

European University Viadrina Summer School

The European System of Human Rights Protection: Council of Europe – EU – OSCE

6 – 17 July 2026 Frankfurt (Oder) Germany



Experienced and highly qualified academics from universities across Europe teach the programme. It is coordinated by the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), allowing participants to study in an **international environment** under an **expert faculty**.



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WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE?

International participants receive the opportunity to expand their knowledge of human rights law and policy within the transnational European context.

This Summer School offers a comprehensive overview of the European system of human rights protection. Unlike other summer schools and special study programmes, this school concentrates on an integrated analysis of the various European systems and specifically European human rights protection issues, i.e., with important matters relevant to over forty European countries with diverse political, economical and social systems.

The programme includes human rights protection under these regimes:

- Council of Europe (the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Social Charter),
- the European Union (the Fundamental Rights Charter),
- the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Accords),
- and general international law.

Participants explore these regimes and their specific rights catalogues in the context of philosophical, historical, political, economical and sociological aspects.

It also emphasises practical institutional matters, including complaint procedures and developments in the area of 'New Rights'.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

This school targets young academics and researchers, graduates or advanced students.

Participants should:

- have a good working knowledge of English,
- be at an advanced stage of their studies,
- have a basic understanding of public international law.

HOW TO APPLY?

All non-Viadrina-students should fill in the online application and upload the necessary documents as explained on our website.

Viadrina and affiliated students (Erasmus) should fill in the application form from our website and send it to: jursok@europa-uni.de.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- **Viadrina students** until **9 June 2026**
- Other students (**not needing a visa**) until **30 April 2026**
- Other students (**needing a visa**) until **15 April 2026**

CERTIFICATE

At the conclusion, this summer school will issue a certificate of participation with **10 ECTS**.



INTERNATIONAL FACULTY

- **Judge Dr. Anna Adamska-Gallant**, ECtHR
- **Prof. Dr.iur. Dr.phil. Markus P. Beham**, European University Viadrina
- **Prof. JUDr. PhDr. Veronika Bilková**, Charles University Prague
- **Prof. Dr. Aristoteles Constantinides**, University of Cyprus
- **Dr. Agata Fijalkowski**, Leeds Beckett University Law School
- **Prof. Dr. Aleksander Gadkowski**, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań
- **Prof. Dr. Claudia Hofmann**, European University Viadrina
- **Prof. Dr. Dimitrios Kagiarios**, Durham University
- **Prof. Dr. Jernej Letnar Čerňič**, New University Ljubljana
- **Prof. Dr. Natalia Mushak**, National Aviation University in Kyiv
- **Prof. Dr. Vassilis Pergantis**, Aristotle University Thessaloniki
- **Prof. Dr. Gerard Rowe**, European University Viadrina
- **Prof. Dr. Natalia Szablewska**, The Open University
- **Dr.habil. Anikó Szalai**, University of Szeged
- **Prof. Dr. Carmen Thiele**, European University Viadrina
- **Prof. Dr. Erika de Wet**, University of Graz

SYLLABUS

International Organisations – EU – Council of Europe
– OSCE – ILO – Individual Complaint Procedures – Human Rights and Immunities – Prohibition of Discrimination – Self-determination and Minorities – Right to Life – Prohibition of Torture – Right to Private and Family Life – Freedom of Expression – Freedom of Assembly and Association – Prohibition of Racism, Hate Speech and Hate Crime – Freedom of Religion – Human Rights in Armed Conflict, including in Ukraine

CHRISTIAN FIAMMENGIO HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT

The Christian Fiammengio Human Rights Moot Court at the end of the Summer School is the perfect chance for participants to practice their newly acquired skills and showcase their knowledge.

TEACHING METHODS AND MATERIALS

The Summer School conducts all lectures and discussions in English. Lectures accommodate a maximum of 60 participants, while discussions are limited to groups of 30.

The programme expects participants to actively engage, including reading the assigned materials in advance for each session.

FEES

For **Viadrina students** as well as current exchange students, the participation fee amounts to 130 €.

For **non-Viadrina students**, the participation fee amounts to 590 €, already including accommodation and meals.

VISAS

Lectures take place in Frankfurt (Oder), Germany, while accommodation is in Stubice, Poland (across the Oder River from Frankfurt). Depending on their nationality, participants therefore may, need to hold a multiple entry visa for both Germany and Poland.

ACCOMMODATION

The Summer School provides accommodation in modern students' apartments, containing either single or twin bedrooms, with own kitchen and bathroom.



THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY VIADRINA – HISTORY AND LOCATION

Refounded in 1991, the Viadrina European began its first academic year in 1992. It continues the fine tradition of the first State University of Brandenburg (Alma Mater Viadrina, 1506–1811). Today, the university is particularly committed to meeting the challenges of a newly open and expanded Europe. Due to its unique geography and history, the Viadrina plays a special role as a bridge between Eastern and Western Europe, in cooperation with Polish and other affiliated European universities. The Faculties of the Viadrina transcend the boundaries of their own disciplines, to collaborate in meeting challenges involved in building a common European house.

Small class sizes allow students to enjoy excellent supervision and personal contact with the professors, providing optimal study conditions. Students at the Viadrina enjoy a peaceful and productive atmosphere when preparing for their exams.

Frankfurt (Oder) lies directly on the border with Poland, 90 kilometres east of Berlin (a 45 minute journey by public transport). The city, which has a population of 57,000 has changed considerably in recent years and has become an increasingly popular destination for young people seeking a tranquil yet international place to study.