

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Autumn School
RUSSIA AND EASTERN EUROPE TOWARDS 2030
October 23 – 28, 2017 in Helsinki, Finland

Jointly conducted by
University of Helsinki, Aleksanteri Institute
University of Tartu, Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies
Freie Universität Berlin, Institute for East European Studies

Objectives

Autumn School provides students with knowledge about the current and future development in the target region. Autumn School program is closely connected to the program of the 17th Annual Aleksanteri Conference (<http://www.helsinki.fi/aleksanteri/conference2017/>). Students will attend the conference plenary sessions and panels alongside with the individual and group work of the Autumn School.

The aim of the Aleksanteri Conference and the Autumn School is to examine where Russia and Eastern Europe will be in 2030. A few years ago, 'emerging powers', including Russia, seemed to be on a path to experiencing strong economic growth, delivering well-being to their citizens, shaping global cultural trends, and ultimately challenging the prevailing balance of power. Despite the Aleksanteri Conference will focus on Russia, other former Eastern European countries will be discussed in various sessions.

Conference and Autumn School sub-themes include:

- Energy and sustainability
- Russia's welfare regime
- Russia in global and regional governance processes
- Russia and global transformations
- Russian foreign policy
- Institutions and decision-making in Russia and post-Soviet states
- Authoritarianism and development
- Pre-Soviet, Soviet, and post-Soviet legacies
- The intertwining of culture and economy

Students will be given the opportunity to choose a subject they would like to focus on from the list above (or to suggest a related topic of their own) and to develop their teamwork skills by working in groups and presenting their findings.

Structure and completion

The six-day Autumn School will comprise appr. 30 academic hours of study, combining different study formats (e.g. conference sessions, group work, individual work, and Autumn School meetings).

The program awards 5 ECTS. Students are required to:

- submit a paper on a self-chosen conference related topic (2000 words) no later than 13th October
- attend Autumn School meetings, all the conference plenary sessions and relevant panels
- prepare and present a group work

Upon successful completion of the Autumn School, participants will receive a joint certificate from three renowned universities (FUB, UH, UT).

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 and further costs themselves.

Application procedure

The Autumn School is open to MA students and advanced BA students of the above mentioned universities.

A letter of motivation (max. one page) together with your CV and academic transcript needs to be submitted in order to apply. Please send your application via email attached as one PDF file to your respective program coordinator. Deadline for applications is 7th June, 2017.

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