and local universities. Furthermore, students will have an excellent opportunity to find out more about how economic policy making looks like “from the inside”, as they will attend lectures of top-level policymakers in Serbia. Students will also have opportunity to meet representatives of the diplomatic core and international organizations in Serbia, who usually teach the Summer School participants lessons on the democratization of the society and on the role of international organizations in Serbia and the region.

The focus of the previous Summer Schools was on economic policy, and its related fields, such as social policy, education and labor market policies, issues of poverty and inequality, etc. Students had the opportunity to attend lectures from leading experts in the field of economic and social policy. A further topic was institutional development in the context of economic development. Issues of poverty, inequality and living standard development in some of the European countries were presented in the context of long run economic perspectives. In addition, certain recommendations and experiences were highlighted for the developing countries and for Serbia as well. The proper place of financial capital in the modern economic system, a topic of special interest today, and the one which brought forward the loudest calls for state regulation and intervention, were also presented. In connection with this, different views could be found regarding to the concrete steps that should be taken to solve the consequences of the economic crisis. The topics that were taught at the last year's Summers School included economic growth, monetary policy issues, social market economy, agricultural development, lessons learned from the economic crises, activities of international organizations in Serbia, etc. Lecturers of the 16th Summer School came from University of Belgrade (Serbia), World Bank, International Monetary Fund, USAID, National Bank of Serbia, Fiscal Council (Serbia), Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Germany).

XVII Summer School of Economics will consist of 10 thematic sessions covering burning economic issues such as competitiveness, inequalities, international trade, business environment, investments and many other, analysed from both theoretical and empirical perspective. In order to give responses on economic policy alternatives, all issues will be observed in the context of specific problems which WB countries face. The lectures will be followed by **workshops** focusing on the lecture topic. The main aim of the workshops is to facilitate further analyses of the issue and discussion among the participants. The students will be provided with workshop materials and readings in advance and they are expected to participate actively in presentations and discussions. Each workshop will be moderated by young researchers from the Institute of Economic Sciences.

The program of the 17th Summer School and the list of lecturers will be published in due course.



APPLICATION

Thirty (30) applicants will be accepted to the Summer School. Education in social sciences and humanities is preferred (especially in economics and related disciplines, such as law, political science, sociology, organizational science and the like).

Applicants from the following countries may apply: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia.

The list of other requirements is set out below:

- Under 30 years of age
- Application form
- Short essay in English (500 words on the theme of this year's Summer School. Essay should include opinions, attitudes, reflections about Competitiveness, Industrial Policy, International Negotiations, Economic Effects of EU integration, Monetary Policy, International Trade, Inequality Issues, Labor Market, Corruption and Business Environment, Informal Economy, IT industry and other topics.)
- Short Resume or CV
- Two recommendation letters (from professors or superiors, must include their contact details)
- High average mark during (if still a student) or at the end of studies (if the applicant has already graduated)
- Good knowledge of the English language (if available, please send us some proof)

You can register either (a) online, by sending the required materials to summerschool@ien.bg.ac.rs or (b) at the Institute of Economic Sciences' premises, at Zmaj Jovina 12, 11 000 Belgrade, Serbia (you can either send the required documentation by mail or bring it yourself).

Deadline for sending applications is June 10th, 2014.

ADMISSION

The Selection Committee will be in charge of announcing the final list of participants no later than the 20th of June. The factors most affecting the outcome will be CV, the Essay and recommendation letters. Those who have been chosen will need to confirm their participation by the 1st of July.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

The participants who are not from Belgrade will be accommodated at the hostel in downtown Belgrade. All participants will be provided lunch and refreshments during the lectures.

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All further information regarding the Summer school – the final list of lecturers, the timetable etc. – will be published in due course on IES's web site.