

VENUE

The course will be held at Vama Veche, an exceptional youth holiday village, which is situated at about 50 km south of Constantza, the main Romanian port on the Black Sea coast, close to the Bulgarian border.

Access ways:

- ♦ by air: Mihail Kogălniceanu airport of Constantza; transfer by bus/taxi (80 km)
- ♦ by car: E60, E70, E81, E87
- ♦ by train: railway station at Constantza or Mangalia; transfer by bus

The cost of 335 EUR includes participation fee, accommodation in double rooms with own bathroom, breakfast and dinner

The working language is English.

Application deadline: 15 June 2013

The environment

The weather at this time of the year is particularly nice and warm at the seaside. The sun is shining brightly on the wide beach of Vama Veche, and the water temperature is well above 20°C, inviting to swimming parties. Besides, the Black Sea shore landscape is delightful, with large orchards and vineyards. Mangalia, the nearest town, whose ancient name is Callatis, boasts vestiges from the age of the Hellenic colonization in the 6th century BC through the times of the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman rules.

For more information on the programme, you may like to contact:

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INTRODUCTION

The Luxembourg Institute for European and International Studies (LIEIS) is a forum of academic and intellectual discussions and research. The LIEIS is working on questions relating to the evolution of the international system and the European integration process as well as on political, social and economic issues of global relevance. Its key project has been „The vitality of nations”, a multidisciplinary enquiry into the causes of the rise and decline of countries and empires. The most recent long-term project revolves around the search for a more decent society.

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The topics researched by LIEIS have been explored for the last 19 years under the form of summer schools organized by the *Institute* in cooperation with the *Black Sea University Foundation*, and, later on, with the *European Cultural Centre* in Romania.

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The aim of the seminar is to examine whether the dominating political paradigm in large parts of the world since World War II will remain attractive or even gain importance. Is it bound to decline and perhaps fade away with the rise of regions and countries that may choose a different path of political and economic development? What will a surge of religious fundamentalism, nationalism, new cultural confrontations, and the contest for ever scarcer natural resources mean for the prospects of liberal society?



Summer School on

Liberal democracy in the Asian century

Vama Veche, 22 – 27 July 2013

Organized by the

***Luxembourg Institute for
European and International Studies***

Black Sea University Foundation

European Cultural Centre, Bucharest

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Students, young researchers and professionals from any part of the world

- Young representatives of higher education, of specialized institutions, of political parties, of NGO's, of the mass media

MAIN SPEAKERS

Prof. em. G. Michael AMBROSI

Jean Monnet Professor ad personam
University of Trier, Germany

Prof. Daniel BARBU

(26-27 July)
Faculty of Political Sciences, Bucharest University
Minister of Culture of Romania

Dr. Armand CLESSE

Director, Luxembourg Institute for European and
International Studies

Prof. Christopher COKER

Professor of International Relations
London School of Economics and Political Science

Prof. Mircea MALITZA

Member of the Romanian Academy
Founding Member, Black Sea University Foundation
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MAIN TOPICS

1. Is democracy a Western idea? From Aristotle's Politics to Kant's Perpetual Peace
2. Democracy and liberal internationalism/democratisation: from Woodrow Wilson to G.W. Bush
3. Democracy and the "end of history": democracy and Eastern Europe post-1989
4. Why was Russia "lost" (and "who lost it")?
5. Democracy in crisis post-2008: the rise of nationalism. Fascism and political extremism
6. The Arab Spring: is Islam compatible with democracy?
7. The Asian century (1): Illiberal democracies
8. The Asian century (2): China and the authoritarian/"meritocratic" model
9. Can Asia re-invent democracy: India and China?

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APPLICATION FORM

If you wish to join in the programme, please fill in the application form:

First name:

Last name:

Institution:

Position:

Payment of course fee amounting to 335 Euro can be made:

- in cash, at arrival
- by bank transfer
- I wish to apply for a scholarship *)
(only for students)

**) The LIEIS offers a grant covering the fee of 335 Euro to the students whose application is accepted.*

All candidates are kindly requested to send the filled in Application Form together with:

- **Curriculum vitae**
- **Letter of intention**
- **Two-page essay on one of the topics addressed by the seminar**

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