

University of Sarajevo & University of Bologna

**EUROPEAN REGIONAL MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN DEMOCRACY
AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE****DESCRIPTION**

The Global Campus South East Europe - European Regional Master's Programme in Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe (GC SEE / ERMA) is a one year, full time, interdisciplinary programme, lasting from November until October. Its aim is the development of democracy and human rights in South East Europe. It is a joint initiative by the University of Sarajevo, *Center for Interdisciplinary Studies (CIS)* and the University of Bologna, *Department of Political and Social Sciences*. GC SEE/ERMA is co-financed by the European Union through the [Global Campus of Human Rights](#) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, via the Italian Cooperation Agency ([AICS](#)), with the support of the [Embassy of the Republic of Italy to Bosnia and Herzegovina](#). The Programme awards students with 60 ECTS and a double-degree diploma of both founding universities (UNSA and UNIBO).

GC SEE/ERMA is an academic educational activity intended for students who wish to combine studies with practical and field research experience in human rights and democratization issues. Recognizing that human rights are a crosscutting theme among different disciplines of study, such as political science, social sciences, law, sociology, and philosophy, GC SEE/ERMA fosters strong interdisciplinary approach. Enrolled students have the benefit of studying in a highly international environment together with colleagues from all over the region, European Union and rest of the world, attending lectures and workshops held by around 40 lecturers from 12 partner universities: University of Bologna, Italy; University of Sarajevo; University of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, University of Belgrade, Serbia; Karl Franzens University of Graz, Austria; University of the Ruhr, Germany; University of Peloponnese, Greece; University of Zagreb, Croatia; New Bulgarian University, Bulgaria; University Ss. Cyril and Methodius, North Macedonia; Higher School of Economics - National Research University, Moscow, Russian Federation; and University of Pristina, Kosovo¹.

The Master Programme promotes the development and realization of young professionals for state management, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, for academia and think-tanks in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as countries belonging to the EU, the rest of Europe, and worldwide.



Europe
South-East Europe
Latin America-
Caribbean

Asia-Pacific
Caucasus
Arab World
Africa

GC SEE/ERMA is part of the EU 's funded Global Campus of Human Rights, a unique network of more than one hundred participating universities around the world, seeking to advance human rights and democracy through regional and global cooperation for education and research. This global network is promoted through GC SEE/ERMA and six other Regional Programmes, which are based in Venice for Europe, in Yerevan for the Caucasus, in Pretoria for Africa, in Bangkok for Asia-Pacific, in Buenos Aires for Latin America and the Caribbean, and in Beirut for the Arab World.

¹ This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

STRUCTURE AND CONTENTS

The GC SEE/ERMA Programme is a highly intensive one year master, implemented from November until the end of the October. To obtain the degree, students are required to attend and actively participate in all of the academic and practical activities. It consists of two semesters divided into three terms.

FIRST TERM This term is taking place at the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of the University of Sarajevo from November to mid - June. Students are taught by lecturers and tutors from the 12 participating universities, as well as experts from IGOs and NGOs.



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CIS Center for Interdisciplinary Studies

The term is structured in six educational clusters and three elective courses, together awarding 30 ECTS. The structure of the lectures and its research dimension are shaped in such a way to emphasize a shared consciousness among students about the democratic development and the human rights promotion, as well as their protection and implementation in the SEE region.

CLUSTERS

1. PHILOSOPHY OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY
2. DEMOCRACY
3. ETHNICITY, NATIONALISM, AND RELIGION
4. ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
5. MECHANISMS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION AND IMPLEMENTATION
6. METHODOLOGY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC WRITING

ELECTIVE COURSES

1. LIFE STORIES AND DIALOGUES
2. GENOCIDE AND GENOCIDAL ATROCITIES IN THEORY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW
3. THE RIGHTS OF REFUGEES UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW

FIELD TRIPS

1. MOSTAR
2. SREBRENICA

RESEARCH DIMENSION

During the first term in Sarajevo, students benefit from methodology courses on scientific research, and academic writing. This is intended to prepare students for the research and writing of the MA theses on the topical issues related to human rights and the development of democracy in the SEE region. In order to gain a deeper understanding of the regional dimensions of issues connected to human rights and democratization, students are strongly encouraged to write the MA thesis on countries other than those of their citizenship and to do comparative studies on the countries from the SEE region. Students can consult with their supervisors and academic tutors about the dissertation topic throughout the first term. By the end of May, students develop their MA theses proposals and thus prepare for the extensive MA thesis research during the second term.



Alongside the lectures and seminars, students also visit state institutions, intergovernmental organizations, as well as NGOs active in the field of human rights and democracy in Sarajevo and other cities of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

SECOND TERM During the second term students serve a six-week internship in selected partner organizations working in the field of human rights and democracy throughout the SEE Region such as NGOs, governmental institutions, think-tanks and research institutes. The placement period is aimed at boosting students' professionalization as well as conducting field research and data gathering related to their MA thesis topic. Aiming to promote mobility, diversity and the experience of a novel context, the rule of the Programme is that the country of destination for the placement has to differ from the country of citizenship of the student.

The host countries are: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria Croatia, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, and Slovenia. The international experience granted by the internship helps students to develop professional expertise in intercultural environment and promote mobility of human capital in the region. The internship period awards 10 ECTS and is a compulsory part of the Programme.



THIRD TERM After a short summer break, students move to the University of Bologna's Residential Centre in Bertinoro, Italy, to finalize their master theses. At the place of residence in Italy the students are provided with study rooms, computer labs, library facilities and access to the University of Bologna student services.

Activities during the third term include lectures seminars on specific topics during a summer school. The latest editions of the summer school tackled the issues of minorities' rights, territory, and self-determination, response to migration crisis, Diaspora networks. Apart from working on their theses, students have the opportunity to enjoy a field trip to Bologna as well as visits to Venice and to the Foreste Casentinesi National Park.

Once having completed their final works, students travel back to Sarajevo for their Master *viva*. After a successful theses defense students are awarded a double Master's Diploma in Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe issued by the University of Sarajevo and the University of Bologna. The graduation ceremony is held in Sarajevo. This term awards 20 ECTS.

Internship Partners 2017/18

- Be Active, Be Emancipated, Zagreb
- Best-Seller, Belgrade
- Bulgarian Red Cross, Sofia
- Center for Comparative Conflict Studies, Belgrade
- Center for Political Emancipation, Belgrade
- Center for Research on Transparency and Responsibility, Belgrade
- Center for Youth Integration, Belgrade
- Civil Rights Defenders, Belgrade
- Cooperation for Voluntary Service, Sofia
- Council of Europe, Belgrade
- Ekviulib Institute, Ljubiana
- Heartefact Fund, Belgrade
- iDEMO Institute for Democracy, Zagreb
- Institute for Development and International Relations, Zagreb
- Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development, Prishtina
- National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Sofia
- Ombudsperson Institution, Prishtina
- Peace Institute, Ljubljana
- Peace Institute, Ljubljana
- Refugee Aid Serbia, Belgrade
- Sobor Edukativni Centar, Sombor
- Youth Initiative for Human Rights, Belgrade



The University of Bologna Residential Centre is located in a picturesque medieval town of Bertinoro, Emilia-Romagna, rich in history and popular traditions, and situated in Central Italy in the heart of magical Foreste Casentinesi e Campigna National Park.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In the academic year 2019/20, its 19th year of implementation, the GC SEE/ERMA will admit 36 students, based on their records, abilities and background, language competences, experience, motivation and research interests. Students will be selected from the following target groups: **TG I (25)** Citizens of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Northern Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and citizens of Kosovo (holders of passports of countries recognized by BiH) **TG II (5)** Citizens of the European Union countries, Azerbaijan, Georgia and the Russian Federation. **TG III (6)** Citizens of other countries.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The university degree of the applicants must be earned during studies lasting either 4 or 5 years within the former undergraduate studies provisions, or 5 years (3+2) within I and II cycle studies provisions in accordance with the Bologna process with a minimum of 240 ECTS earned. Candidates must hold a university degree in social sciences and humanities, from an accredited university, particularly in disciplines relevant to human rights: law, political sciences, international relations, etc.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Fluency in the English language is a prerequisite for the admission. The students must have sufficient language skills and provide evidence for their proficiency. Applicants with English as a native language and those who had a previous university education in the English language will provide competency through their transcripts or certificates issued by the respective universities only. The Master Programme recognizes the following international English Language certificates:

1. *TOEFL – minimum score of 560 paper-based, 220 computer-based, IBT not less than 83.*
2. *British Council's IELTS - minimum band 6.5 and no less than 6.0 in any of its subsections.*
3. *CAE and CPE Cambridge exams.*



TUITION FEE

Students coming from countries of the TG I are exempted from the tuition fee and are required to cover solely the enrollment costs in the amount of 200€. Students of TG II and III shall pay the 2000€ tuition fee.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to the comprehensive scholarship scheme, made possible by EU and the Italian government, students from TGI and TGII receive study grants covering regular living costs (November to July) in the amount of 4.500 € gross. Costs of their lodging and dining are covered during the thesis-writing period in Italy. Reimbursements (travel, health insurance, etc.) in the overall amount of 1.200 € are also secured for students of these target groups. Students coming from other countries have the status of self-funding students and are therefore encouraged to apply for other sources of funding.

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS STAYS OPEN
JUNE 7-SEPTEMBER 13 2019**