

DAAD - "Hochschuldialog mit Südeuropa 2014-2015"
University of Bamberg – University of Trieste – University of Udine

Workshop/Blockseminar

**Practical rationality in political contexts:
Facing diversity in contemporary multicultural Europe.**

Trieste - Italy, 17-21 December 2014

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

The partnership. The workshop is funded by DAAD and will take place at the University of Trieste in Italy. It is organised in partnership by Bamberg University (prof. Gabriele De Anna), and the Universities of Trieste (prof. Riccardo Martinelli) and Udine (prof. Salvatore Lavecchia). There will be 40 participants, 20 from Germany and 20 from the Italian Universities, including Faculty members, PhD students and LT/LM students. The goal of the workshop is above all to strengthen the relationships between philosophy students and Faculty of Bamberg University and those of the Universities of Trieste and Udine. In the past, similar events were already organised in Italy and a similar workshop was organised in Bamberg in 2013. This new workshop is meant to continue those experiences and to build bridges for further exchanges and joint projects. In that spirit, discussions are expected to take place in a friendly atmosphere and to foster collaboration and a constructive dialogue.

The theme. The theme is meant to carry on the discussion of the workshop which took place last year. New realistic trends ("New realism") in philosophy and the results of evolutionary thinking both suggest the need to overcome the subjectivist approaches to practical reason which were common in the past decades. In the last workshop, suggestions for a new conception of practical rationality in politics were put forward. This year, discussion will focus on the relevance and the political consequences of those suggestions for current multicultural Europe. If reference to what is good is an unescapable feature of practical reason, how can people from different cultural backgrounds decide together? Can an objective reference to the good threaten agreement, or rather enhance chance that different views might converge?

The structure. Senior researchers, young researchers, postgraduate and undergraduate students will all be able to cooperate in teams and to contribute, each according to her/his competence and ability, to solutions of the issues addressed by the workshop. For this reason, the activities will be divided in plenary sessions (talks and round tables) and discussions in groups.

Expenses. Participation to the Workshop is free. All expenses will be covered with DAAD funds.

How to apply. In order to apply, you should write a one-page statement of purposes in English and send it to Riccardo Martinelli (martinel@units.it) The statement should explain the reasons of your interest in the topic, your relevant competences, the importance that participating could have for your education and your CV, and all other relevant information. **Deadline for submitting the proposal: December 7th, 2014. LT/LM Students may also obtain 3 CFU ("F") for their participation.**

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