

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Deadline: **September 12, 2014**

Autumn School

# DIFFERENT WAYS OF MODERNISATION IN RUSSIA AND THE BALTIC SEA REGION – RESTRUCTURING STATE AND SOCIETY

**October 20 – 26, 2014**  
**Helsinki, Finland**

Jointly conducted by  
University of Helsinki, Aleksanteri Institute  
University of Tartu, Euro College  
Freie Universität Berlin, Institute for East European Studies

### Objectives

Autumn school is a five-day intensive program, which provides students with knowledge about the current development in the target region. The autumn school program closely connected to the program of the Annual Aleksanteri Conference <http://www.helsinki.fi/aleksanteri/conference2014/> Student will attend the Conference sessions alongside with the individual and group work of the Autumn School.

The aim of the Conference and the Autumn School is to examine the intersections of and interrelationships between state and society in Russia and other post-Soviet and post-Communist countries in diverse theoretical and comparative perspectives; with the focus on critical issues of political, economic, and societal developments; in-between macro and micro levels of analysis.

Subthemes:

- Political regimes and patterns of governance
- Public administration and the (un)rule of law
- Social policy, welfare and human development
- Religion, nationalism and migration
- Civil society, collective action and the state
- Media, communication, and the public sphere
- National developments and international experience

Students will be given the opportunity to choose a subject they would like to focus on from the list above and to develop their team work skills by working in groups and presenting their findings.

### **Structure**

The Autumn School will comprise appr. 30 academic hours of study, combining different study formats (e.g. group work, individual work, workshops, plenary sessions).

Students are expected to attend Conference plenary session and panels relevant to their focus area.

The program awards **6 ECTS**. Upon successful completion of the Autumn School, participants will receive a **joint certificate** from three renowned universities (FUB, UH, UT). Students are required to:

- attend Autumn School group meetings, all the plenary sessions and relevant panels
- prepare and present a group work project together with other members
- submit a paper on a self-chosen conference related topic (4 000 words) prior to Autumn School
- present the paper to fellow students

### **Expenditures:**

There are no tuition fees. Accommodation will be booked and covered by the University of Helsinki.

Participants are expected to take care of the other travel arrangements themselves.

### **Application procedure:**

The Autumn School is open to MA students and advanced undergraduate students.

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A letter of **motivation together** with **academic transcript** needs to be submitted in order to apply.

## Application and Further Information

Please send your application via email – attached as PDFs – to your respective program coordinator.

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