



Jean Monnet
Programme



Call for Application

The Jean Monnet Network is launching

The International Summer School

“Engagement for Friendship: Changing Political Culture in the Balkans”

Period: June 30 – July 7, 2019

Venue: Boatel Compass River City, Bulevar Nikole Tesle bb, Belgrade

The Jean Monnet Network Consortium led by the New York University of Tirana, together with the Institute of East Central and Balkan Europe (IECOB), the University of Dubrovnik, the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology and the European Movement of Serbia is pleased to announce an exciting and timely Summer School program, under the title **“Engagement for Friendship: Changing Political Culture in the Balkans”**. The Summer School is part of the Jean Monnet project [Democratization and Reconciliation in the Western Balkans](#).

The Summer School will take place in the capital of Serbia, Belgrade, in the Compass River City Botel, the first river hotel in Belgrade, from June 30 to July 7, 2019.

The Summer School will offer:

- Classes, workshops, simulations and other learning activities;
- Guest lectures by distinguished scholars with international reputation;
- Boat trip on Belgrade rivers (or field trip) and social activities.

Description of the activities

Admittedly, politics of Balkan countries from 19th century Romantic-nationalist period onwards were immersed into the Western European model of politics guided by nationalism and hostility. This summer school aims at investigating the possibility of a different kind of politics in the Balkans, based on – or reconfigured by – the concept of friendship. As we believe, even though the consequences of recent war and hostilities are still felt throughout

the region, Balkan peoples are profoundly bound together by their joint folkloristic and oral traditions and heritage, distinct form of extended family lifestyle, shared past, shifting ethnic and religious identities, joint life in multi-ethnic and multiconfessional societies etc.

This summer school, thus, focuses on the role of friendships in creating ethnic reconciliation in the region. The aim is to challenge currently entrenched hostile perceptions by unearthing positive stories about examples of friendship and cooperation, excluded from public discourse. We will aim to show that beyond the hostilities between the Balkan nations, there resides a plethora of common undertakings and experiences which can lead to friendlier relations between the nations. Hence, throughout the summer school, we purport to offer a number of examples of friendship, cooperation, alternative relations, realized or unfulfilled political projects, that characterizes the Balkan region and speaks alternative stories to the ones too often nourished in the media, education and scholarly discourse, in the West and within the Balkan itself alike. Our aim is to establish a cooperative network of younger researchers, civil society activists and students, and empower them to combat present hostility on a long term basis, further employing research results and activities.

The School is organized during the second year of the project and will last seven days. It will take place in Belgrade, Serbia. The selected topics include:

- › Peace-building Programs in the Western Balkans
- › Opportunities for Peace through Historical Narratives and the EU integration perspective
- › Civil Society as a vanguard in regional reconciliation
- › Modernization and the Transformation of Political Culture
- › National Minority Youth Political Participation in Post-Conflict States
- › Similarities and Examples of Friendship among Serbs and Albanians
- › Serbian-Albanian Prospects: Points of Convergence and Potential Areas of Cooperation

Confirmed lecturers:

- **Stefano Bianchini**, University of Bologna (Forli)
- **Goran Filić**, Columbia University / University of Bologna (Forli)
- **Eltion Meka**, University of New York (Tirana)
- **Ilir Kalemaj**, University of New York (Tirana)
- **Pero Maldini**, University of Dubrovnik
- **Davor Pauković**, University of Dubrovnik
- **Maja Savić-Bojanić**, Sarajevo School of Science and Technology
- **Sabina Čehajić-Clancy**, Sarajevo School of Science and Technology
- **Jelica Minić**, European Movement in Serbia
- **Aleksandar Pavlović**, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade
- **Srđan Prodanović**, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade
- **Rigels Halili**, University of Warsaw
- **Hana Semanić**, Central European University

Target participants

Youth, primarily college students and CSO activists, interested in reconciliation and promoting friendship. Applicants from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Italy and Serbia are particularly encouraged to apply. The maximum number of accepted participants to the Summer School is 25.

Participation Fees

The participation fee for Summer School is €30,00 (€15.00 only for participants from Belgrade). It will be applied to selected applicants and should be paid by 27th June 2019 at the following EMinS' IBAN bank account: RS35275000022003793255, SWIFT/BIC code: SOGYRSBG

Participants from Serbia will pay participation fee, under NBS average exchange rate on the date of payment, to account number no. 170-230012003-83 at UniCredit Bank.

There is no reimbursement in case of withdrawing from the program.

Provided conditions for selected applicants

Selected applicants will receive a travel reimbursement up to €200,00 at the end of the program. Accommodation in double rooms and meals are also provided by the organization, as well as the river cruise. Please note that in order to be eligible for travel reimbursement and free accommodation at the hotel, participants have to reside at least 50 km away from the School venue. Proof of distance will be the residence address reported in the ID or in other official documents to be included to the application.

Application Procedure

The applicants are required to send application form (attached), filled in and signed, including their CV.

Also, it is recommended to send us up to three original photos on a general topic of friendship and reconciliation in the region, taken by themselves. Each photo should be in the resolution of 1800x1200 and must have at least 300 dpi (dots per image or ppi pixel per image). Also, each photo should be accompanied with a short (50 to 150 words) description that should contain its title and brief explanation of its meaning / author's intention or the context that the photo was taken off.

Successful applicants will have all their photos publicized on an exhibition to be held in all partner countries by the end of 2020.

Please send your applications to nina.lopandic@emins.org by 4th June 2019 at midnight. All applicants will be informed via email about the results of the selection by 14th June 2019.

Promoting institutions for the Jean Monnet Consortium:

- ✚ The New York University of Tirana
- ✚ IECOB – Istituto per l'Europa Centro-Orientale e Balcanica
- ✚ The European Movement of Serbia
- ✚ The Sarajevo School of Science and Technology
- ✚ The University of Dubrovnik

Secretariat:

EMinS – European Movement in Serbia (web: <http://www.emins.org>)

Location:

Boatel Compass River City, Bulevar Nikole Tesle bb, Belgrade

Annex 1: Calendar of activities

Annex 2: Application Form

Calendar of activities

Structure of the School:

- ✚ 4 hours in the morning + 4 in the afternoon, including short breaks
- ✚ Social event: farewell cocktail
- ✚ 1-day boat trip on Belgrade rivers or field trip

30 June, Sunday	Arrival and evening welcoming drink at 18,00-20,00
1 July, Monday	09,00-13,00 and 14,00-18,00 lectures (with breaks)
2 July, Tuesday	09,00-13,00 and 14,00-18,00 lecturers (with breaks)
3 July, Wednesday	09,00-13,00. Boat trip on Belgrade rivers or field trip
4 July, Thursday	09,00-13,00 and 14,00-18,00 lectures (with breaks)
5 July, Friday	09,00-13,00 and 14,00-18,00 lectures (with breaks)
6 July, Saturday	09,00-13,00 (with break) and 14,00-17,00 lectures. Farewell cocktail
7 July, Sunday	Departures