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at Castle Genshagen close to Berlin
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Defending Europe: German, French and Polish Approaches to European Defense



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On August 19-28, 2015 the fourth Genshagen Trilateral Summer School will take place as a joint project of Stiftung Genshagen, the European University Viadrina, the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (IEP) de Strasbourg and the Jagiellonian University in Cracow. Students from Germany, France and Poland respectively will gather at castle Genshagen close to Berlin for ten days in order to discuss, from their various perspectives, a topic of European relevance. The Genshagen Summer School's fourth edition will be devoted to the topic **"Defending Europe: German, French and Polish approaches to European Defense."**

The Ukraine crisis as well as a number of other crises, especially in Europe's Southern neighbourhood, recently illustrated that Europe is facing serious threats to its security from its margins. This has spurred an intense debate about how Europe should react to these threats. Within this debate, several crucial questions have been raised: Which is the most suitable framework European countries should refer to in order to deal with these threats? Is it the European Union (EU) or the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)? Which are the instruments European governments should use to tackle the challenges on Europe's borders? Can military operations be effective tools to achieve stability in Europe's neighbourhood or are civilian instruments better suited for this purpose? The debates in the countries of the Weimar Triangle

have shown that views regarding these questions differ greatly. The 2015 Trilateral Genshagen Summer School intends to take these differences as a starting point to discuss the issues at stake through German, French and Polish prisms.

The goal of the Summer school will be to provide in depth-knowledge on the topic of European defense policy. We will look at the EU and NATO, but also single European countries – and notably the Weimar Triangle – as actors in this context. In addition, the pros and cons of the different instruments these actors have at hand will be discussed.

A balanced approach to all sides will be guaranteed by the careful selection of lecturers and clear instructions to students.



FAQ:

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. Prior experience with related topics is welcome. We also value previous international experiences, especially in a Weimar triangle context. As the Summer School's working language is English, its excellent command is a prerequisite.

When do I have to apply?

The deadline for applications is **28 June, 2015** and successful candidates will be notified by **10 July, 2015**.

How do I apply?

Please send us a cover letter detailing why you wish to participate in the Genshagen Summer School and what you intend to contribute and 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 to:

summerschool@stiftung-genshagen.de

How many places are there?

Up to 8 students from each country will be able to participate in the Summer School, meaning that the total number of students will be 24.

Who will the teachers be?

Teachers and lecturers will be experts and researchers from Poland, Germany and France, and potentially third countries in specific cases.

How much does it cost and where will I stay?

The tuition fee is 100 €. This covers all costs related to your stay in Genshagen: you share a double room at the castle and all meals are included with the exception of lunches and dinners during the weekend. Unfortunately, we cannot cover your trip from your hometown to Genshagen and back.

Where can I find more information?

For more information on the organisers and the castle, please visit the following web pages:

www.stiftung-genshagen.de

<https://www.facebook.com/GenshagenSummerSchool>

Should you have any **more questions**, feel free to get in touch with Dr. Tobias Koepf, the project leader:

Koepf@stiftung-genshagen.de

The programme

The programme for the Summer School is both at a high scholarly level and diverse: besides **lectures** given by university teachers, a special focus lies on **discussion** and **exchange** among participants.

It is completed by **cultural events** and **informal meetings** with practitioners from business, government or NGOs.



Draft academic programme

August 19	Arrival, Welcome and Introduction
August 20	The European Security architecture: an introduction
August 21	The European take on defense matters: CSDP
August 22	NATO, the transatlantic link and NATO-CSDP relations
August 23	Cultural programme
August 24	Military operations: what have we learned?
August 25	The Comprehensive approach: the civilian dimension
August 26	Study trip
August 27	Capabilities for action?
August 28	Wrap-Up, Feedback and Farewell

