

## 27<sup>th</sup> European Summer Academy

Challenges for the European Union in the World

**2-10 September 2016 in Bonn and Brussels**

The Summer Academy was founded in 1990. For more than 25 years we unite young people of all backgrounds and from entire Europe for a 10 days venue each summer in Bonn. Exchange, learning and dialogue on integration issues are the main focuses of the encounter. In times when Europe seems to drift apart politically, we seek to deepen the understanding of each others' thoughts and needs without losing our own different perceptions. This is an essential key for resolving today's problems, not only in Europe. For this reason the Summer Academy has never lost its importance. This is shown by the patrons of the Academy, leading Europeans as **Jean-Claude Juncker, Javier Solana** and **Martin Schulz** just to name a few.

### Programme and Methodology

Up-to-date information on current European & international topics are provided by **specialists** from science, governments as well as European institutions. In order to refresh or deepen your knowledge of integration issues, its policy areas and its institutions we start with a brief review of European basics. (Panel) discussions encourage the participants to delve into the topics more deeply. An excursion to Brussels and possibly other European headquarters with **information visits** to these institutions offers first-hand information from European and international civil servants. You are given a unique possibility to look behind the scenes of these structures.

### Participants and Requirements

The Summer Academy is designed for motivated young Europeans from academia, governments, business and politics as well as interested students with an expertise in European Studies / EU studies from all fields and from all countries. Participants should be familiar with the European integration process and bring an interest in active participation and dialogue. A good command of English is required, German language skills are welcome; tuition language is English.

### The GSI European Academy Bonn

For 65 years our work follows the ideas of Gustav Stresemann and Aristide Briand, both awarded with the Noble Peace Prize in 1926, to improve pan-European understanding and to promote international cooperation. The GSI European Academy Bonn is an independent, non-profit institution for citizens' training and international exchange. It is not affiliated to any political party or other background. GSI is universe and not linked to any religion.

## First Draft Programme

### Friday, 2 September 2016

up to 11h00 Arrival and organizational matters

**Ceremony for the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gustav-Stresemann-Institut Bonn**

Welcome speech and allocution

Snack lunch and informal get-together

**Opening of the European Summer Academy 2016**

Introduction of the team and brief presentation of the contents and methodical work of the seminar

**The Philosophy of the Treaties**

The pillars of European integration

### Saturday, 3 September 2016

**The Economic and Monetary Union (EMU)**

with Exit-Scenarios, Globalization / Tariffs

**The European Union as a Supranational Organization**

Basics of European Union law with focusses on Schengen-/Dublin Agreements and the Refugees Quotas

**Europe's role in the Economic World (TTIP & Tariffs)**

followed by an

**Intercultural Evening**

What are our similarities and which (cultural) differences are important to us? – A presentation from the participants

### Sunday, 4 September 2016

**Internal and external security**

Common Foreign Policy / Common Security Policy

Transnational Terrorism/ The new Right-wing movements

**Social Challenges for the European Union**

(Youth) unemployment, Integration of Refugees,

International labor migration

*Bönnsche Tön* – optional evening in Bonn

### Monday, 5 September 2016

**All-day Simulation:**

Refugees from the Balkans & the Mediterranean

(Working Title)

Including an interactive presentation of the simulation results in

plenary and interdisciplinary discussion

### Tuesday, 6 September 2016

**Europe as an international Actor?**

Russia ⇔ Ukraina ⇔ EU ⇔ USA / Middle East Issues

After the lunch departure for **Brussels** and possibly Frankfurt Main / European Central Bank (ECB)  
Evening free

### Wednesday, 7 September 2016

Information visit to an EU Institution. Talks on current topics

**European Commission: Advocacy at the EU**

Visit to a permanent representation to the EU

**Representation of interest / lobbyism in Brussels**

### Thursday, 8 September 2016

Information visit to an EU Institution. Talks on current topics

**Council of the European Union**

**OLAF – European Anti-Fraud Office**

Evening: Return to Bonn

### Friday, 9 September 2016

**Consolidation or Enlargement?** (Brexit/Grexit etc.)

Country Studies: Britain, the Balkans, Greece & Turkey

**Evaluation of the Summer Academy**

Evaluation in small groups

followed by an evaluation in plenary

**Farewell Evening with buffet**

With participants, Team and Guests

### Saturday, 10 September 2016

**Current challenges for the European Union**

**Tolerance & Pluralism** / Panel discussion with representatives from research and practice fields

End of the event, Departure after lunch

Information accurate as of: 23/03/2016cs  
Changes are possible.

The European Summer Academy is an event of GSI Bonn ([www.gsi-bonn.de](http://www.gsi-bonn.de)) in cooperation with *Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst*, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

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**Place of venue and accommodation in Bonn**

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