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# univie: summer school International and European Studies

European Studies & German Language Courses  
Austrian Arbitration Academy  
July 11–August 8, 2026 / Lake Wolfgang, Austria



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# Go Europe via Austria

Ever since the University of Vienna Sommerhochschule (SHS) was established in 1949, an annual international summer school has been organized. Apart from its educational mission, one of the summer program's most important aims has been restoring and promoting mutual understanding between Austrians and Americans that World War II had done so much to destroy.

Today the program provides a multi-dimensional survey of the **present development of Europe** and the European Union (EU). Participants will study both the decision-making processes within the EU institutions as well as various aspects of European political culture. The program aims at contributing to an **increased understanding of the EU** and its possible future shape.

Students from all over the world have been drawn to the program, not only because of the **outstanding academic reputation** of its European Studies courses and the excellent opportunities it offers students to learn German, but also because of its location directly on the shores of one of Austria's most scenic lakes, Lake Wolfgang, in the Salzkammergut region, and because of the area's **excellent sports and recreational facilities**.



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The intercultural dimension provided by the summer program's internationally **diverse student population** has become one of the most rewarding features of students' learning experience. Today, more than 30 different nationalities are represented in the student body, up to 100 students accepted into the program, creating conditions most conducive to **intercultural and social interaction**.

The Sommerhochschule operates under the academic and administrative supervision of the Rector of the University of Vienna. The organizers, faculty and sponsors believe that the Sommerhochschule's formula of holistic learning – intellectual pursuit and physical exercise in a setting of intercultural and social exchange – helps reinforce **mutual respect and tolerance** among participants.

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*We would like to invite you to study at the University of Vienna's summer campus in Strobl and, like thousands have done before you, experience an unforgettable summer.*

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# Academic Program

## Introduction

The **univie: summer school** is located in the picturesque village of Strobl in the **Salzkammergut** region, one of Austria's most attractive summer vacation areas. Students and faculty are accommodated in high standard single and double rooms at the program's beautiful summer campus on the shore of Lake Wolfgang at the *Bundesinstitut für Erwachsenenbildung St. Wolfgang* (accommodation p. 26).

The **four week** program offers high level European Studies courses, the Austrian Arbitration Academy, and German language courses.

The **European Studies** courses are held in English and focus on Europe and the European Union. They cover political, economic and legal, but also historical and cultural aspects of the multiple transformations the continent is currently undergoing.

The **Austrian Arbitration Academy** focuses on international dispute settlement by arbitral tribunals. (Course descriptions p. 8–22).



The program offers a concise and up to date introduction to recent developments in Europe which will provide students from different fields of study with additional key qualifications for their future professional work. The academic courses are taught by distinguished scholars with international teaching experience. The **faculty** consists of tenured professors from the University of Vienna as well as professors from other renowned universities and leading experts from institutions such as the Austrian Central Bank and the European Commission (faculty profiles p. 36–41). In addition to the academic program, **German language** courses are offered at four different levels of proficiency (German Language Program p. 24–25).

The unique Strobl experience is enhanced by an **extensive extracurricular program** including sports courses, mountain hiking, and excursions to Salzburg, St. Wolfgang, and the Ebensee Concentration Camp Memorial. (Sports and recreation, cultural program p. 29–30).



The campus life creates an environment which encourages **intercultural and social exchange** and favors mutual understanding within the **international student population**. Participants thus broaden their horizon, meet colleagues from different fields of study, make friends for life and build connections for their future professional careers. The



**alumni network** of former Sommerhochschule participants enables students to stay in touch even long after their stay in Strobl.

## Course Selection

The univie: summer school lasts four weeks and consists of two two-week sessions.

12 European Studies courses, the Arbitration Academy course, and German Languages courses on four levels are offered.

- European Studies courses last two weeks (4 ECTS each).
- The Austrian Arbitration Academy course lasts two weeks (8 ECTS).
- German language courses last four weeks (6 ECTS each).

In the course of the four week program **students are required to attend courses amounting to 10 ECTS credits**. In order to meet this requirement one of the following options is possible:

1. three European Studies courses or
2. the Austrian Arbitration Academy course plus one European Studies course or
3. one German course plus one European Studies course.

Students may also enroll in or audit additional courses. The maximum number of courses students may attend during the summer program is four. (This includes German courses and/or courses taken for audit).

The Austrian Arbitration Academy can also be attended as an independent program. (See p. 20–23).

Before making their course selection on the application form students should make sure that the selected courses do not correlate in time. For details regarding the schedule please see p. 6–7.

While students have to fulfill the Sommerhochschule requirements, course selection should also be made according to the requirements of the respective home university. It is recommended to discuss course selections with representatives of the home universities to ensure or simplify accreditation after the program.



## Admission

Applicants have to be at least 18 years old and must have completed two years of studies at college or university level in their countries of residence or have an educational background equivalent to one year at a European university before the beginning of the program.

Applicants must be in attendance for the whole period of the summer school, be able to take part in the number of required courses, have an adequate command of the English language and be in good health.

In order to ensure that students can prepare all materials needed for the application in time, it is advisable to read the information given in the application chapter (p. 32–33) carefully before starting the application process.

### ECTS Credits and Contact Hours

The Sommerhochschule grants credits according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). The allocation of the ECTS credits to the Sommerhochschule courses is based on the amount of work necessary for a course.

- Each European Studies course corresponds to 4 ECTS credits.
- The Arbitration Academy course corresponds to 8 ECTS credits.
- Each German language course corresponds to 6 ECTS credits.

The lecture time per course is represented by contact hours. (Each contact hour consists of 45 minutes class time.)

- Each European Studies course consists of 32 contact hours.
- The Austrian Arbitration Academy course consists of 64 contact hours.
- Each German language course consists of 64 contact hours.

**Cooperation with the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna:** Attending the summer school increases the chances of admission within the highly competitive application process at the Diplomatic Academy (DA). Students who proceed to study in the *Master of Advanced International Studies Program* (M.A.I.S.) at the DA may also be exempt from attending certain core courses covering the same material as the courses they took at the summer school. The decision on such exemptions can only be made by the respective department chair in economics, law, history and political science during the individual advisory sessions at the beginning of the academic year at the DA. For information concerning the DA please visit: [da-vienna.ac.at](http://da-vienna.ac.at)



## Exams and Grading System

Final examinations are given in all courses. Courses are graded using the Austrian grading system: 1 (very good); 2 (good); 3 (satisfactory); 4 (sufficient); 5 (failed). Additional final grades are: W (withdrew from the course with permission), AU (audit) and NG (not graded).

The grade points given in the transcript provide an opportunity to differentiate performance within each of the stated grades.

Grade and grade points are as follows:

Austrian Grade	Grade Points
1	89 – 100
2	76 – 88
3	63 – 75
4	51 – 62
5	0 – 50

The Sommerhochschule reserves the right to exclude students from the summer school in case of improper behavior.

## Transcripts and Diplomas

Transcripts of grades will be given to those students who attend classes regularly and who pass the exams in the required number of courses.

Students who successfully attend and complete four courses will receive the **SHS Diploma in European Studies**.

Those who have a GPA of 1.25 on the basis of Austrian grading for their diploma courses will receive a diploma with highest distinction.

## Classroom Attendance

Classroom attendance is vitally important for a successful completion of each course, particularly in those classes which rely on classroom discussion or other forms of active participation by the students. Therefore regular classroom attendance is mandatory for all courses. Students absent from classes without leave will not be graded.

## Cancellation of Courses

The Sommerhochschule reserves the right to cancel any course for which the number of registered students is deemed insufficient, or for other compelling reasons.



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# Schedule

**July 11–August 8, 2026**

**1<sup>st</sup> Session – first two weeks of lectures**

Time	Lecturer	Course
7:30–9:00 am		Breakfast
8:30–12:45 am	Oberhammer	Austrian Arbitration Academy
8:30–10:30 am	Gnan/Kwapil	European Monetary Union
	Lenschow	The Institutional Framework of the EU
	Wedrac	Central Europe and the “long” 19 <sup>th</sup> Century 1789–1918
10:30–11:00 am		Break
11:00 am–1:00 pm	Choi	European Thought and Culture in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century
	Meissel	European Private Law – The Civilian Tradition
	Schloenhardt	Migration and Refugee Law in Europe
1:00–1:45 pm		Lunch
2:00–5:00 pm	Haid	Sports
4:00–6:00 pm	Guest lecturer	Austrian Arbitration Academy afternoon session
4:00–6:00 pm	Ruf	German A1
	Serdar	German A2
	N.N.	German B1
	N.N.	German B2
6:00–6:45 pm		Dinner
7:00–7:30 pm		Tutorials
8:00–10:00 pm		Interdisciplinary Seminar (twice per week)



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Session – second two weeks of lectures

Time	Lecturer	Course
7:30–9:00 am		Breakfast
8:30–10:30 am	Kriebaum	Business and Human Rights
	Rathkolb	Contemporary European History
	Schima	European Union Law
10:30–11:00 am		Break
11:00 am–1:00 pm	Forgó	Law and Information Society in Europe
	Kritzinger	EU Political Systems in a Comparative Perspective
	Neudeck	Principles of International Economics
1:00–1:45 pm		Lunch
2:00–5:00 pm	Micheler	Sports
4:00–6:00 pm	Ruf	German A1
	Serdar	German A2
	N.N.	German B1
	N.N.	German B2
6:00–6:45 pm		Dinner
7:00–7:30 pm		Tutorials
8:00–10:00 pm		Interdisciplinary Seminar (twice per week)

Not only was the quality of the teaching outstanding, the location stunning, and the activities awesome... but the folks that you brought together really made the experience something special.

Margaret Harris, New Zealand

# Course Descriptions

## European Monetary Union

Ernest Gnan / Claudia Kwapil

July 13–July 24

4 ECTS credits

In no other area has European integration advanced as much as in the monetary sphere. By joining the European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU), 20 countries of the European Union have given up their national currencies and their monetary sovereignty and have created a common monetary area with a joint central banking system (Eurosysteem) and a common European currency (euro). On the one hand, the euro—in form of notes and coins—provides a strong common European symbol. On the other hand, it is a powerful policy instrument.

In recent years, financial and debt crises—along with the COVID-19 pandemic—have highlighted the power of monetary policy. Since 2008, the Eurosysteem has introduced various measures, from negative interest rates to asset purchases, which helped soften the impact of these crises. Between 2021 and 2023, fighting surging inflation became the top priority in the euro area, like in many other parts of the world. Inflation is now under control, but monetary policy remains dynamic and is never dull. Emerging challenges, such as financial system digitalisation, are already on the horizon.

This course will enable you to answer the following questions:

- Why do most central banks have an inflation target? And why in many cases of 2%?
- How do central banks influence economic growth and inflation?
- Which instruments do they have at their disposal? And how do they work?
- Why should central banks be independent institutions?
- Is the Euro area an “optimal currency area” as described in textbooks?
- What are the objectives and instruments of different areas of economic policy (fiscal policy, structural policy, financial stability policy)? What is the division of labour with central banks?
- What are the different views on the further development and deepening of the Euro area?
- Will there be a digital euro for euro area citizens in the future? And how will the digital Euro differ from other forms of digital money or stablecoins?

Requirements: Active **class participation** (20%), **mid-term exam** (40%), and **final exam** (40%).

*This course is regularly organized with the support of the [Oesterreichische Nationalbank](#) (Austrian Central Bank).*



Ernest Gnan



Claudia Kwapil  
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## The Institutional Framework of the European Union

Andrea Lenschow

July 13–July 24

4 ECTS credits

The course will focus on the unique institutional framework and political system of the European Union. Students will be introduced to the main institutions and the main policy and decision-making procedures.

The course will focus, inter alia, on:

- The structure and role of the main European institutions within the EU's institutional framework (and where relevant their evolution during the process of European integration): the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council of Ministers, the European Commission and the Court of Justice
- The role of member states in the EU institutional framework
- Some of the main procedures in the EU legislative and decision-making-process (with a focus on the ordinary legislative procedure, the division of competences between the EU and its Member States, the role of the non-institutional actors in the legislative process, and generally the quality of democracy in the EU)

The course very much builds on the active participation of participants. Class discussions, case exercises, presentations, group work, debates and a simulation exercise form an integral part of the program. The first week will focus on the theory of the institutional framework and political system of the European Union. The second week will focus on practice and consists of a simulation game of the European Parliament.

Requirements: General class **participation** are 25%, a group **presentation** 25%, a short **mid-term exam** 25%, and participation in the **simulation game** in the second week 25% of the grade.

It is recommended to take this course in conjunction with Prof. Bernhard Schima's course: [European Union Law](#).



Andrea Lenschow  
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For me personally, the most special part of summer school is its intercultural aspect. Uniting a diverse group of young people from the most wide-ranging cultural backgrounds allowed everybody to find a second home close to the picturesque scenery of lake Wolfgang and the Salzkammergut region.

Lennart Jordan, Austria

## Central Europe and the “long” 19<sup>th</sup> Century 1789–1918

### Political, Economic, Social, and Military History

Stefan Wedrac

July 13–July 24

4 ECTS credits

The “long” 19<sup>th</sup> century between 1789 and 1914/18 is sometimes referred to as the “European century.” It was a time of enlightenment, revolutions, industrial prosperity, capitalism, European world domination, and colonialism. The course analyzes the specific situation of Central Europe and the Habsburg Monarchy during this period of change.

Many phenomena of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century had a large impact on the identity constructions of European countries. Discussions about phenomena like former political structures, multi-nationalism, national identity, minorities etc. between participants of different countries and cultures will allow comparisons and connect this class to problems of the present. The course attaches great importance to culture, as this topic is—talking about Europe—often neglected.

The course deals in a broad way with all European countries, but has a clear focus on Central Europe and will cover the following topics:

- Absolutism and Enlightenment
- Napoleonic Wars
- Industrial Revolution
- European Political Revolutions
- Constitutionalism
- Nationalism – National States versus Multinational Giants
- Modernity
- Habsburg Imperial Family
- Balkan Politics
- World War One
- Peace Treaties after World War One

Requirements: **Attendance** and **participation** in class discussion (including short in-class reflections about the day's content) constitute 50%, and **written midterms and finals** (20 multiple choice questions each) another 50% of the grade.



Stefan Wedrac  
(© Esther Ayasch)

The summer program allowed me ample opportunities for academic achievements, and enjoying the surrounding beauty either on campus, or at the lake.

Rania El Razzaz, Egypt



## European Thought and Culture in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

Bo-Mi Choi

July 13–July 24

4 ECTS credits

This course introduces students to three major centers of 20<sup>th</sup> Century European thought: Fin-de-Siècle Vienna, the Weimar Republic, and Left Bank Paris. Students will learn the intellectual and cultural history of major ideas that shape our thinking to this day such as Viennese Modernism, the critical theory of the Frankfurt School, and French existentialism. The course follows a chronological order from the turn of the century, World War I and the interim war period to World War II and its aftermath, focusing on the rise of National Socialism and decolonization in the context of the Algerian Revolution.



Bo-Mi Choi  
(© Bo-Mi Choi)

### Course objectives:

- introduce students to the most important cultural movements and philosophical ideas from the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in Europe
- teach students to understand these concepts within their historical and cultural contexts
- enable them to make conceptual links between the various cultural movements and modes of thinking
- familiarize them with the richness, depth and passion of European thinkers during one of the most cataclysmic historical time periods on the continent

Requirements: **Regular attendance** (25% of the final grade), **readings and active participation** (25%), an **oral presentation** (25%), and a **short essay** (25%).

The courses I took were extremely relevant to current world issues and the professors were all so passionate. I was motivated to learn as much as possible and I truly gained a real interest in examining this world. I have rarely felt so stimulated, determined and challenged in class discussions, and because you are encouraged to consider all perspectives, having a cohort consisting of over 30 different nationalities made this learning experience such a unique one.

Ellen Wood, Australia

# European Private Law – The Civilian Tradition

Franz-Stefan Meissel

July 13–July 24

4 ECTS credits

The course offers a historical and comparative introduction to European Private Law.

Today's variety of legal systems in Europe cannot be properly understood without reference to European Legal History. Thus, one part of the course will be devoted to the development of European Private Law and the specific contribution of the Civilian Tradition. Particular attention is given to the dominant forces of law making in the different legal systems: magistrates and legal experts in Ancient Roman Law, professors and clergymen in Medieval Law, judges in the Common Law and legislators in Modern Continental Law.

Furthermore, basic concepts of Private Law such as property, good faith in contractual dealings and the role of fairness in extra contractual obligations will be dealt with in a comparative perspective. This will be done mainly in form of discussions about specific cases. Special emphasis will be placed on the discussion of possible solutions, the analysis of court decisions and the evaluation of legislative choices.

A guest lecture by former Advocate General of the European Court of Justice (ECJ) Prof. Verica Trstenjak will treat current issues of EU Private Law, outlining the pertinent legislation in the area of EU Consumer Protection Law and Copyrights, and presenting selected Case Law of the ECJ.



Franz-Stefan Meissel

## I. The Landscape of European Private Law: Diversity and Common Traditions

- The various meanings of "European Private Law" and the Legal Traditions in Europe
- Variations of a Theme: Transfer of Property in European Legal Systems
- The Scope of Information Duties in Civil Law and in Common Law
- Good Faith in European Contract Law
- Extra contractual Obligations: the Witty-Genealogist's-Case

## II. Lawyers, Judges, Legislators. The Making of European Law

- Roman and Medieval Law: The Jurists' Role in the Development of Law as a Science
- Differences in Style and Substance: Codification(s) of Private Law in Continental Europe
- Common Law and Civil Law: The Role of Judges as Law Makers

## III. EU Private Law: Guest Lecture by Prof. Verica Trstenjak

- The Impact of the ECJ on the Evolution of EU Private Law

Requirements: Regular **attendance** and active **participation** in class discussions (40%) and an open-book **essay exam** (60%).

## International Refugee Law and Policy

Andreas Schloenhardt

July 13–July 24

4 ECTS credits

This course explores international refugee law and policy in theory and practice. It provides an introduction to the concepts and causes of irregular migration and refugee flows, the history and key features of international refugee law, and it explores the refugee situation and systems in a range of countries. The course examines the international obligations under the *Convention and Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees* and outlines the present laws and policies in relation to asylum seekers. The course further looks at irregular migration and forced migration more broadly with a special emphasis on smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons.



Andreas Schloenhardt  
(© Andreas Schloenhardt)

The discussions, exercises, and working-group sessions during the course invite students to critically reflect on the situation of refugees and displaced persons, on the nature and objectives of international refugee law, and the rationale of international, regional, and domestic policies in this field. Moreover, the course seeks to improve communication, teamwork, argumentative, presentation, and research skills. The course enhances students' abilities to research relevant material, critically analyze policy documents and legislation, case studies and scholarly writing, and elaborate practical recommendations for law reform and policy change.

Assessment: **Seminar exercises** and **participation** (30% of final grade), **mid-course examination** (20%) and **group project with oral presentation** (50%).

Participating in the Sommerhochschule was a challenging and rewarding experience. A key element in the active learning process was the communication with so many different people. Meeting all those experts and key players in that field was a great experience. With all faculty members of the Sommerhochschule I had the opportunity to acquire the most advanced knowledge and to develop the necessary skills and attitudes so vital for me in the future.

Ivana Premerl, Croatia

## Business and Human Rights

Ursula Kriebaum

July 27–August 7

4 ECTS credits

One of the fastest growing areas in human rights practice is the effort to achieve full respect for international human rights law and norms by private business. Many national and international instruments have been adopted in this field during the last years.

The course explores the links between human rights violations and corporate activity, and the importance of international standards in strengthening respect and protection of human rights. For this purpose, it will deal with the relationship between international/transnational corporations, international economic law as well as human rights law and corporate social responsibility. It will address existing human rights and investment law treaties as well as soft law instruments, for example the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and Corporate Social Responsibility Requirements. We will cover issues concerning substantive protection standards as well as matters of jurisdiction and dispute resolution in case of human rights violations by corporations.

Teaching will vary between interactive lectures encouraging student participation, traditional lectures and case studies. Student presentations are required.

Requirements: **Regular attendance** and **participation** (50%) as well as a **presentation** (50%).



Ursula Kriebaum  
(© Marlene Rahmann)

The Sommerhochschule of the University of Vienna is undoubtedly one of the most memorable experiences I've had the chance to live. The courses and seminars were given by inspiring professors and political personalities and were incredibly enriching and intellectually stimulating. From the magical scenery surrounding us to the welcoming staff and the amazing and talented students I met through this program, I can certainly say that the summer school greatly exceeded my expectations.

Sarah Sbeiti, Canada



## Contemporary European History

### Milestones of European History 1945-2019

Oliver Rathkolb

July 27–August 7

4 ECTS credits

In order to understand the decision making of the European Union today it is necessary to analyze the milestones of European history after the end of World War II in 1945 in a geopolitical context. The Super Power confrontation, the “Cold War” between the US leading the Western Bloc and the Soviet Union dominating the Communist Bloc system shaped the development of the “West”. This development of superpower confrontation was influenced by fears of Atomic Warfare in the 1950s and 1960s but contained by efforts of Détente in the 1970s.

In this course, we shall analyze and discuss the reasons for the first major integration step, the foundation of the European Economic Community (EEC) in Rome in 1957 with six member states. The US and individual European decision makers played an important role helping to overcome deep rooted prejudices and hatred.

Under Jacques Delors, President of the European Commission 1985–1995 the EU already seems to fall behind Asia and the US in economic terms during the beginning globalization. Delors convinced the EU member states to move towards a strong and tight political, economic and military union (the later outside NATO). The unexpected end of the Cold War 1989/1991 and the mostly peaceful political transformations in the former Communist countries of Eastern Europe and the Russia reduced this strategy to the economic union and a common currency.

The enlargement from 15 member states in 1995 to 28 and the negative effects of the world financial and economic crisis since 2008 as well as the recent migration and refugee flows pushes the EU into an unknown direction. After Brexit there are growing geostrategic and economic struggles between the US, China, Russia and the EU. These economic and political problems are influenced by the EU-responses to the negative effects of the Covid-19 crisis hitting the international community world-wide. With the war against Ukraine and the bloody conflict in the Middle East after the terror attacks against Israel the EU and the world is facing a major and deep crisis with an open end.

By analyzing the soft but very important emotional basis of Europeanism like identity, value systems and culture after 1945 as well as the integrative impacts of institutions like the European Court of Justice and the European Court for Human Rights options for the future of the EU will be presented and debated.

Requirements: **Participation in class room discussions** (20%), **oral presentation of a short paper** on a topic of the course based on provided literature and supported research (3–4 pages) (40%), and writing an individual **final essay** on a broad general topic of the course written in class during the **final exam** (40%).



Oliver Rathkolb  
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Ulrike Wieser)

## European Union Law

### The Court of Justice of the EU and the Internal Market

Bernhard Schima

July 27–August 7

4 ECTS credits

This course is designed to help students understand the system of judicial protection in European Union (EU) law and the importance of the contribution of the Court of Justice of the EU to the development of the Internal Market.

This course will:

- discuss the various judicial remedies in the EU legal order with particular emphasis on the infringement procedure and the preliminary reference procedure;
- explain the concept of an internal market;
- explore how the Court of Justice in its case-law has contributed to making the free movement of goods, persons, services and capitals operational, and
- look at the interplay between the Court's case-law and secondary Union legislation establishing the Internal Market.

Requirements: Performance will be assessed on the basis of **a short quiz** (30% of the grade) at the end of the first week and a **written final exam** (60%). **Class participation** will be taken into account (10%).

This course, which looks at European integration from a legal perspective, is recommended for students with prior knowledge of the institutions of the European Union or who have taken Prof. Andrea Lenschow's course: [The Institutional Framework of the European Union](#).



Bernhard Schima

Strobl is a unique place for learning together and from one another about origins, interests, and institutions in a relaxed atmosphere of loyalty and equality where all sorts of borders and prejudices fade away, horizons are expanded, common outlook is broadened, new countries and cultures are discovered.

Yevgenia Gaber, Ukraine

## Law and Information Society in Europe

Nikolaus Forgó

July 27–August 7

4 ECTS credits

This course will focus on European and global trends in the legal regulation of information and communication. Specific attention will be attributed to privacy, data protection, platform regulation, AI-regulation and information security in a globalized information society. We will work in particular on the relevant European regulations, directives and case law and will compare them with other legal, technical and social approaches.

### Topics:

- Law as Code and Code as Law? The relations between technical, social, economical and legal forms of regulation
- Regulation of Information: The European approach
- Transparency, Privacy, and Data Protection: outdated concepts in an information society?
- Platforms and their control
- AI and their control
- Identity, Authenticity, and Security in a globalized network-environment

Recommended Reading: Lawrence Lessig, Code and other Laws of Cyberspace; additional texts and cases will be distributed throughout the course.

Requirements: Regular **attendance** and **active participation** in class discussions (40%) and an open-book **essay exam** (60%).



Nikolaus Forgó  
(© Barbara Mair)

The courses allowed me to expand my knowledge and interests from different perspectives, and it was incredible being taught by such bright minds with so much experience in their professional fields.

Eva Ribbink, The Netherlands

## EU Political Systems in a Comparative Perspective

Sylvia Kritzinger

July 27–August 7

4 ECTS credits

This course familiarizes students with the major theoretical, empirical and substantive issues in contemporary European politics. First, the course examines the different governmental institutions, electoral systems and party systems across the member states of the European Union and their impact on political processes and the society. Second, it focuses on the different social cleavages in these political systems and their changes over time. Third, the course analyzes the recent electoral behavior of the European electorate both in national and European Parliament elections and its repercussions on European party systems. The course aims at deepening the understanding of the main debates in contemporary European politics using a comparative approach.



Sylvia Kritzinger

Requirements: Performance will be assessed on the basis of **attendance** and **participation** in class discussions (20%), a **role play** taking different party positions and government negotiations into account (40%), and a **written final exam** (40%).

Without any doubts it is a great opportunity to combine both: studies and entertainment. The knowledge I received at the Sommerhochschule was really useful and helped me to better understand the European Union's structures and functioning. In addition, I built a network of friends throughout the world and learnt a lot about different countries and cultures.

Irina Guban, Moldova



## Principles of International Economics – A European Perspective

Werner Neudeck

July 27–August 7

4 ECTS credits

This course covers both the (microeconomic) trade and the (macro-economic) monetary aspects of international economics with European applications.

In the first part we examine standard trade theories (Ricardo, Heckscher-Ohlin, Krugman) and explain the gains from trade, the distributional impact of trade (internationally and among groups within countries), and the pattern of trade. The arguments for free trade and for trade restrictions are evaluated and different trade policies are discussed. EU trade policy serves as an example. We also discuss the conflicts between trade creation and trade diversion. Finally, we look into the economics of the internal market of the EU and the economic consequences of migration and factor movements.

The second part opens with a discussion of balance of payments accounting and analyses the determination of exchange rates and the development of international financial markets. Stabilization policies and their impact on output, employment, and prices in different exchange rate regimes are examined in the final part of the course.

Each session will include a workshop where students are invited to discuss current economic issues (like migration, the “beauty” of tariffs, or the problems of trade deficits), using the economic concepts and theories presented during the course. This will be done by analysing quotes from newspaper articles (mainly from “The Economist”).

Requirements: The final grade will primarily be based on **two short written examinations** (together 80%) at the end of each week. **Participation** in class and at least one **presentation** in the workshop (20%) are also required.



Werner Neudeck

I have never experienced such an intellectually inspiring environment. Complementary to the academic program I was pleasantly surprised by the international and social stimuli.

Philippe Brems, Belgium

# Austrian Arbitration Academy

The Austrian Arbitration Academy is an intensive **two-week program** on international commercial arbitration for both **regular students of the univie: summer school** and **participants who only take part in this special arbitration course**.

It addresses the following groups of participants:

- **Students and law school graduates** interested in the world of international dispute resolution.
- **Young practitioners** looking for a comprehensive course giving them firsthand insights into international arbitration.

The Austrian Arbitration Academy program takes place from **July 11 to July 25, 2026**.

The program corresponds to **8 ECTS credits** and consists of 64 contact hours. (Each contact hour consists of 45 minutes class time).

After an introductory session on the first Sunday, **July 12**, classes will be held Monday to Friday mornings. In additional **afternoon workshops** the participants will discuss salient issues of international arbitration with special guests from the international arbitration community.

On **July 26** a written exam will take place. On the day before the exam, a Q&A session will help the participants to prepare for the exam.

Successful participants will receive the **University of Vienna Austrian Arbitration Academy Diploma**.

The first-hand experience of leading practitioners and academics provides a fascinating insight to the world of international arbitration.

Tobias Gregg, Australia



Paul Oberhammer



Claudia Annacker



Nadia Darwazeh



Ulrich Haas



Florian Haugeneder

## Lecturers

Paul Oberhammer, Professor at the *University of Vienna*, acts as course director.

First class international arbitration practitioners from both the bar and academia will teach the classes:

- **Claudia Annacker**, Arbitrator and Counsel, *Annacker International Disputes* (Paris)
- **Nadia Darwazeh**, Partner and Head of Arbitration of *Clyde & Co's* (Paris)
- **Ulrich Haas**, Professor, *University of Zurich*
- **Florian Haugeneder**, Founding Partner, *Knoetzl* (Vienna)
- **Christian Koller**, Professor, *University of Vienna*
- **Niamh Leinwather**, Secretary General, *Vienna International Arbitral Center*
- **Patrizia Netal**, Founding Partner, *Knoetzl* (Vienna)
- **Helmut Ortner**, Founding and Managing Partner, *Paragon Advocacy* (Vienna)
- **Friedrich Rüffler**, Professor, *University of Vienna*
- **Marija Ščekić**, Director, *Squire Patton Boggs* (London)
- **Friederike Schäfer**, Partner, *Zeiler* (Vienna)
- **Patricia Shaughnessy**, Professor, *Stockholm University*
- **Nikolaus Vavrovsky**, Founding Partner, *Vavrovsky Heine Marth* (Vienna)
- **Irene Welser**, Senior Partner, *Cerha Hempel* (Vienna)
- **Johannes Willheim**, Partner, *Jones Day* (Frankfurt)
- **Valentina Wong**, Partner, *Wolf Theiss* (Vienna)



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Niamh Leinwather  
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Patrizia Netal



Helmut Ortner  
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We had the incredible opportunity to meet some of the most important arbitration lawyers and professors from all over the world.

Paloma Castro Hernandez, Spain

## Course Description

The course covers **all aspects of arbitral proceedings**, starting with an introduction on the prerequisites of arbitration. Further modules will focus on the constitution of the arbitral tribunal, the conduct of the proceedings, the arbitral award as well as the challenge and enforcement of said award. Students will be introduced to the legal framework of international arbitration rules and relevant case law. The last module is entirely dedicated to investment arbitration.

The classes will cover the following issues:

- Introduction to International Arbitration
- The Arbitration Clause
- The Arbitral Tribunal
- The Arbitral Proceedings
- The Arbitral Award
- The Challenge of the Award
- The Enforcement of the Award
- Introduction to Investment Arbitration

In addition to these morning classes, specific issues will be discussed in interactive afternoon sessions. Topics in these afternoon modules have included sports arbitration, institutional arbitration and insights into the practical aspects of hearings. Furthermore, participants will have the possibility to train their advocacy skills in a mock hearing (Mini Moot Court) by arguing a fictitious case.

Requirements: Attendance is mandatory. Performance will be assessed on the basis of **active participation** in class (40% of the grade) and a **written final exam** (60%).

*The Austrian Arbitration Academy is recommended for advanced law students (pursuing their Bachelor's, Master's or PhD degree), law school graduates and young practitioners. Prior experience in arbitration and/or civil procedure law is not required.*



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Marija Šćekić



Friederike Schäfer  
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Patricia Shaughnessy  
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## Student Testimonials

The Arbitration Academy's summer program proved to be a fantastic experience for my professional development. The faculty's outstanding and profound insights into arbitration were nothing short of excellent. The curriculum seamlessly intertwined theoretical knowledge with practical application, exemplified by mock arbitration exercises. Engaging with an international cohort of participants provided global perspectives on the various jurisdictions. I unequivocally endorse this program to those seeking a comprehensive and distinguished arbitration experience.

Vivien Tomio-Onghay, Austria/United Kingdom

The Austrian Arbitration Academy has allowed me to deepen and broaden my knowledge in the area of arbitration. If you consider representing international enterprises and practicing law in this area, then the AAA is the right place.

Zakar Stepanyan, Armenia

I especially enjoyed the interactive discussions with classmates from a diverse range of countries and have made many long-lasting friendships!

Jocelyn Teo, Singapore

The Austrian Arbitration Academy was one of the most interesting and motivating episodes of my entire academical life. The sovereign speakers created an incredibly positive climate for the students all over the campus and an unforgettable teaching and studying experience!

Barbara Abdalla, Austria

The Arbitration Academy was one of the most exciting experiences in my academic career. The international lecturers enriched my knowledge and gave me an idea about international arbitration. I would for sure love to repeat this experience and recommend it to everybody who wants to work in this field.

Gabriela Malki, Syria



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Johannes Willheim



Valentina Wong

# German Language Program

## Teaching Approach

The success of the German language program of the Sommerhochschule is based on careful student placement, teachers well-trained in methodology and with a special training in teaching German as a foreign language, as well as balanced communicative teaching methods. These methods help you to learn quickly and gain confidence in your communicative skills while having fun at the same time.

Our teaching approach for effective language learning:

- German will be the only language spoken in class.
- You will be actively involved all the time.
- Pair work and role play will be used to simulate real life situations.

## Class Sizes

Students will learn German in small groups. If the number of students in a German class exceeds 16, this class will be split up into two smaller sections. The minimum number of students per class is ten. The Sommerhochschule reserves the right to cancel a class should there not be enough participants.

## Tutorials

Ample opportunity for informal conversation and discussion in German will be provided by tutorials conducted by fellow Austrian students. The tutorial groups will consist of three to five students. The tutorials are part of the German language courses and attendance is obligatory.

## Levels

The German courses are available on four levels: A1, A2, B1 and B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Each German course corresponds to 6 ECTS credits (64 contact hours). One contact hour consists of 45 minutes class time.



The German language course was a true inspiration for me and in Strobl I actually got an impetus to continue learning the language. The lectures were very good, the group was small so the teacher had the opportunity to teach us almost individually.

Ljubica Djordjevic, Serbia

## German A1

For participants with little or no previous competence in the German language. This course leads up to Level A1 according to the *CEFR*.

**Content:** classes focus on pronunciation; reading and listening comprehension of simple texts; giving basic personal information; establishing contacts with others; taking part in simple conversations; acquiring fundamental vocabulary and learning basic grammar structures that enable unsophisticated spoken and written communication in everyday situations.

## German A2

This course leads up to Level A2 according to the *CEFR*.

**Content:** communication in familiar, everyday situations; reading and listening comprehension of the core message of texts involving topics and requirements of everyday life and familiar situations; writing simple texts about familiar topics and personal interests.

## German B1

This course leads up to Level B1 according to the *CEFR*.

**Content:** communication on general topics; means of verbal expression for more complex conversation; writing of unsophisticated official documents; comprehension of core statements of general interest; radio or television broad-casts; command of basic vocabulary on general topics.

## German B2

This course leads up to Level B2 according to the *CEFR*.

**Content:** further development of reading and listening strategies for enhanced comprehension of complex texts on abstract and concrete topics; boosting vocabulary for clear and adequate action and reaction in written and spoken communication on a wide variety of themes.

## Student Placement

Please make sure you have read the description/definition of the levels A1 to B2 within the *CEFR* before selecting your German level on the application form. The following website might help you to evaluate your language proficiency:

[rm.coe.int/CoERMPublicCommonSearchServices/DisplayDCTMContent?documentId=090000168045bb59](http://rm.coe.int/CoERMPublicCommonSearchServices/DisplayDCTMContent?documentId=090000168045bb59)

All students registered for a German course will have to do an online placement test after their acceptance. The test will assess the students' language proficiency and help place the students in the level that best suits their needs.



# General Information

## Program Overview

The Summer School will take place from July 11 to August 8, 2026.

On Saturday evening, July 11, an **orientation session** given by the Program Coordinator will introduce the participants to the program and the campus.

The official **opening ceremony** will be held on Sunday morning, July 12.

Afterwards the faculty will briefly introduce their courses.

In the evening a **welcome party** will give students the opportunity to meet informally with faculty and staff.

On Saturday August 8, a **closing ceremony**, which will officially end around 12 noon that day, will formally end the summer school.

**Attendance of the opening and closing ceremony is mandatory.** Students are asked to make their travel arrangements accordingly.



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## Campus

The summer school takes place at our summer campus located in the picturesque village of **Strobl**. Strobl is part of the Salzkammergut region, one of Austria's most attractive summer vacation areas.

The campus is hosted by the *Bundesinstitut für Erwachsenenbildung St. Wolfgang (BIFEB)* and consists of 156 acres of meadows and woods with a spectacular mountain view, located directly on the shore of Lake Wolfgang. Living together at the campus is an integral part of the summer program. The engaging **campus life** stimulates joint activities and intercultural and social exchange.



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## Accommodation

The standard of the houses on campus can be compared to \*\*\* hotels. Students are accommodated in comfortable single or double rooms with private baths. All rooms are equipped with a desk. Sheets, towels, and hairdryers will be provided.

Rooms will be distributed according to availability.

Room reservations for double rooms will be considered in order of arrival, as long as double rooms are available.

Students arriving before July 11 will have to find accommodation themselves until they can move into the campus dormitories. Rooms have to be vacated on

August 8, 2026. If the number of students exceeds the number of beds available on campus, we reserve the right to accommodate students in adequate double rooms off-campus nearby.



## Meals

All meals are served in the dining hall. The breakfast buffet normally consists of a wide variety of breads, jams and other spreads, honey, eggs, cheese, ham, sausages, cereals, and muesli. Coffee, tea, milk, and orange juice are available during breakfast. Brunch is served on weekends. Lunch and dinner meals include a variety of Austrian dishes. **Vegetarian and vegan dishes are also available.** Please note that the Sommerhochschule cannot guarantee that all dietary needs students may have can be met.



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## Service and Facilities

The on-campus **office** of the Sommerhochschule will be at student's service Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. The Sommerhochschule staff will be available for questions and support. There is a basic **library** where students can select books and readers with the assistance of staff.

All readers and copies needed for the courses will be provided by the Sommerhochschule without additional costs. Books, readers and texts for reading assignments will be available in the office.

**Copying machines** are provided on campus.

A **study room** will be available for students to study alone or in groups. Students have **free use of the computer** lab on campus, which also features printing facilities.

**Wireless internet connection** is available on campus free of charge for those who bring their own laptop.

## Medical Treatment

Students must provide their own medical insurance. Local general practitioners can be consulted in minor cases. For medical emergencies a nearby hospital is available. Every appointment with a doctor or the hospital has to be paid for by the students themselves. Students can retrieve the sum with the invoice from the doctor/hospital from their insurance companies.

## Climate

In Austria, the summer climate is generally mild and comfortable with temperatures around 28 degrees Celsius (83 degrees Fahrenheit). Due to the summer program's location, nestled in the mountains of the Salzkammergut, the weather can change rather rapidly, and there might be rain and temperatures around 16 degrees Celsius (60 degrees Fahrenheit) as well.



## Clothing

Casual wear will suffice for most activities. **Students are, however, requested to have suitable attire for formal occasions** like the opening ceremony, the closing ceremony, and the Midsummer Night's Ball. **Dark suits for men and evening or cocktail dresses for women** are highly recommended.

Rain wear, warm clothes, and sturdy outdoor shoes are strongly recommended.

## Internationality

Since participants traditionally come from over 25 different nations, students are encouraged to bring with them information about their home countries (e. g. photographs, music, etc.) in order to promote international understanding. Likewise, particularly in view of extra-curricular activities such as folk dancing and students' performances on the final evening, it might be fun for students to bring along their national costumes or other relevant utensils.

## Travel Arrangements

The Sommerhochschule campus is located at Strobl, approximately 300 km west of Vienna and 45 km from Salzburg. Students are responsible for their transportation to Strobl.

Directions: Students arriving by plane should fly into one of the following airports: Salzburg (Austria), Vienna (Austria), and Munich (Germany). Students arriving in Vienna or Munich have to take a train to Salzburg before changing to the bus to Strobl. The bus station is situated opposite the Salzburg train station. On Saturday July 11 a Sommerhochschule shuttle-bus will meet all incoming busses at the Stroblbus stop.



## Visa Applications

Citizens from certain countries must apply for a visa before travelling to Austria. Students are advised to contact the Austrian Embassy in their respective home countries for detailed information regarding the visa application process.

Visa applications should be made well in advance because visa application procedures may require well over one month. Austrian Embassies in certain countries ask for a payment confirmation or an invitation letter from the Sommerhochschule, before the applicant is issued a visa. Students can obtain such documentation from the Sommerhochschule after having paid the complete program fee. It is the student's responsibility to apply and obtain a visa in time for the summer school.

## Sports and Recreation

All extracurricular activities on campus are free of charge.

Two thirds of the campus is surrounded by Lake Wolfgang and forest. A romantic serpentine footpath winds its way through the forest along the lake and is ideal for walks and runs. Hiking trails in the surrounding mountains are well marked and safe, and two weekend days are reserved for hiking tours.

The campus area is large enough for various sport activities, such as frisbee, badminton, soccer, etc. The pier and boathouse are not only available for sports activities, but also to relax, sunbathe, and for meeting up with other students.

The campus also features table tennis and windsurfing facilities. Our sports trainer offers windsurfing courses throughout the duration of the summer program.



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## Cultural Program

All events of the cultural program are free of charge.

**Excursion to Salzburg:** The birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. With its spectacular buildings and charming cafes it is the perfect place to stroll around, go shopping, visit Mozart's birthplace or just enjoy the excellent sweets

**Excursion to St. Wolfgang:** After a boat trip students can take a walk through the lovely village of St. Wolfgang, where they have an opportunity to see the impressive Pacher Altar and visit the well-known White Horse Inn.

**Excursion to Ebensee:** A guided tour through the Museum of Contemporary History and the Ebensee Concentration Camp Memorial in the village Ebensee will be organized for the students. The Memorial includes the only remnants that were not destroyed after the camp's liberation. In one of the huge tunnels an exhibit provides a detailed description of the camp's history.

**Chamber Concert:** One evening a chamber concert with a string quartet of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra will take place.

**Dance course:** There will be a dance course once a week, at which students will have an opportunity to learn local and international folk dances and practice, of course, the cherished Viennese waltz. Traditionally, the dance course has been one of the highlights of the program.

**Midsummer Night's Ball:** The summer program will close with a festive Candle Light Dinner followed by the Midsummer Night's Ball where students are welcome to practice the dances learned in the dance course.



# Fees and Application

## Fees

The **Summer school fee is € 3,000** which includes registration, tuition, use of all sports and recreational facilities (including windsurfing lessons), and all planned excursions. External students have to pay the **Austrian students' union fee of € 25.20** to be admitted to the University of Vienna and to enjoy insurance coverage (general accident and liability insurance). An additional **fee for room and board** on campus will be collected by the Sommerhochschule for the host institution (*Bundesinstitut für Erwachsenenbildung*). This fee includes accommodation and full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner) for the four-week program.

Accommodation in a single room: **€ 2,433.70**

Accommodation in a double room: **€ 2,041.70**

(Prices include local tax which might be subject to change.)

Rooms will be distributed according to availability. Room reservations for double rooms will be considered in order of arrival. All additional costs for travel arrangements as well as health insurance and medical care are the responsibility of the participants.

The two-week **Austrian Arbitration Academy** can also be booked as an independent program. In this case the **fees are € 2,000** which include registration, tuition, use of all sports and recreational facilities, all planned excursions. External students have to pay the **Austrian students' union fee of € 25.20** to be admitted to the University of Vienna and to enjoy insurance coverage (general accident and liability insurance).

For AAA students a limited number of rooms is available on campus. Students applying for on-campus accommodation have to pay an additional **fee for room and board** which will be collected by the Sommerhochschule for the host institution. This fee includes accommodation and full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner) for the two-week arbitration program.

Accommodation in a single room: **€ 1,217.60**

Accommodation in a double room: **€ 1,021.60**

(Prices include local tax which might be subject to change.)

The nearby village of Strobl features a variety of guest houses and hotels to accommodate participants. It is highly recommended to book accommodation well in advance.



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## Application Material

Students are advised to read these instructions carefully before completing the application material.

Applicants have to submit the following documents:

1. Application form: should be filled out and signed electronically, and sent as a PDF.
2. Statement of purpose: a written statement of motivation (maximum length one page) sent as a PDF.
3. Recommendation letter: should be sent from the email account of the referee directly to the email address of the Sommerhochschule.

The letter should include a paragraph about the student's ability to study abroad. If the applicant is a student, the letter should be written by a person from the academic field.

4. Transcript of grades: preferably an official digital version. Alternatively a scan of an original transcript can be accepted. Applicants who have already completed their studies should submit a scan of their diploma. All transcripts and diplomas must include an explanation of the grading system used.
5. Official proof of proficiency level in English: Applicants whose native language is not English must submit proof of their proficient command of English. This can be a TOEFL test score report, an IELTS test report, a Cambridge certificate or a diploma of another official institution stating the English level, sent as a PDF.
6. Portrait photo: taken within the past year and sent as a JPG file (3.5 x 4.5 cm).
7. Deposit: € 400 for the summer school or € 350 for the Austrian Arbitration Academy have to be submitted with the application.

Please send the documents to:  
sommerhochschule@univie.ac.at

Alternatively the original documents can be sent via mail service to the office of the Sommerhochschule.

All documents that are not issued in English or German have to be translated into **English or German**. The translations have to be done by a notary or an official translator.

Please note that applications will not be reviewed until all required materials have been received. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**



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## Application Procedure

Applications for admission to the summer program are considered in order of their arrival. Students are strongly advised to apply as early as possible.

**The application deadline for the summer school 2026 is March 31.** Applications must have reached the office of the Sommerhochschule by this date.

The application documents can be sent either by email or in their original form by post.

Email address:  
sommerhochschule@univie.ac.at

Postal address:  
Innovationszentrum Universität Wien GmbH –  
Sommerhochschule  
Campus of the University of Vienna  
Alser Strasse 4/Hof 1/Tuer 1.16, 1090 Vienna, Austria

The deposit is considered part of the required application material and must be transferred to the following bank account of the Sommerhochschule by March 31:

Innovationszentrum Universität Wien GmbH –  
Sommerhochschule  
Bank: Bank Austria  
Bank address: Rothschildplatz 1, 1020 Vienna, Austria  
Account number: 00282240100  
Bank code: 11000  
BIC: BKAUATWW  
IBAN: AT57 1100 0002 8224 0100

The applicant's full name (first name and surname) has to be stated as "reason for transfer" or "reason for payment". All charges in connection with the payment must be borne by the participant. In some cases charges can be incurred both in your home country **and** in Austria.

After March 31, those students accepted by the Sommerhochschule will be informed via email. Upon notification of their acceptance, students are required to pay the remaining balance into the bank account of the Sommerhochschule.



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## Scholarships

A limited number of partial scholarships ranging from € 1,000 to € 3,000 are available for the European Studies section of the summer school. The remaining amount to cover the program fee of € 5,066.90 (€ 3,000 summer school fee, € 25.20 Austrian students' union fee, plus € 2,041.70 double room accommodation and full board) must be paid by the applicant.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic excellence and financial need. In order to receive a scholarship, students must demonstrate their financial need by describing their financial situation and submitting related documents.



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**The application deadline for scholarship applications is February 28, 2026.**

Applications must have reached the office of the Sommerhochschule by this date.

Please note that the scholarships are granted for the European Studies section only, therefore **scholarship students must attend and complete at least three European Studies courses**. German courses can only be taken in addition to those three European Studies courses.

Students applying for a scholarship have to submit the same material as regular applicants. Please refer to the application requirements number 1–6 (p. 32).

**Scholarship applicants do not have to submit a deposit.**

In addition to the application material listed, scholarship applicants have to submit the completed application form for financial assistance and include suitable documents demonstrating the applicant's financial need.



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Scholarship applicants must provide the following:

1. Proof of the applicant's monthly net income: Payslip(s) or income tax return(s) from the applicant, on which the monthly net income is made apparent.
2. Proof of the monthly net income of the applicant's parents (if the applicant is under 30): Pay-slip(s) or income tax return(s) from the applicant's parents, on which the monthly net income is made apparent. If the applicant is over 30 no proof of the parent's income has to be provided.
3. Proof of the monthly net income of the applicant's partner or spouse (if the applicant is living in the same household): Pay-slip(s) or income tax return(s) from the applicant's partner, on which the monthly net income is made apparent. If the applicant is not living in the same household with the partner, no proof of the income has to be provided.

4. Proof of any other existing financial support (e.g. scholarship, state support): Documents stating the kind of support, the amount granted, and the period for which it is granted.

Pay-slips must not be older than 3 months. Income tax returns should be from the most recent year.

Documents can be accompanied by an explanation if necessary. All supporting documents have to be submitted in English or German or with a certified translation into English or German.

### Cancellation and Refunds

The program fee consists of the **Summer school fee** (€ 3,000), the **Austrian students' union fee** (€ 25.20), and the **Room and board fee** (single room € 2,433.70 or double room € 2,041.70).

All program fees paid are fully refundable when the program is cancelled by the Sommerhochschule and when an applicant has been denied admission to the program.

For the **Summer school fee** the following cancellation policy applies:

- Cancellations received on or before March 31 will entitle to a refund minus the deposit.
- Cancellations received between April 1 and April 20 will entitle to a refund of 75% of the Summer school fee.
- Cancellations received between April 20 and June 15 will entitle to a refund of 50% of the Summer school fee.
- Cancellations received between June 15 and July 1 will entitle to a refund of 25% of the Summer school fee.

For cancellations received after July 1 no refund can be made.



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The **Austrian student union fee** of € 25.20 is not refundable, if the data of the participant was already submitted to the Austrian student union (ÖH).

For the **Room and board fee** the following cancellation policy applies:

- Cancellations received on or before April 11 will entitle to a full refund of the Room and board fee.
- Cancellations received between April 11 and June 15, will entitle to a refund of 50% of the Room and board fee.

For cancellations received after June 15, no refund can be made.

All cancellations must be received in writing.

## Faculty

International Arbitrator and Counsel (*Annacker International Disputes*); specializes in international arbitration and public international law; acted as counsel and arbitrator in more than 50 investment arbitrations, in commercial and inter-State arbitrations; member of the *ICSID* Panel of Arbitrators, *World Bank* Sanctions Board, *SIAC* Court of Arbitration, and *VIAC* Board; adjunct professor at the *University of Vienna*; published widely in the fields of international arbitration and public international law; former partner at *Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton* and *Dechert*.

**Claudia  
Annacker**

Preceptor and Lecturer on the Committee of Degrees in Social Studies at *Harvard University*; studied law at *Universität Hamburg*; B.A. in Philosophy from *Calvin University*; received Ph.D. in Modern Intellectual European History from the *University of Chicago*, where she taught in the Social Science core curriculum; teaches critical and social theory and continental philosophy at *Harvard University*; worked as Senior Producer of the Vienna Project at *Harvard University* and served as Director of the Digital Law Learning Lab (dL3) at the Law Institute of the *BOKU Wien*.

**Bo-Mi Choi**

Nadia Darwazeh is a Partner and Head of Arbitration of *Clyde & Co's* Paris office. She has extensive experience acting as counsel in commercial and investor-state arbitrations. She also regularly sits as arbitrator. Before joining *Clyde & Co*, Nadia practiced for two decades in the International Arbitration Groups of leading international law firms, based in Paris, Shanghai, Frankfurt and London. She also spent three years at the *ICC* where she led as Counsel the Europe, Middle East and Africa team overseeing more than 400 arbitrations.

**Nadia Darwazeh**

Professor of Law, Head of Department of Innovation and Digitalisation in Law, *University of Vienna*; head of the LLM-program on information and media law at the *University of Vienna*; expert member of the Austrian Data Protection Board and the Austrian AI Advisory Board.

**Nikolaus Forgó**

Secretary General, *SUERF – The European Money and Finance Forum*, Honorary Economic Advisor to the Governor of the *Oesterreichische Nationalbank*; member of the *European Central Bank's* Monetary Policy Committee from 2000–2022; for over a decade expert member of the *Austrian Fiscal Council*; numerous lectures on macroeconomics, monetary policy, EMU, European integration, and the financial and sovereign debt crisis; lecturer at the *University of Vienna* and at the *Austrian Academy of Accountants*; in 2019, awarded the title Professor by the President of the Republic of Austria.

**Ernest Gnan**

Professor for Civil Procedure and Private Law at the *University of Zurich* and Attorney-at-Law in Hamburg; main areas of interest and research: international arbitration, (international) civil procedure, corporate insolvency law and sports law; chairman, sole arbitrator or party-appointed arbitrator in more than 350 (ad hoc and administered) arbitration proceedings with – inter alia – *ICC*, *Swiss Arbitration*, *DIS*, *VIAC*, *CAS*, *BAT*; extensive consultative trial work as well as legal opinions in the fields of interests.

**Ulrich Haas**

Dipl.-Kfm., B.Sc., B.Sc. Hons; high school teacher for math and natural sciences in Basel; coaches pupils for high school exam; certified climbing and table tennis instructor; badminton, tennis and volleyball trainer; inventor of “Floletics” fitness and certified fitness coach; nutritional advisor and personal coach; former player in first division men’s volleyball in Aberdeen; active player in table tennis and badminton league; teaching experience in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

**Florian Haid**

Founding partner and co-head of the International Arbitration Practice at *KNOETZL*; extensive experience as counsel and arbitrator under the rules of the major arbitral institutions, including the *ICC*, *DIA*, *DIS*, *ICSID*, *KCAB*, *LCIA*, *SCC* and *VIAC*, as well as in ad-hoc arbitration such as *UNCITRAL*; specializes in engineering and construction, energy, joint ventures, and commercial and corporate disputes; lectures at the *University of Vienna* and is a faculty member of ROAP by DELOS; frequently speaks and publishes on international arbitration and investment protection; member of the *ICC* Commission on Arbitration.

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