

School of Public Policy and Administration

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Important Reminders

SPPA Hours of Operation: June – August 2014

The SPPA office will be open during the following hours from June 1st, 2014 – August 31st, 2014:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Important Dates: June 2014

June 15th, 2014 – enrolment deposit due for those that enrolled in F/W courses prior to June 1st.

June 20th, 2014 – last day of exams for S1.

June 24th, 2014 - last day to drop a S2 course and receive full tuition back.

June 27th, 2014 – last day to enrol in S2 without permission.

June 30th, 2014 – deadline to apply for OSAP and still have interest deferred in September and January (*in case it comes late, which does happen frequently*) **Note:** you can still apply after this date and will receive OSAP likely within 8 or so weeks of applying, however you will not be eligible for the interest deferral.

Refer to the link below for further details:

<http://yublog.apps01.yorku.ca/blog/2014/05/06/important-dates-summer/>

SPPA Events / News

SPPA Professor Lesley Jacobs presenting Lecture - Income Inequality: Where Economics and Social Justice Collide

**June 16 2014
10:00:00 - 12:00:00**

Income Inequality: Where Economics and Social Justice Collide

Presenters: Sheila Block, Dr. Lesley Jacobs, Brian Murphy

Location: Room C Osgoode Hall Law School Professional Development Centre

What: The gap between the very wealthy and everyone else is currently on the rise throughout North America and Europe. The current trend, where an increasing share of wealth goes to the top 10% income bracket, is taking place in a context of slow economic growth and stalled job creation.

The session will address such questions as:

- Is income inequality the historical norm or is it something that comes and goes, driven by events and changing economic trends such as globalization? Is it an inherent outcome of free market capitalism? What is inevitable and what can be changed?
- Is the problem income inequality, poverty – or both? What measures/indicators do we use and are they measuring what we think they are?
- Can public policy narrow the inequality gap? What are the best levers?
- Can one country act effectively or must there be coordinated action?
- Do Canadians care about income inequality or is it, as some have argued, an academic preoccupation?

If interested, please visit the link below to register for the lecture and attend.

<http://www.ipac.ca/Toronto/CurrentEvents>

AP/HREQ 4740 6.00M: Ideology, Social Policy, and the State - Summer 2014

July-August Course

D2 Course Offering – Enrol Now!

This course is centered on a core struggle between working-class Ontarians and a corporate governing class as it is worked out in the schools of poor, racialized and immigrant communities. A major section of the course will draw on student experience of growing up and going to school in Toronto or elsewhere in the world.

Format: Three hour seminar
Monday to Friday 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

**BPA Student Ajay Nandalall – Achieves
Position at the
Ministry of the Attorney General**

Student Ajay Nandalall, Specialist Honours in Public Administration (Law, Justice & Public Policy) and recent admit into the MPPAL program, has achieved a Summer Student position at the following Ministry due to his work with SPPA Professor Peter Constantinou. His position details are below:

Ministry: Ministry of the Attorney General
Branch: Innovation Office (Project Management Office)
Position: Project and Communications Assistant (Summer Student)

Moreover, the student is also in the process of interviewing for the following position:

Ministry: Ministry of the Attorney General
Branch: Durham Region Crown Attorney's Office
Position: Office Assistant (Summer Experience Program)

Our congratulations go out to student Ajay Nandalall for his recent accomplishments.

**McLaughlin College Graduation Celebration –
June 16th, 2014 at 6:30 PM**

Professor David Leyton-Brown, Master of McLaughlin College; Claire Simpson, President McLaughlin College Chapter York University Alumni Association, and Dr. Jamie Laws, Chair of McLaughlin Alumni Steering Community cordially invite you and your guest to a celebratory awards ceremony for those graduating with academic distinction: Monday June 16th, 2014; 001 Winter's College Dining Hall, Winters College.

Timing	Lunch/Break
6:30 PM	Refreshments
7:00 PM	Awards Ceremony
8:00 PM	Reception

RSVP (including # of guests) by June 5th, 2014 to: email bacchus@yorku.ca or Call: 416-736-5128

Parking available at Founders Road East Visitors Lot for \$10.00

<http://www.yorku.ca/yorkweb/maps/KeeleCampus2014.pdf>

Other News

**Summer Course on Persian Culture: A
Semiotic Perspective available**

May 6, 2014 to Jul 29, 2014

"Love what you do"

Would you be interested in registering for my summer 6-credit course in Persian Culture, an interactive, proactive, peace-building-oriented course? This course is unlike any other course, unique in form and content. We will revisit many generally-accepted notions, concepts and ideas; deconstruct our modern mercantile war-prone society to help reconstruct a post-modern nature-friendly peaceful society on Earth for generations to come. If you are a student in international studies, international affairs, political science or sociology, but also psychology, linguistics, drama studies, translation studies, international law, philosophy, women's studies, history... any social sciences and humanities, and if you are not afraid of not being politically correct, and if you are looking for a summer course, and if it somehow fits your schedule ... this course is for you! I am looking for students like you! Bring your friends.

GL/HUMA 2602 6.0 SU (EN) Persian Culture: A Semiotic Perspective

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This is a multidisciplinary (I should say trans-disciplinary) course. It is also a fun course: Lots of learning minus the stress. Please pass the message. I'd like to have over thirty participants who look forward to helping to change the world and to finding paradise on Earth.

In taking this course, you'll love what you're doing. I am confident that you will find it an unforgettable experience.

Shodja Eddin Ziaïan,
**Doctorat d'État, Peace Economics, University of Paris II,
Panthéon-Sorbonne**
**Post doctorate studies, Peace Science, University of
Pennsylvania**

This Glendon-College-course is offered by the Program of Linguistics and Language Studies, cross-listed with the Department of Humanities, open to all York University Students, and it is a General Education course. May 6th – July 29th 2014, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-9. For more information, contact: ziaian@glendon.yorku.ca.

YU START: New Student Resources A-Z

To all Students and Faculty:

YU Start has recently updated their website with a resource page that includes helpful links to a variety of York University webpages. This would be an assistive tool for all incoming and current York University students.

<http://yustart.info.yorku.ca/all-resources-a-z/>

NEW STUDENT RESOURCES A-Z

ALL 0-9 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

- Academic Integrity
- Admission Client Services (ACS)
- Athletics
- Atkinson Centre for Mature and Part-time Students (ACMAPS)
- Bookstore
- Campus Shuttle
- Career Centre
- Centre for Human Rights
- Centre for Aboriginal Student Services
- Code of Student Rights & Responsibilities
- Computer Lab Access (FAS Accounts)
- Degree Progress Report
- Enrolment & Registration Guide
- ESL (Open Learning Centre)
- Faculty of Health Office of Student & Academic Services (OSAS)
- Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- Financial Aid (Student Financial Services)
- goSAFE
- Health Education and Promotion
- International Students (York International)
- Intramural Sports
- Learning Commons
- Learning Disability Services
- Learning Skills Services
- Libraries
- Maps

Seminars / Workshops

Time Series Analysis

An Introduction for Social Scientists

Dates: July 14-18, 2014

URL: <http://bit.ly/1qmWKJl>

Location: Ann Arbor, MI

Instructor: Mark Pickup, Simon Fraser University and the University of Oxford

About: Statistical models can be applied to time series data—chronological sequences of observations—to examine the movement of social science variables over time (e.g., public opinion, government policy, judicial decisions, and socioeconomic measures), allowing

analysts to estimate relationships between variables and test hypotheses. This five-day workshop introduces time series methods and their application in social science research. We will focus on conceptualization and practice, with some attention to the underlying statistical theory.

The workshop will provide a comprehensive discussion of the core concepts in time series analysis, including autoregressive, moving-average, unit-root processes, and the two most important assumptions underlying time series models: stationarity and exogeneity. The lab component of the workshop will demonstrate the use of, and assumptions underlying, common models of time series data: autoregressive distributive-lag, moving average (autocorrelated error), differenced data, ARMA, equilibrium (error) correction, and vector autoregression models.

Prerequisites: A sound background in linear regression models is assumed but prior training in time series analysis is not required. The course will make use of basic algebra. Some familiarity with Stata would be helpful, but for those without that familiarity, a crash course on Stata will be provided during the first class session.

About Us

The ICPSR Summer Program is internationally recognized as the preeminent resource for basic and advanced training in social science research methodologies and technologies.

We offer courses in research design, quantitative reasoning, statistical methods, and data processing. Our goal is to integrate methods of quantitative analysis within a broader context of substantive social research.

More Information

For more information, including a complete list of courses, registration information, and scholarships, please visit our website at icpsr.umich.edu/sumprog. You can also contact the Summer Program at (734) 763-7400 or sumprog@icpsr.umich.edu

June Activities at the Career Centre

The Career Centre is pleased to provide you with a PDF of the calendar of activities for the month of June 2014. Alternatively, you may refer to our [online calendar](#).

This month we're offering two of our popular [Career Exploration](#) workshops in different formats and different locations.

On Thursday, June 5th, [Making Degree Choices: The Other People Factor](#) will be offered from 2:00-3:00 pm via webinar. This workshop will explore how family, culture and other people can influence students' career decisions.

On Wednesday, June 18th, [Getting Started: What Can I Do With My Degree?](#) Will be taking place at the Learning Commons (at Scott Library) from 10:00-11:30 am In this workshop students will learn how the skills they're developing in their degrees and the experiences they're gaining will help build a foundation for their futures.

We've also customized our [Job Search](#) workshops to students from specific Faculties and programs of study.

[Resume & Cover Letter Writing for Liberal Arts students](#) will take place on Wednesday, June 4th from 12:30-2:30pm.

[Resume & Cover Letter Writing for Business & Technology students](#) will take place on Thursday, June 19th from 2:00-4:00pm.

Students interested in using LinkedIn to support their job search efforts are invited to attend the [Creating a Professional LinkedIn Profile workshop](#) on June 23rd from 10:30 am-12:30 pm. This hands-on workshop, held in the 034 Founders College computer lab, will provide students with tips on crafting an effective profile that reflects their personal brand; compose, edit and improve their profile to stand out as a candidate; and learn how to maximize the benefits of LinkedIn to research career options and find a job! Attendees of this workshop will have the option to get their pictures taken to use as part of their profile.

On Thursday, June 26th from 1:30-3:30 pm, we will be offering the [On-the-Job Success workshop](#) to support students looking for tips on how to transition effectively into the workplace. In this workshop, students will learn about workplace etiquette and expectations, qualities that employers value most, and how to make and maintain a positive impression in order to cultivate long-term professional relationships.

Students are encouraged to register for workshops and other activities through the [Career Centre's online system](#).

The Career Centre has over 700 non-circulating resources to help students research careers, industries and sectors, learn about opportunities for further studies, and assist them in their job search. Here are some new additions to our Career Resource Library:

[101 Careers in Counseling](#) by Shannon Hodges

[Choosing a Career in International Development: A Practical Guide to Working in the Professions of International Development](#) by Donovan Russell

[The Digital Creative's Survival Guide: Everything You Need for a Successful Career in Web, App, Multimedia and Broadcast Design](#) by Paul Wyatt

[Best Careers for Teachers: Making the Most of Your Teaching Degree](#) by Learning Express

[Careers in Criminal Justice](#) by Coy H. Johnston

Feel free to share this information broadly with students, new graduates and colleagues. If you would like to have a contact added or you would like to be removed from this distribution list, please let me know.

Learning Skills Services-June Workshop Calendar

Learning Skills Services would like to provide you with the workshop calendar for the month of June. We offer a range of workshops throughout the summer session in the areas of:

- Study Secrets,
- Time Management,
- Reading and Note-Taking and
- Exam Preparation.

Throughout the summer term, our workshops will be held in the Sound and Moving Image Library (SMIL), Screening Room 124, Scott Library.

We also encourage students to participate in our ***Passport to Success*** program where students will receive a certificate after attending EIGHT Learning Skills Services workshops during their time as a York student – a valuable addition to any academic portfolio or resumé!

It would be greatly appreciated if you could distribute the attached calendar to students, fellow staff and faculty. Students can find out more information of these workshops **on-line** at: lss.info.yorku.ca , while receiving workshop reminders and study tips via **twitter** [@mysuccessyorku](https://twitter.com/mysuccessyorku).

As a reminder, Learning Skills is one of the services offered through Counselling & Disability Services. These services are offered to all York University undergraduate and graduate students. For more information, visit us on-line at: lss.info.yorku.ca

Graduate Research Workshop on Migration and Settlement – June 11

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 | 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
York University, Kaneff Tower, Room 519, 4700 Keele Street

CERIS invites you to an interactive workshop showcasing research findings on migration and settlement by emerging scholars in Ontario. In this all-day event, recent and prospective PhDs will present on three major themes including New Forms of Precariousness; Migrant Health and Wellbeing; and Citizenship, Multiculturalism, and Identity. Following the presentations, the audience will have an opportunity to receive hands-on training on how to write research summaries and mobilize research to the general public.

For more information, see flyer or visit: http://www.ceris.metropolis.net/?tribe_events=workshop-on-recent-doctoral-research-regarding-migration-and-settlement

Session One: New Forms of Precariousness

(9:00am–10:10am)

This session explores the policy and experiences that affect migrant workers and international students at a global and local level. Topics include temporary work, live-in caregivers, access to education and student mobility.

Presenters:

Geraldina Polanco, York University; Oluwabukola Oladunni Salami, University of Toronto; Francisco Javier Villegas, University of Toronto; Gunjan Sondhi, York University; Wambui Gichuru, Western University.

Session Two: Migrant Health and Wellbeing

(10:20am–11:30am)

This session focuses on the physical and mental health of immigrants and refugees, especially women. Topics include utilization of and access to health services, memory and trauma, employment and its effects on health.

Presenters:

Janette J. Brual, Queen's University; S.M. Tariqul Islam, Laurentian University; Bharati Sethi, Wilfrid Laurier University; Sajedeh Zahraei, University of Toronto; Christine Nabukeera, York University.

Session Three: Citizenship, Multiculturalism, and Identity

(11:40am–12:50pm)

This session looks at the factors that shape migrants' identity formation and expression. Topics include

immigrant diversity, dimensions of citizenship, identity re-negotiation, and belonging.

Presenters:

Laura Reidel, Wilfrid Laurier University; Rhiannon Mosher, York University; Snežana Ratkovic, Brock University; Evadne Kelly, York University; Janine Rose, York University.

To attend, please RSVP at <http://cerisgraduateresearch.eventbrite.ca>. We look forward to seeing you on June 11!

Public Sector Change Leadership – New Zealand Experience

This is advance notice of a world-class happening in Wellington, New Zealand in November 2015. Wellington, called 'the coolest little capital on the planet', is celebrating 150 years as New Zealand's capital city. And New Zealand is 30 years on from the origins of groundbreaking New Public Management reforms, with a wealth of experience and learning to share.

The program planned is innovative, relevant, and engaging and is presented in three-part harmony:

1. Action learning leadership development built around a practical project with organizational outcomes (22 November to 2 December)
2. Change leadership conference reinforced by international experts and site visits (24-26 November)
3. Biennial writers and readers festival featuring public debate of challenging issues (27-28 November).

Political and public service change leaders attending the program will discover the value proposition of acquiring new thinking, practices, and connections.

To register, express your interest, or get more information, please contact profdev@vuw.ac.nz.

Summer Workshops on Research Methods

A special series of non-credit, no-fee, workshops for graduate students, 4th year students planning to begin graduate studies and others interested in brushing up on their basic research skills. You may attend any workshop or all of the workshops depending on your interest.

Please Note: During the workshop sessions dealing with statistics participants who wish, will have the opportunity to learn not only the mathematical theory but also how to calculate the statistics presented and how to use them in research (if they choose). All of this "technical work"

will be presented and taught using EXCEL. Those who wish can purchase an inexpensive and very good guidebook to using Excel for statistical work. Pace, Larry (2013) *The Excel Data and Statistics Cookbook*, Third Ed. Available for \$14.83 (US) at <http://www.lulu.com> as an e-book (downloads as a PDF which is yours forever). MPPAL student can apply to have the cost of the book rebated as a program expense. If you do wish to learn the “technical work” it is advisable to bring a laptop to the relevant workshops.

For more information, please contact the workshop leader: Prof. Daniel Cohn, dcohn@yorku.ca or 416-736-2100 ext. 77276

A more complete syllabus with additional suggested electronic readings will be posted shortly on Prof. Cohn’s website on Monday May 5th at: <http://www.yorku.ca/dcohn/courses.html>

All sessions are in MC140 (The McLaughlin College Senior Common Room) and will start at 7pm. Light refreshments will be available.

- Thurs. May 29th Research as a Social Science and as a Public Policy Pursuit / Getting Started with Excel
- Thurs. June 5th From Question to Execution -- Research Design Ensuring Validity and Reliability: Dilemmas of Qualitative and Quantitative Research
- Thurs. June 19th Qualitative Research, Documentary Evidence and ‘Qualitative Data Sets’
- Thurs. June 26th Qualitative Research: Key Informant Interviewing and Participant Observer Methods
- Thurs. July 17th Describing Data with Graphs and Numbers
- Thurs. July 24th Describing Relationships between Data with Graphs and Crosstabs
- Thurs. July 31st Margin of Error, Confidence and Significance (Z and one sample “t”)
- Thurs. Aug 7th Are the relationships meaningful? Part I: Return of the Crosstab
- Thurs. Aug 14th Are the relationships meaningful? Part II: Two Sample “t” tests and ANOVA
- Thurs Aug 21st Regression Analysis

2014 Causal Inference Workshops: Main and Advanced

Northwestern University and Duke University are holding two workshops on Research Design for Causal Inference this year.

Main workshop: Monday – Friday, July 7-11, 2014 [at Northwestern]

Advanced workshop: Wednesday - Friday, August 13-15, 2014 [at Duke]

Both workshops will be taught by world-class causal inference researchers. Registration for each is limited to 100 participants. For information and to register: law.northwestern.edu/faculty/conferences/causalinference/

Call for Papers / Proposals

MITACS Opportunities for Postdoctoral Fellowship & Mitacs Globalink Research Internship

Mitacs Elevate Postdoctoral Fellowship

- Two-year fellowship valued at \$115,000 (plus \$15,000 non-cash value in training)
- Customized training in professional and R&D management skills
- Long-term research project with a private-sector partner
- Open to all disciplines
- **Letter of Intent Deadline: August 6, 2014, at 5:00 pm PST**
- **Application Deadline: August 19, 2014, at 1:00 pm PST**
For more information, please visit [Mitacs Elevate](http://MitacsElevate.com) or contact elevate@mitacs.ca.

Mitacs Globalink Research Internship

Currently in its sixth year, the **Research Internship** is accepting faculty applications for summer 2015. Faculty supervise international senior undergraduates who travel to Canada to undertake research projects of mutual interest.

- 12-week research internship in summer 2015
- Open to professors in all disciplines
- Open to interns from Brazil, China, India, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Vietnam
- Mitacs oversees matching and travel logistics and provides student funding
- Competitive process for interns
- Submission deadline for faculty projects is **June 18, 2014**

For more information visit: www.mitacs.ca

Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop – Call for Papers

This is a reminder of the deadline of June 15 for the call for papers for the second annual Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop.

Call for Paper

Following on the success of last year's inaugural workshop, we are very pleased to announce a call for papers for the second annual Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop, to be held November 7 and 8, 2014.

This workshop will consist of one and a half days of papers. We will also host a seminar on Friday afternoon on text-as-data methods, led by Arthur Spirling, Harvard University.

We will devote one hour to each paper, allowing for plenty of discussion of each scholar's work. This will be a wonderful opportunity to get concentrated feedback from a large group of participants.

There is no registration fee for the workshop. A dinner will be held on Friday night for participants. Refreshments and lunch will be provided on both days.

At this time, we are soliciting proposals for paper presentations. Papers are not at all limited to Canadian politics but should fall under the broad rubric of political behaviour. We are particularly interested in projects that are underway and will be sufficiently advanced to receive useful feedback by the time of the meeting.

Please send paper proposals (or drafts) to Daniel Rubenson (rubenson@ryerson.ca) and Peter Loewen (peter.loewen@utoronto.ca). Proposals should be received by June 15 for full consideration.

A full call for general participation in the workshop will be circulated later in June.

The workshop is generously sponsored by the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto, the Munk School of Global Affairs, Ryerson University and the Canadian Opinion Research Archive.

Dupont Summit on Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy

The purpose of the **Dupont Summit** is to promote interdisciplinary dialogue about pressing issues related to science, technology and the environment. The

conference mirrors the interest of the PSO and its partners in promoting conversation about current policy concern.

Prominent scholars, government officials, and other experts will be on hand, and we hope you will join in the discussion. Some of our past speakers include former Director of Central Intelligence James Woolsey, the Mayor of Grand Rapids, Michigan George Heartwell, Congressman Robert C. Scott, and Associate Director of Arizona State University's DC Office of the Consortium for Science, Policy, & Outcomes Mahmud Farooque, plus others from various organizations such as the National Science Foundation, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the National Academy of Engineering, as well as numerous prestigious colleges and universities. Visit our [website](#) for more details on the Dupont Summit or view last year's [program](#).

How to Submit a Proposal

In order to submit a paper for consideration, please send a 1-2 page abstract to **PSO Executive Director Daniel Gutierrez-Sandoval** at dgutierrez@ipsonet.org. Topics of interest include, but are by no means limited to, health, energy, national security, information technology and telecommunications, environment science and climate change, biotechnology, HIV/AIDS, space, and the ethical, legal, and social implications of existing and emerging technologies. The early consideration deadline is **October 5th, 2014**. Due to space constraints, this year we will be accepting fewer proposals for presentation. **Proposals submitted by the early deadline will be given priority.**

About the PSO

The Policy Studies Organization disseminates policy scholarship through its numerous academic journals, book series, conferences, and programs.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Matthew Brewer (Director of Outreach and Open Source Materials) either by email or by phone: 202-349-9288, brewer@ipsonet.org

Summer Opportunities

Barcelona Summer School in International Politics

The Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) is pleased to launch the ninth edition of the Barcelona Summer School in International Politics that will take place at IBEI during June 30 – July 4; and the fifth edition of the IBEI Summer School of the Mediterranean that will take place at IBEI in July 7-11.

http://www.ibei.org/summer_international_politics

* **Authority and Legitimacy in Global Governance** (Prof. Nico Krisch, ICREA-IBEI) – June 30 / July 3

* **New Approaches to Global Governance and Regulation** (Prof. Walter Mattli, University of Oxford) - July 1 / 4

* **In Search of a European Demos** (Prof. Juan Diez Medrano, Universidad Carlos III - IBEI) – June 30 / July 4

* **Debating Human Rights** (Prof. Jack Snyder, Columbia University) - June 30 / July 4

IBEI SUMMER SCHOOL OF THE MEDITERRANEAN 2014 –
http://www.ibei.org/summer_mediterranean

* **Islamists and the “Arab Spring”** (Dr. Omar Ashour, University of Exeter) – July 7 / 11

* **North Africa: Change or Continuity** (Prof. Saloua Zerhouni, Mohammed V University Rabat) - July 7 / 11

* **The New Middle East: Redefining Political and Societal Dynamics** (Dr. Eduard Soler, CIDOB; Lurdes Vidal, IEMed) – July 7 / 11

* **The Mediterranean as a Geopolitical Process: Adaptation to Overlapping Crises?** (Prof. Pere Vilanova, Universitat de Barcelona - IBEI) - July 7 / 11

International Summer School on the Geopolitics of Natural Resources

June 16-21, Université Laval

Information: <http://www.hei.ulaval.ca/en/summer-school-natural-resources-registration>

Co-organised by Hautes études internationales (HEI) of the Université Laval and The School of Public Policy (University of Calgary), this summer school will focus on some **major issues of the natural resources’ geopolitics** in a multidisciplinary scope (political science, economics, law, geography, etc). PROGRAM: http://www.cms.fss.ulaval.ca/recherche/upload/hei/fichiers/ee_ressources_naturelles_2014_13_mai_2014.pdf

Please note that all the conferences will be simultaneously translated.

Contact our assistants :
ressourcesnaturelles@hei.ulaval.ca

Call for Applications Summer School on Parliaments 2014 in Brussels

There are still places available for the 3rd Summer School on Parliaments 2014 in Brussels (September 8-19)! This is a great opportunity for graduate students and junior researchers to learn from and meet established scholars from the field of legislative studies.

The summer school is aimed at doctoral students and junior scholars with research interests in the areas of parliamentary and legislative studies. In addition, the Summer School may be of interest to junior professional researchers attached to the research and administrative services of national and regional parliaments.

More details on the schedule, accommodations and application procedure are at the following link:

http://standinggroups.ecpr.eu/parliaments/?page_id=53

Centre for Migration and Refugee Studies: Summer Short Courses

June 1-26, 2014

The Center for Migration and Refugee Studies (CMRS) at The American University in Cairo (AUC) is offering the following four short courses during the month of June 2014:

- International Refugee Law (June 1 - 5, 2014)
- Protection Challenges among Vulnerable Migrants and Refugees in Transition Times: Egypt as a Case Study (June 8 - 12, 2014)
- Addressing Global Trends: Psychosocial and Mental Health Interventions for Refugees Living the Urban Context (June 15 – 19, 2014)
- Immigration Detention: Challenges of a Growing Trend (June 22 -26, 2014)

The courses are offered for graduate level students, researchers and practitioners in the field of migration and refugees. The maximum number of participants in each course is between 10 - 30. All courses are conducted in English and no translation facilities are provided. Participants should have a sufficient command of the English language.

Interested applicants can apply for one course or for all the four courses. The fee for each course is \$ 500. Tuition waiver options are offered only to qualified candidates from the developing countries. However, participants

who get tuition waiver are responsible for the cost of their flight to and accommodation in Egypt.

NB: Non- Egyptian applicants are strongly encouraged to apply three weeks before the course start, in order to have enough time to obtain their visa. All courses will take place in the Tahrir Campus in Downtown Cairo. The exact location and room numbers will be forwarded to accepted participants before the start of the courses.

Deadlines for submitting applications for this course:

- For participants who are self-sponsored, sponsored by other organization or their employers: 5th of May
- For Participants requesting tuition waiver: 12th of May
- Deadline for paying course deposit (30% of the total course's fee) is 12th of May

To apply for the courses:

1. Fill out the application form on CMRS website: <http://www.aucegypt.edu/GAPP/cmrs/outreach/Pages/ShortCourses.aspx>
2. Send the application to cmrscourses@aucegypt.edu with your most recent C.V

Applicants may apply and be accepted to more than one course. Please do not hesitate to contact cmrscourses@aucegypt.edu if you have any difficulty with the application process. Applicants accepted for the course will be notified by email within a week after the deadline for submitting the application.

Tom Recocevic: York West NDP Candidate **Volunteers Needed**

My name is Annie Truong-Le and I have just finished up my first year at York, and am currently volunteering full-time in the upcoming provincial elections.

As a youth, I was never really engaged in politics let alone volunteering. I became interested in politics after volunteering with Tom Rakocevic, the NDP candidate in the Yorkwest riding. He is a York University graduate and through volunteering in his campaign I was able to learn so many things - not only about politics but about people in general.

Yorkwest has one of the lowest voter turnout rates in all of Ontario, and it is especially hard to get the youth in the community engaged in politics. Another issue that stands out is that many York University students living on campus actually don't know that they can vote in the elections as well!

We have just under a week and a half left until Election Day (June 12th), so I encourage anyone who is interested in politics or even learning more about the people in the community to come out and help us out in the last stretch of the elections!

Meet new people, build your resume, and become engaged in the community in which you go to school. Join our team today: <http://www.tomrakocevic.ca/volunteer>

Contact Us:

Campaign e-mail:
TomRakocevic@ontariondp.ca

Twitter:
[@RakocevicT](https://twitter.com/RakocevicT)

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/TomRakocevic>