

THE ROLE OF EDUCATION FOR A DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP

International Summer Academy on Human Rights and Human Security

European Training- and Research Center for Human Rights and Democracy (Graz)

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Deadline for Application:

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Background

The lack of opportunity to study the relationship between Human Rights, Human Development and Human Security has inspired the idea of the ETC International Summer Academy which in the last two years turned out to be a very successful and sustainable event. The ETC established the Summer Academy in the Human Rights City of Graz as a way to enhance the realization of the Human Security agenda. Awareness of the concept of Human Security, shared understanding of its interdisciplinary and cross-cutting character and its potential for international policy and decision-making is a precondition for the effective promotion of Human Security locally and globally. One of the ETC's contributions to this promotion is a direct offspring of the Summer Academy and the enthusiasm of its participants: the scientific online journal »*Human Security Perspectives*« launched in February 2004.

Objectives

- To create a better understanding of the relevance of the concept of Human Security.
- To resent and discuss indicators defining the state of Human Security.
- To explore the linkages between Human Rights, Human Development and Human Security.
- To discuss the agenda of the HSN states to improve Human Security.
- To learn about the role of international organizations and non-state actors in the field of Human Security.
- To promote Human Security, Human Rights and Human Development in a holistic way.
- To raise awareness about Human Rights Education as a tool for Human Security.
- To provide the basis for capacity-building in Human Security Network states and beyond, and networking on governmental, NGO and academic levels on Human Rights and Human Security.

Topics

- The Concept of Human Security.
- Linking Human Rights, Human Security and Human Development with Education.
- Which Education for a Democratic Citizenship?
- Linking the Concepts of Human Rights Education, Citizenship Education, Peace Education and Intercultural Education.
- Building Security through Education - the Post-conflict Challenge.
- Education, Democratization and Governance-building – Societies in Transition.
- The Responsibility of Democracies – Education Programmes and their Implementation under the Auspices of raising Racism, Anti-Semitism and Right Wing Radicalism.
- Assessment, Evaluation and Quality Assurance in Human Rights Education and Citizenship Education.

Methodology

The Summer Academy draws on the expertise of a selected group of academics, international professionals and decision-makers from various sectors, which guarantees a broad approach to the questions of Human Security worldwide. The training is based on the ETC's Manual on Human Rights Education, understanding human rights; to assure sustainability and multiplier effects the training methods put particular emphasis on an interactive approach. The Academy is designed as a modular course and allows for the transfer of knowledge as well as the acquisition of skills and the shaping of attitudes.

Target Group

The Summer Academy is designed for postgraduate students and researchers, junior staff of ministries and collaborators of NGOs from HSN members and from all over the world with a focus on South Eastern Europe and developing countries.

Payment and Accommodation

The tuition fee is 550,- EUR. Included are the welcome dinner, an excursion on Sunday (24 July 2005), preparation material, copies, internet access, drinks and snacks during coffee breaks. Furthermore, the Summer Academy Fee includes insurance for participants coming from Non-EU countries (EU citizens are requested to bring an E111 form in order to be insured!). For those participants requiring accommodation, we arrange a special package at the Hotel Academia (Address: Untere Schönbrunnngasse 7-11, A-8043 Graz) which includes the stay in a single room for the duration of the Summer Academy as well as a European breakfast-buffet. In addition, on working days we provide lunch at the University cafeteria (five minutes walk from the ETC) which serves vegetarian food as well as European menus. Altogether the whole package of accommodation and food costs 500,- EUR.

Application

For the application are needed:

- A curriculum vitae.
- A letter of motivation clearly stating the reasons for participating in the current program.
- A letter stating the reasons in case financial aid is needed.
- A scanned passport photo (to be attached to the application form).
- A letter of recommendation.
- An essay of max. 800 words about "Human Insecurities in your country/region and ways of overcoming them" (hand written texts will NOT be excepted!).