

Call for papers

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Research Seminar „Diversity in Europe“

The very idea of European integration is inspired by the potentials of ‘unity in diversity’. Life and work spaces are increasingly transnational and intercultural. Non-discrimination is a central element of EU law and politics as an underlying precondition for its inherent dynamics. In a knowledge-based society it is a significant value and a source of competitive advantage.

The aim of the research seminar is to create a better understanding of the social and economic potentials of diversity and of its application in a legal, economic and social perspective and thereby create sensitivity for the topic and its potentials. We will debate crucial elements of the concept and analyze the state of anti-discrimination law and politics and its economic impact in the EU-member states and discuss the transferability of the European approach to third countries.

In the seminar, we would like to discuss ‘Diversity in Europe’ in an adequately broad and interdisciplinary way. Such a focus on diversity and anti-discrimination addresses key concepts, values and logics of European integration and thus creates an understanding of European citizenship.

We are particularly interested in questions such as:

- The different dimensions of European anti-discrimination law and politics
- Diversity and innovation
- EU anti-discrimination law – setting international standards?
- Diversity in the curricula and the organization of educational institutions
- Challenges and chances of diversity for the concept of EU citizenship
- Border regions as laboratory for ‘unity in diversity’?
- Diversity, religion and human rights, a magical triangle?
- EU anti-discrimination politics and minorities
- Diversity and culture
- How to integrate diversity into everyday life in the EU and beyond?

The list is not comprehensive.

Deadline:

Potential contributors to the workshop at the IUC Dubrovnik (8 April – 12 April 2013, <http://www.iuc.hr/courses.php>) are encouraged to contact the guest editors directly (matiaske@hsu-hh.de; groezing@uni-flensburg.de; charlotte.gaitanides@uni-flensburg.de) with an abstract of 1-2 pages before 31 January 2013.

Travel expenses for students and PhD students will be covered.

A publication of contributions will be arranged with the publishing house NOMOS.

Hoping to hear from you

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