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Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter,

the June edition of our newsletter is here! As always, the newsletter provides information on a variety of opportunities to connect with like-minded people from different European countries.

This time we would like to highlight the university course of the **Interdisciplinary Balkan Studies**, offered by the Danube University Krems in cooperation with the IDM. This is an integral program to acquire sufficient overall knowledge about the Balkans. During this **two year program** it is possible to learn deeply about the **Balkan states** as well as their relation with the **European Union** and other **neighbouring countries**. Encompassed in the program is also the study of the economic development of the region, including the role of foreign investment and investor protection. Do not miss the opportunity to know more about it!

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### 1. Interdisciplinary Balkan Studies - university course

The Danube University Krems in Cooperation with the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) offers two-year university course "Interdisciplinary Balkan Studies".



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The "**Interdisciplinary Balkan Studies**" course offers a well-founded, practical and up-to-date interdisciplinary education with the aim of gaining a comprehensive understanding and knowledge of the Balkans. **The focus is in the history and culture** of the Balkan region, the social structure, social change or the media and education in Southeastern Europe.

Another key area is the **political systems** of the Balkan states as well as the European Union and its relationship with the countries of Southeastern Europe. Special attention is also paid to the **development of the economy** and companies in the Balkans, including the role of foreign investment and investor protection. In addition, modules on the legal systems as well as the state and development of democracy, the rule of law and human rights in the Balkans belong to the priorities of the course.



**Target group:** Graduates of universities and polytechnics of any field of study, in particular from the fields of political, humanities, law, social and economic

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sciences as well as persons in professional life, who are primarily active in the media, interest groups, international organizations, in business, in political

consulting, as interpreters or in the field of culture.

**Language:** German (some lessons can be held in English)

**You can find more information and application conditions (in German) on the [website of the course](#).**

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## 2. 16th DRC Summer School 2019

Congratulations to all our applicants who have been selected to participate in this 16th edition of the DRC Summer School!

The 16th DRC Summer School on Regional Cooperation will be held from **June 30 to July 7, 2019** at the [University of Zagreb](#), Croatia.

You can find more information and the programme on the [DRC Summer School website](#).

We are looking forward to meeting you in Zagreb!



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## 16<sup>TH</sup> DANUBE RECTORS' CONFERENCE (DRC) SUMMER SCHOOL ON REGIONAL COOPERATION

„FALLING WALLS - MOVING BORDERS - COMMON HOUSE EUROPE?“

AN INTENSIVE ONE WEEK PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS

30 JUNE - 7 JULY 2019

Each year, the DRC Summer School is hosted by a different university and therefore offers a variety of settings. We are looking for young BA, MA and Phd level scientists from Social, Human and Political Sciences, who are interested in the region, have scientific records or intend to have deeper knowledge about the Danube Region.

**After the end of the Summer School your contribution will be officially published as an article in the scientific journal "Der Donauraum".**



Application deadline:  
May 31, 2019



Registration fee:  
200 EUR



Language of instruction:  
English

*Room and full board as well as a city tour in Zagreb and an excursion will be covered by the organisers. Some travel grants are available.*

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EXPERIENCE AN UNFORGETTABLE WEEK IN THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF ZAGREB, THE CAPITAL OF CROATIA,  
AND MAKE LASTING COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIPS.

### Workshop topics

1. Collective security or a new cold war?
2. The common European currency – constant crisis management?



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## Join our DRC Summer School and receive up-to-date knowledge about the political, economic and social challenges of the Danube Region!

Do you have research results about the Danube region that you would like to share? Do you want to discuss the most up-to-date issues of the Danube region and Central and Eastern Europe with leading experts in the field? Do you want to broaden your horizon and knowledge? Do you want to meet new people from all around Europe and develop yourself academically? Then the DRC Summer School is just right for you!

**Enjoy the gorgeous city of Zagreb, social programs and have a memorable international experience while networking with like-minded people.**

### APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Read the call for application
2. Fill out the Application Form online (See link or QR-code below)
3. Send your CV and an abstract of max. 1 pages of the paper that shall be presented
4. Wait for the decision of the board
5. In case of a positive response: transfer the registration fee to the account

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### 3. DRC Annual Meeting 2019



We kindly invite you to our next **Annual Meeting** to be held at the **University Politehnica of Bucharest, Romania** on **6th - 8th of November 2019:**

**"Consolidating the Role of Universities in Innovation Ecosystems: Challenges and Future Developments"**

A detailed programme including the registration form as well as further information will be published on the DRC website in the upcoming months closer to the date of our Annual Meeting. We will also send out the draft agenda for the Presidency Meeting, the Permanent Committee Meeting as well as the General Assembly in September.

We look forward to seeing you in Bucharest!

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### 4. The Danubius Young Scientist Award Winners visit to JRC Ispra

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A group of 9 **Danubius Young Scientist Award Winners** (Péter Borza, Daniel Martínek, Halyna Palamarchuk, Janka Vogel, Jelena Molnar Jazić, Jelena Vlastic, Kaja Prislán, Kristijan Kotarski, Raimund Haindorfer and Tzvetelin Gueorguiev) visited the JRC Ispra site on 8-10 April 2019.

Their areas of expertise ranged from biology to modern history, migration, water treatment, pharmaceutical engineering till cybercrime and communication.

On the first day, they had a tour of the Visitors' Centre, followed by presentations of JRC initiatives, on the second day they shadowed a JRC scientist and on their last day, they had the opportunity to visit some of the laboratories.

**The DRC would also like to thank the JRC for organizing this opportunity and for the ongoing cooperation!**

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## 5. Call for Applications: the Straniak Academy for Democracy and Human Rights 2019



The Call for Applications for this year's Straniak Academy for Democracy and Human Rights in **Ulcinj, Montenegro** is open!

The Academy was established in 2013 by the **Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights** – Research Association based in Vienna. Currently, cooperation partners of the Academy are the Bundeswehr University Munich and the Faculties of Law of the Universities of Vienna and Ljubljana.

The goal of the Academy is to **promote academic education on democracy, the rule of law and human rights in the Western Balkans**, which is the regional focus of the Academy. The Academy establishes a link connecting theory and practice, promoted through an interdisciplinary and interactive format. To keep up with political, legal and social changes and to ensure the Academy's continuous relevance for future professionals, one part of the Programme sets its focus on

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current topics of European and international importance.

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Lecturers of the Straniak Academy are experienced professors, regional and international experts and practitioners with various academic backgrounds. The Straniak Academy is open to advanced students and new graduates with different academic backgrounds who are especially interested in democracy, the rule of law and human rights. The target group are in particular students and recent graduates from the Western Balkan region (**Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia**), **Slovenia and Austria**. Students coming from other countries (in particular the Black Sea and the Caucasus region) and other EU States are also welcome to apply, however preference will be given to applicants from the above-mentioned focus region.

**Application deadline is 10th July 2019!**

You can find more information on the Straniak Academy, the preliminary programme, the application form and the poster [here](#).

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## 6. proESOF Call for Proposals



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This call for proposals, launched by the TESI Local Programme Committee, aims to collect ideas and to support the development of initiatives which will enhance

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dissemination, education, networking and training from now until ESOF 2020.

In particular the call collects and evaluates three distinct groups of initiatives:

- **proESOF events 2018-2020** preferentially in the North-East of Italy and Central and Eastern European areas;
- **Science in the City Festival**, Trieste ESOF 2020 (three weeks from June 27 to July 18, 2020)
- **Draft proposals for the official call of ESOF 2020 Trieste** (Call in January 2019).

The proposals may be related to the following areas:

**Science to Science:** focused on current and future path-breaking science, it provides for keynote speeches and events, plenary sessions, workshops, roundtables and debates. It encompasses social sciences and humanities as well as physical and life sciences, engineering and medicine.

**Science to Business:** a unique platform in Europe to exchange ideas and good practices on research-driven business models, public private partnerships, the economic developments resulting from technological innovation, future careers and future “new jobs” opportunities.

**Science to Policy:** stakeholders, governments, scientists, industry and the public in the Triveneto region and in the South East European countries, will be asked to cooperate in a joint effort to ensure reliable, evidence-based policy-making for the benefit of the society as a whole. Possible discussion subjects include the ethical use of scientific knowledge in addressing the grand challenges of humankind, integrity of science, science diplomacy to build peace and cohesion.

**Science to Citizens:** it aims to create a scientific citizenship for all and to promote the idea of science as fundamental to problem-solving. All activities and events organized in this frame will inspire passion and a collaborative attitude in people,

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from the very young to the elderly, in order to build a sense of identity and ownership within the field of science.

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**Science to Communicators:** aimed at building a solid network of science communicators active in different fields (from journalism to events organizing, from publishing to communication corporate) across Europe, with a special focus on the Triveneto region and the South East European countries.

You can find more information on the website: [www.proesof2020.eu/CallProEsof](http://www.proesof2020.eu/CallProEsof)

**The call will stay open from February 2018 to March 2020.**

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## 7. EDU-LAB Newsletter



EDU-LAB is a project funded by the European Union aiming to improve the professional chances of young people in the Danube region.

The DRC is a associated partner of the project.

You can find information on the latest developments in their [newsletter](#).

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CASEE was founded in 2010 upon the initiative of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, and involves Life Science Universities in Albania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Serbia, Ukraine and Austria. in Albania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Serbia, Ukraine and Austria. It aims to support the development of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region to strenghten research, education and University Development in this region and to develop joint research, educational and other projects. To open the latest newsletter, click [here](#).

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### 9. DRC Facebook Page



We are recently trying to improve the circulation of information within our network. As you are a member of the DRC, we kindly ask you to also connect with us via Facebook and please follow or DRC page in this [link](#).

Thank you very much and best regards from Vienna.



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## 10. EUA Affiliate Status and EUA Newsletter

We are continuously strengthening and expanding our network. Since November 2015, the DRC is affiliate member of the [European University Association](#).

If you are interested in their news and activities, please follow the [link](#).



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