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Call for Applications:

Exchange project 2021/2022 in Munich & St. Petersburg

Civil Societies Compared: Innovative forms of civil society initiatives in Germany and Russia

Information meeting

Wednesday, 07.07.2021
18:00

Zoom-link upon registration:
baumann.julia@lmu.de

GSI and the Faculty of International Relations and Politics of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA) St. Petersburg invite students to apply for the exchange project "Innovative forms of civil society initiatives in Germany and Russia" to be held during winter term 2021/22 in Munich and St. Petersburg.

Aim & Programme:

The aim of the project is to obtain a comprehensive picture of civil society in Russia and Germany, exploring how civic initiatives creatively adapt to changing circumstances and new challenges, such as the pandemic or – in Russia – the tightening of the legal space.

In the complementary seminar, group discussions, and guest lectures, we will address the foundations of civil society, state-society relations, and Russian politics. During visits to civil society initiatives and NGOs in Munich and St. Petersburg, you will get to know relevant actors in the field to reflect on the basis of civil society activities in Russia and Germany. In small groups you will conduct your own case studies on the work of civil society organisations in both countries that are active in the field of, for example, non-formal education.

Eligibility:

The project is open to 15 students from GSI. Since it is held in English, fluency in spoken and written English is required. Knowledge of Russian language is a valuable asset, but not obligatory.

Participation and study credit:

Participation in the project involves (mandatory)

- Participation in the seminar on "Russian politics" (winter term 21/22, on Thursdays at 16:00)
- Intense work during visit of Russian students in Munich (duration: one week, scheduled for November 2021)
- Independent project in small research groups related to civil society initiatives in Russia and Germany (October 2021 - March 2022)
- Intense work during visit in St. Petersburg (duration: one week, scheduled for March 2022)

Due to pandemic-related restrictions, the schedule of the exchange components may be subject to change.

You can be awarded ECTS as part of module WP5 (WP5.2, B.A., combined with a course on research design) and module WP1/4 (M.A., or WP5 for PO 2011). This requires completing the relevant examinations specified in your examination regulations.

Costs:

The costs for participation, travel, accommodation and food during the stay in St. Petersburg are covered by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES). However, you are expected to provide health insurance and cover minimal expenses for public transport in St. Petersburg.

Application:

To get a better understanding of the project before applying, you are invited to join the online information event on **July 7, 18:00**.

To apply, please send a short letter of motivation (1 page, in English) presenting yourself and explaining your interest in the project to baumann.julia@lmu.de. Deadline for application: **July 10, 2021**.

We are looking forward to your application!

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