



The First International MCS Summer School

The 1st MCS Summer School: *Learning from the Past* invite undergraduate and graduate students, young professionals particularly from the fields of social sciences and humanities (sociology, history, political science, law, international relations, human rights, Peace & Conflict Studies and related disciplines) to explore the Siege and Defense of Sarajevo (1992–1996) through an interdisciplinary academic program combining history, international law, urban conflict studies, memory politics, and civilian resilience.

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

- Field visits to key historical sites and in-depth learning about the Siege of Sarajevo;
- Policy discussions and simulations;
- Survivor testimonies;
- Comparative analysis of contemporary conflicts;
- Recognized lecturers, experts from Sarajevo Memorial center and Bosnia and Herzegovina;

The program transforms Sarajevo into a living classroom where memory, scholarship, and responsibility meet.

PROGRAM DETAILS

The program transforms the city into a living classroom, combining:

- Academic lectures by internationally recognized scholars and experts;
- Workshops;
- Field visits to key historical sites;
- Testimony and expert panels;
- Policy-oriented simulations;
- Student research presentations.

Participation fee: **Free of charge**

Language: **English**

Number of participants: **20**

Travel and accommodation expenses are not covered.

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadline: **15.6.2026.**

Notification of Results: **25.6.2026.**

Program Dates: **12.7. – 18.7. 2026.**

Main location: **Sarajevo Memorial Center**, address: *Širokac 22, 71.000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.*

Early applications are strongly encouraged.



MAIN TOPICS

Siege of Sarajevo, The disintegration of Yugoslavia and the road to war, Bosnian independence and its aftermath, Anatomy of a modern siege, Civilian survival and institutional resilience, International humanitarian law and accountability, Media and propaganda in wartime, Cultural destruction and identity targeting, Memory, memorialization, and post-war reconstruction, Lessons for contemporary urban war and conflicts.

VENUE

Sarajevo offers more than history. It offers lessons. Through an interdisciplinary framework and approach Sarajevo Memorial Center provides environment for participants to explore questions of war, civilian resilience, international law, cultural survival, and memory politics. Sarajevo is studied not only as a historical event, but as a contemporary case with urgent relevance for today's world.

APPLY NOW

E-mail: summerschool@mcsarajevo.ba

Application Deadline: **Applications are open from 15.5.2026. to 15.6.2026.**

To apply, please send your application via email to summerschool@mcsarajevo.ba.

Your application should include:

- A completed online application form for the Summer School (available here);
- Curriculum Vitae (maximum 2 pages);
- Motivation Letter (700–900 words)
 - Why do you want to participate?
 - How does this program relate to your academic or professional goals;
- A certificate of enrollment confirming your student status.

MORE INFO

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