

About the Summer School



Since 2012, the Genshagen Trilateral Summer School brings together 24 students from German, French, and Polish universities at beautiful castle Genshagen close to Berlin to discuss a topic of European relevance.

Through lectures held by scholars with specific expertise, the Summer School provides in depth-knowledge on various sub-topics of the overall theme. In afternoon workshops, which build thematically on the respective morning lectures and are supervised and monitored by the lecturers, students have the opportunity to practically apply their knowledge and to gain further insights into the topic. The Summer School programme is completed by a cultural and a study trip to Berlin as well as informal meetings with practitioners from business, government or NGOs in our so-called 'fire-side lounge' format.

Topics discussed in the past Summer school editions have been EU energy policy, EU external relations, the EU's role in the Middle East conflict, EU security and defence policy, EU migration and refugee policy and the role of cities in the EU multi-level governance system.

About this year's topic

The 2018 edition of the Summer School will be devoted to the question to what extent the European member states and societies are drifting apart on political, economic, social, and geopolitical issues and how a reformed EU design to bridge these gaps could look like. Over the last ten years or so, multiple crises have left the EU deeply divided. This mainly holds true for the relationship between member states. But also within European societies, splits have become more and more visible.



The aim of the 2018 Genshagen Trilateral Summer School will be to critically discuss existing divisions in several policy fields and to develop ideas how the gaps between different approaches can be bridged. This includes also rethinking the current institutional design of the EU, a debate that has been launched by the EU Commission's "White Paper on the Future of Europe", published in March 2017. In line with the trilateral approach of our Summer School, a specific focus will be on the relationship between the three Weimar Triangle countries, France, Germany, and Poland.



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**Drifting Apart?
How to Deal with Rising
Divisions within the
European Union (EU)**

**Genshagen Castle,
22 - 31 August, 2018**



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How much does it cost and where will I stay?

The **tuition fee is 150 € per participant**. This covers all costs related to your stay in Genshagen: a shared double room at the castle and all meals are included. Unfortunately, we cannot cover your trip from your hometown to Genshagen and back. Please organise your travel by yourself!



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Who can apply?

We invite applications from students at Masters level as well as early-stage PhD students enrolled at a German, French or Polish university (all nationalities) and students with German, French or Polish nationality enrolled at universities in other countries. Prior experience with the topic of this year's summer school is welcome, but not obligatory. As the Summer School's working language is English, its excellent command is a prerequisite. Up to 8 students from each country will be able to participate in the Summer School.

How can I apply?

Please send us a cover letter detailing why you wish to participate in the 2018 Genshagen Summer School and your interest in the topic as well as your CV including your academic and extracurricular career. Everything should be in English, as that is the Summer School's working language. We only accept electronic applications sent via e-mail to: summerschool@stiftung-genshagen.de. **The deadline for applications is 27 May 2018** and successful candidates will be notified by early June 2018.

Summer School Programme Lineout

Day 1 | Wednesday, 22 August

Arrival of participants and Getting-to-know-each-other

Day 2 | Thursday, 23 August

Open Space: How to Make Europe Ready for the Future

Fireside lounge: Students meet practitioners

Day 3 | Friday, 24 August

Lecture & Afternoon Workshop:
Europe as Battlefield? European Identity and the Quest for a Shared Collective Memory

Day 4 | Saturday, 25 August

Lecture & Afternoon Workshop:
Socio-Economic Divisions: Between Austerity and Growth

Movie Night

Day 5 | Sunday, 26 August

Cultural trip to Berlin

Day 6 | Monday, 27 August

Lecture & Afternoon Workshop:
Political Divisions: Different Concepts of Democracy in Conflict

Fireside lounge: Students meet practitioners

Day 7 | Tuesday, 28 August

Lecture & Afternoon Workshop:
Geopolitical Divisions: Transatlanticism vs. European Strategic Autonomy

Fireside lounge: Students meet practitioners

Day 8 | Wednesday, 29 August

Study trip to Berlin

Day 9 | Thursday, 30 August

Lecture & Afternoon Workshop:
What Future Design for the EU to Bring Europe Together Again?

Farewell Get-Together

Day 10 | Friday, 31 August

Wrap-up, feedback and farewell