



GARNET Network of PhD schools



1. Introduction

This is a call for PhD students on the topic: “**EU Political Multilateralism and Interactions with the UN**”. It particularly focuses on theoretical issues and research methodologies and is based upon active student participation.

2. Organisation

The Network of PhD schools is institutionally part of GARNET: a Network of Excellence financed by the 6th FP of European Commission (2005-2009) that focuses on “*Global Governance, Regionalisation and Regulation: the role of the EU*”. The Network of PhD schools is coordinated by the ULB PhD School in European Studies and UNU-CRIS Bruges, with the scientific supervision of an Academic Council.

During the five years of the GARNET project, 9 PhD seminars will be organized. The tentative list of topics aims to cover a broad range of research fields, which include:

- 1) EU and Global governance: efficiency and legitimacy;
- 2) The socio-economic modernization of the EU and the globalized economy. The Lisbon strategy;
- 3) UE the Bretton Woods system and WTO;
- 4) EU political multilateralism and UN ;
- 5) Widening EU and Near abroad (East and South);
- 6) EU interregional relations with Latin America, Africa and Asia;
- 7) 8) and 9) EU, global governance and world order: focus to be detailed

The third GARNET PhD seminar “**EU Political Multilateralism and Interactions with the UN**” will be held in Bruges between **December 11-14, 2006**.

3. Governance Structure of GARNET PhD School

Academic Council

- Prof. Attila Agh, Corvinus University Budapest, Hungary
- Prof. Anne Deighton, Oxford University, UK
- Prof. Janine Goetschy, CNRS, Paris
- Prof. Bjorn Hettne, University of Gotheborg, Sweden

- Prof. Richard Higgott, University of Warwick (GARNET central Coordinator)
- Prof. Nicolas Levrat, University of Geneva, Switzerland
- Prof. Riccardo Scartezzini, University of Trento, Italy
- Prof. Reimund Seidelmann, University of Giessen, Germany
- Prof. Karen Smith, London School of Economics, UK
- Prof. Mario Telò, IEE, ULB, Bruxelles
- Prof. Luk Van Langenhove, UNU-CRIS, Bruges, Belgium

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4. GARNET PhD Seminar 3: EU Political Multilateralism: interactions with the UN

4.1. Topic

Through its “example” of regional governance, its role in international cooperation and its policies of association and pre-accession, the European Union aims at becoming a champion of multilateralism and a leading actor in the multilateral institutions.

The Ph.D. student seminar of December 2006 will focus on the relations between the EU and the Organisation that most of all represents the universal vocation for multilateralism: the United Nations. The seminar will explore this question on the basis of various paradigms of International Relations theories and approaches and comparative analysis of regional integration and of interregional regimes. The programme aims to develop a reflexion on the issue through a critical analysis of EU actions and inactions. On the one hand the EU is promoting the role of the UN in several fields (such as security and development), on the other, despite its declarations, little has been done on the EU side to promote an effective reform of the UN Security Council. The seminar will try to analyse the present and possible evolution of the EU/UN duet, both under its legal aspects and its concrete actions.

The programme also aims to develop a dialogue between the world of research and the European Union institutions based in Brussels. The seminar will bring together an international group of scholars and PhD students mainly coming from the GARNET network.

The PhD workshop will be divided into five main sessions and two keynote speeches at the very beginning and at the conclusion of the seminar.

The five sessions will be devoted to a specific topic:

- **Research Theme 1:** The EU and the UN: beyond the regionalism vs. multilateralism dilemma?
- **Research Theme 2:** The EU at the UN: interactions and future challenges
- **Research Theme 3:** EU-UN cooperation in development
- **Research Theme 4:** Legal aspects of the EU as an actor at the UN
- **Research Theme 5:** EU-UN cooperation in peace and security

Each session will include one lecture by a keynote speaker (about 1 hour) followed by a general discussion, and one or two paper presentations by selected students based on her/his current research and dealing with specific tasks related to the seminar. Students not involved in the presentation of papers will be encouraged to have an active participation in the general discussions and the Q-A sessions. The presented papers will be discussed by the lecturer in charge of the specific session, so as to provide students with some constructive feedback on their research. Paper-givers will be offered the opportunity of publishing their papers on the GARNET website and to contribute to other GARNET publication outlets following Academic Council approval.

Teaching Staff

The teaching staff will include: **Carol Cosgrove-Sacks** (Professor at the College of Europe & at the Europa Institute), **Tănia Felicio** (Project Researcher at UNU-CRIS), **Kennedy Graham** (Associate Research Fellow, UNU-CRIS), **Knud Erik Jorgensen** (Professor at the Department of Political Science, Aarhus University), **Dieter Mahncke** (Director of the Departments of “Politics & Administration” and “International Relations & Diplomacy” at the College of Europe), **Ana Peyro Lopez** (Professor at Paris I), **Nico Schrijver** (Professor at the University of Leiden), **David Spence** (European Commission Delegation in Geneva), **Mario Telo** (Director of the IEE Department, ULB) and **Luk Van Langenhove** (Director UNU-CRIS).

- The following persons will give key-note speeches: **Mr. Antonio Vigilante** (Director of the UNDP Office in Brussels), **Ambassador Carlo Trojan**¹ (Permanent Representative of the European Commission to the United Nations at Geneva)

4.2. Admission procedures

The workshop is designed to meet the needs of maximum 25 PhD students and researchers. For the students selected as paper-givers accommodation and subsistence are covered by GARNET and there is a budget up to 300 EUR for travel expenses. For the other participants accommodation and subsistence will also be covered but travel costs will be reimbursed only up to 200 EUR. In cases where travel costs of non-paper givers overpass this ceiling of 200 EUR, PhD students from Central and Eastern Europe as well as developing countries can appeal for extra-financing from a specific solidarity budget. Those seeking such scholarships must make a specific request on the application form. Priority will be given to applications of PhD students coming from universities belonging to the GARNET Network. The selecting board will also take into account the geographic balance and the gender dimension.

¹ To be confirmed

Candidates must be fluent both in spoken and written English, as it is the working language of the summer school. Participation involves the presentation of a paper based on current research and undertaking specific tasks related to the seminar. Participants are also expected to attend all sessions as well as other organised events of the seminar.

4.3. Scientific and Social Programme

Students are encouraged to attend scientific and social events taking place around the seminar. Lecturers will be available during the course of the seminar so that beyond the single session they are responsible of, in order to facilitate the network formation process. Moreover, as one of the main goals of the programme is to foster networking, participants are encouraged to interact outside the seminar classes in order to increase co-operation between PhD students working on similar topics in the various GARNET member institutions. A welcome cocktail and a final reception will be organised.

4.4. Assessment

The activities conducted during the PhD workshop lead to a degree coupled with ECTS credits, under the scientific responsibility of the Academic Council.

5. Application procedure

a) Submission

Applications must be submitted by **October 15, 2006** and contain:

- The application form with full contact coordinates of the applicant;
- A CV comprising academic qualifications, current professional or academic position;
- A 500 word abstract of the applicant's proposed paper;
- A letter of recommendation from his/her PhD supervisor or other University professor;
- For Central and Eastern European and developing countries applications seeking scholarships only: specific request for additional funding for the travel. Please include a request statement to the application.

b) Notification of Acceptance

The Academic Council of the PhD Schools network will select the participants and decide on the paper-givers by the end of October 2006. Applicants will be informed by e-mail of the outcome of the selection as soon as possible following this date. The candidates selected for participation will be asked to confirm their intention to participate within 10 days, after which those places would be offered to other applicants. Electronic submissions of the approved papers are expected before the November 30, 2006.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES and DATES

Application call: July 18, 2006

Deadline for receipt of applications: October 15, 2006

Notification of Acceptance to applicants: November 1st 2006

Receipt of approved papers by November 30, 2006

PhD Seminars: December 11-14, 2006

Queries and Applications to be sent electronically to:

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Universitaet Bremen	D
Université Libre de Bruxelles	B
Central European University	H
Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques	F
Copenhagen Business School	DK
University of Essex	GB
The Evian Group Association	CH
Exeter University	GB
Universita Degli Studi di Firenze	I
Göteborg University	S
Institut Français des Relations Internationales	F
Institute of Social Sciences	NL
Univerza v Ljubljani	SLO
London School of Economics	GB
Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster	D
Universitet I Oslo	N
UNU-CRIS	B
Uniwersytet Wroclawski	PL
University of Aarhus	DK
Universitaet Bielefeld	D
Budapesti Corvinus Egyetem	H
Center for the Study of Democracy	BG
Universitaet Dortmund	D
Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies	A
Vrije Universiteit Brussel	B
Université de Genève	CH
Forum on the Problems of Peace and War	I
University of Giessen	D
Kassel University	D
Instituto de Estudos Estratégicos e Internacionais	P
Centro di Ricerca di Economia Internazionale, Università di Roma	I
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University of Sheffield	GB
University of Southern Denmark, Center for European Studies	DK
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Università Degli Studi Di Trento	I
Trinity College Dublin	IRE

GARNET PhD Seminar 3

APPLICATION FORM

Last Name:

First Name:

Sex (M/F):

Postal address:

E-mail address:

Phone number:

Fax number:

Academic degree(s) held:

Enrolled at (name of institution):

Title of Ph.D thesis project:

Previous research on:

Preliminary title of paper to be presented at the PhD Seminar:

Please, explain how you think your research would benefit from attending the PhD Seminar:
