

Key Challenges in Rural Development

Bringing economics, management and social sciences into practice

Summer School – Detailed information

This Summer School is an international cooperation within the scope of the Euroleague for Life Sciences (ELLS) and is organised by faculties and departments that focus on economics, management and social sciences from BOKU Vienna, CULS Prague, SGGW Warsaw and Wageningen University in cooperation with the University of Hohenheim, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and the University of Copenhagen and is also open for students from other universities. It addresses rural development issues in interdisciplinary views and aims to bring students and teachers from various countries and fields of work together in order to discuss subjects, to exchange knowledge, to improve the quality of students' work and to improve the skills of students in a practical project. The summer school offers the possibility for students to present drafts of their works (Master or PhD theses) and to develop them. During the course issues of rural development will get presented and argued in order to expand the knowledge of the participating students and to talk about actual topics and problems of rural development. Additionally, an excursion will be organized so as to actually view and discuss some issues of rural development.

Participants

This Summer School targets Master and PhD students, who deal with rural development and are interested to exchange knowledge in an international scope.

The number of participants is limited to maximal 20 students.

Schedule

April 30, 2016: Deadline for subscription for the Summer School

May 15, 2016: Applicants will get informed about the acceptance of their application

May 31, 2016:

- Submission of the students' papers for the Summer School
- Latest transfer of the participation fee (with *early payment discount*)

June 20, 2016:

- Latest transfer of the participation fees (with *regular payment*)
- Handing in elaborated comments to other students' papers

July 3 – 9, 2016: Intensive Summer School in Vienna, Austria

ECTS credits

For successful participation **4 ECTS** will be rewarded. In return students are obliged to do preliminary work of about 50 hours during May and June and to participate in the Summer School. Following the Summer School students are expected to finish their papers which will get published online in the Summer School proceedings if several quality standards are met (at the discretion of the editors).

Application

Fill up the digital application form and send it by email or mail to **Christina Roder** (christina.roder@boku.ac.at).

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The **deadline** for subscription is **April, 30 2016**.

The applicants will get informed not later than **May 15, 2016** whether their application is accepted.

The electronic application form is available at the website: <http://www.euroleague-study.org>
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Information

The underlying idea of the Summer School is to give students the opportunity to present drafts of their Master and PhD theses, which is related to “Rural development” and to get some critical feedback and ideas from other students as well as from teachers. Additionally, the students will work out a case study to practically apply and improve their knowledge about rural development.

Activities prior to Summer School

Every student has to prepare a paper that is linked to his or her thesis topic with a minimum length 4 pages (using the file “ELLS Paper template”). This paper has to be sent by email to christina.roder@boku.ac.at before **May 31, 2016**. Topics of the papers can be from very broad areas and different study programmes that are provided at ELLS universities but they should focus on economics and/or management in rural development. In doing so the range of topics goes from agricultural production and food marketing to tourism and rural development projects (and many more) and they should address rural economic and social problems.

Possible structure of the paper:

- Title, working title or topic of the thesis
- Short summary of the paper
- Introduction and problem statement
- Goals of the paper or thesis and methods, how to achieve them
- Literature review/theoretical background
- Already existing results
- Outlook/future development

After submitting the papers, students will receive 2 or 3 papers (depending on the number of participants) of other students in order to give comments on them. Teachers will also comment on students’ texts during the Summer School, in order to stimulate a discussion. At the beginning of this process students can express wishes, which papers they would like to remark. Every participating student will get at least 2 comments back on his or her work. Therefore, we will maybe ask students to annotate some other than the chosen papers, if there are too many comments for one and not enough for another paper. Comments also have to be submitted in written form to the organisers (christina.roder@boku.ac.at).

Summer School in Vienna, Austria

The Summer School lasts for 5 days. During the Summer School every student will present his or her paper in class, where it will be discussed. The aim is to get feedback of one's work, which will be done especially by students, who will comment on papers before Summer School starts and professors. In between teachers from the different Universities will give lectures about their current research topic and specialisation. There they will address up to date rural development problems and convey the latest status of research. Additionally, one excursion will be organised for the participants and – by using practical examples - students will carry out a case study of a rural development project and present it in class.

Activities after the Summer School

After the Summer School students are expected to include the feedback and comments from the classes in their paper and to adapt and to finish it. Papers will get collected and published online in the Summer School Proceedings if certain quality criteria are met which are determined by the teachers.

Costs

- **420 EUR** regularly (**payment before June 20**)
- **390 EUR** with an **early payment discount (payment before May 31)** for the whole programme

A **cancellation fee of 270 EUR** has to be paid if a student cancels his or her participation **after June 21, 2016**.

Costs include:

- accommodation in double rooms at the BOKUHEIM (student residence) (available from July 3 - 9, 2016)
- meals
- excursion
- welcome reception
- online Summer School proceedings

Travelling costs to and from Vienna, Austria are not covered. Students should ask at their home universities for possible financial assistance or grants. This assistance may be provided by the particular office for international affairs or the university itself.

Coordination

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Downloads

- Detailed information
- Folder
- Application form
- Information for participants
- Arrival and location
- Paper template
- Poster