

Call for Applications

Winter School on Contested Territories and Legal Remedies in Public International Law Online + Cyprus (Paphos, Nicosia, Famagusta)

October – November 2025

4 ECTS

Language of instruction: English

SWPS University (Poland) invites Law students to apply for the prestigious *Winter School on Contested Territories and Legal Remedies in Public International Law*, organized within the framework of the ERUA – European Reform University Alliance. **Participation will be financed according to ERUA rules by Viadrina University.**

Why participate?

This Winter School offers a unique academic and practical experience, combining online lectures with field activities in Cyprus. It is an extraordinary opportunity to:

- deepen your understanding of legal, political, and human rights issues in territorial conflicts;
- work in international teams with students from partner universities;
- gain direct experience through negotiation and moot court simulations;
- visit key sites of the Cyprus division, such as the UN buffer zone in Nicosia and the closed district of Varosha in Famagusta;
- develop advanced skills in public international law, applied to real-world cases.

Program structure

1. Online module (October 2025 – 8 academic hours)

Four interactive lectures introducing fundamental concepts:

- Contested territories and the principles of sovereignty, self-determination, and territorial integrity.
- Occupation and state responsibility under international law.
- ECtHR jurisprudence in territorial conflicts.
- Mechanisms of dispute resolution and international legal remedies.

2. On-site module in Cyprus (1–7 November 2025 – 22 academic hours)

- Paphos: historical introduction and legal mapping of the Cyprus conflict.
- Nicosia: visit to the divided capital and the UN buffer zone.
- Famagusta (Varosha): workshop on property restitution and protection of cultural heritage.
- Paphos: multilateral negotiation simulation.
- Paphos: moot court based on a fictional case before the ECtHR or ICJ.

Assessment and credits

Students will be assessed through:

- group portfolio,
- performance in simulations,
- active participation,
- final individual report.

Successful completion awards **4 ECTS credits**.

Admission requirements

- Good knowledge of public international law.
- Minimum B2 level of English.

How to apply

Places are limited. Applications must be sent before September 30, 2025 to the following address:

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- **Academic coordinator:** Dr. Tomasz Lewandowski, SWPS University – tlewandowski@swps.edu.pl (academic and content-related questions)
- **Funding and mobility:** International Relations Office, Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)
- **Viadrina participation :** Ines Friech Laraki, Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), friech@europa-uni.de

Join this unique experience combining theory, practice, and field immersion in one of the most significant contemporary cases in international law!