Public Policy and Administration in Germany, the European Union and the United States

Summer Studies
On the Rhine

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Speyer University, The O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs and USC Price School offer a joint summer program on comparative public policy and administration in Germany, the European Union, and the United States. Five seminars will provide an overview of major topics of public management, European economic integration, multilevel policy-making in the EU, German Federalism in the EU, and Jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice.

The program will present students from Germany, the United States and other countries with a unique opportunity to study issues of public policy and administration in an interdisciplinary and international environment.

Further highlights of the program will be excursions to political institutions in Luxembourg and Brussels, Belgium, the European Central Bank in Frankfurt, the picturesque city of Heidelberg and the European Parliament and the ECHR in Strasbourg (France).

Graduate students and select undergraduates will participate in the program as part of their regular program in public administration. The O’Neill students are able to receive up to 6 credit points. USC students (graduates and undergraduates) who complete the course earn 6 units.

Credit options for other international students depend on specific agreements with their home institutions. Speyer University students are welcome to participate in one seminar or in the overall program. Please consult the program website for further information: http://www.uni-speyer.de/de/studium/otr.php

COURSES

A comparative perspective on public administration in the EU, Germany and the US

Michael W. Bauer, William G. Resh & Denvil Duncan

- Origins and phases of theorizing about public administration
- Parliaments and (their) bureaucracies
- Case Study: The Internal Revenue Service
- Political approaches to public personnel administration
- The structure and accountability of regulatory agencies
- Administrative reforms
- Politics of budgeting in US, EU, and Germany
- Politicized Bureaucracy

European economic integration

Andreas Knorr

- Introduction to European economic integration
- Selected EU policies I: competition policy and state aid control
- Selected EU policies II: the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and the EU’s tax harmonization approach
- European Economic Disintegration I: the “Euro crisis”
- European Economic Disintegration II: BREXIT and the EU’s immigration crisis

EU institutions and multilevel policy-making

Rahel Schomaker

- Institutional Development and Theoretical Interpretations of the EU Integration Process
- The Main Actors And Their Role in EU Policy-Making
- The Main Decision making Procedures
- The Future of the EU—Crises and Challenges

Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in the Jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice

Constanze Janda

- Introduction to European constitutional law
- The Right to Equality and Non-Discrimination
- The Right to Asylum
- Migration and ‘The Right to Social Security
- The Right of Collective Bargaining and Action

German federalism in the EU

Michael W. Bauer

- Introduction to the Political System of the Federal Republic of Germany
- The German Länder in the EU Multilevel System—The Case of the Länder Representations in Brussels
- Party System and Party Politics (Federal elections 2017)
- Populism as a Challenge for the German Parliaments
- German Federalism under Stress: Territorial Reform and the Alternative for Germany/Wrap up: Germany and the US in the Age of Trump
- Extra session: Summing up and seminar evaluation

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The Sol Price School of Government at the University of Southern California, USA, focuses on interdisciplinary research and teaching in innovative solutions to problems of public management. It ranked sixth among “America’s Best Graduate Schools” for public affairs in the U.S. News & World Report in 2012. www.priceschool.usc.edu