

# Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2019

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## Federalism and the Rule of Law

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### WHAT IS THE WINTER SCHOOL ABOUT?

The Winter School is a two-week international postgraduate programme on federalism, regionalism and multilevel governance. It explores, from an interdisciplinary and comparative perspective, how federalism can contribute to multilevel, integrated and pluralistic decision-making.

A wide range of lectures provides an opportunity for participants to broaden their knowledge of multilevel governance and government, especially from the perspectives of legal and political sciences. Top-notch scholars coming from different backgrounds and from around the globe lead courses and workshops on federalism and its challenges in the Winter School's international learning environment.

The 2019 edition of the School will focus on **federalism and the rule of law**. For one week at the University of Innsbruck, which celebrates its 350th anniversary and one week at Eurac Research, Bolzano-Bozen, participants will analyze the requisites, problems and instruments of the rule of law in federal systems. A wide range of case studies and examples of symmetric and asymmetric federations, the European Union, multinational states or current examples in Europe, Africa or Asia will be discussed.

Furthermore, the study of federalism and minority issues, secession referendums as well as different policy fields, such as financial relations and environmental policies, will provide insights into the workings of federal states governed by the rule of law.

Beside numerous opportunities for discussion with leading experts on multilevel governance throughout the lectures, the interactive sessions will also offer participants the chance to share knowledge among themselves. Both lectures and workshops will address the issue of implementing the rule of law in federal systems through case studies and their comparison.

### The Winter School will examine a series of issues:

- What particular challenges does the rule of law pose for federal systems?
- How do different concepts of the rule of law affect federal systems?
- What is the role played by courts when it comes to conflicting law at federal and regional level?
- Is federal loyalty essential for all federal systems?
- How can secessionist claims be accommodated in federal systems governed by the rule of law?
- What impact do federalism and the rule of law have on fiscal relations, divided societies and policy fields such as environment?
- What lessons can be learned from comparative practice?

The Winter School 2019 examines these and other questions by combining theoretical expertise and relevant case studies. As such, the programme is a unique opportunity for young academics, postgraduate students and practitioners to receive enhanced training on the theoretical and practical aspects of federalism.

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The Winter School is designed for those who wish to upgrade their knowledge of federalism through an interdisciplinary and comparative approach, including:

- young researchers and academics
- post-docs, postgraduate and graduate students
- civil servants from local, regional or national government
- employees of international organisations or NGOs

*Please note that the programme builds on assumed prior knowledge of federalism.*

## WHAT TO EXPECT IN INNSBRUCK AND BOLZANO/BOZEN?

The two-week programme is embedded in an exciting international learning environment in Austria (Innsbruck) and in Italy (Bolzano/Bozen, South Tyrol) and includes:

- lectures by distinguished academics;
- discussions and case studies with experts;
- study visits to political institutions;
- interactive workshops and a public lecture.

*The Winter School is held entirely in English.*

## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

- **Univ.-Prof. Dr. Anna Gamper**  
Professor at the Department of Public Law, State and Administrative Theory at the Faculty of Law, University of Innsbruck.
- **Prof. Dr. Francesco Palermo**  
Head of the Institute for Comparative Federalism of Eurac Research in Bolzano/Bozen and Professor of Comparative Public Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Verona.
- **Univ.-Prof. DDr. Günther Pallaver**  
Professor at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Innsbruck.

## LECTURERS

- **Dr. Elisabeth Alber** – Eurac Research, Bolzano/Bozen, Italy
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The **Institute for Comparative Federalism** carries out comparative legal studies and applied research on governance trends in federal, regional and supranational systems within Europe and around the world. The institute is part of Eurac Research, Bolzano/Bozen, an innovative centre for research and training based in South Tyrol, Italy. Founded in 1992 as a private institution, Eurac Research is composed of eleven research institutes and two centers.



The **Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck**, Austria, founded in 1669, has gained a long-standing reputation for studies on federalism. It serves as the main academic centre of Western Austria and its neighbouring regions. Its sixteen faculties, among them the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, offer a wide range of studies. The University is situated in the heart of the Land Tyrol.

## DATES AND VENUES: 4 February – 15 February 2019

The first week takes place at the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Leopold-Franzens-Universität, Innsbruck, Austria; the second week takes place at the Institute for Comparative Federalism, Eurac Research Bolzano/Bozen, Italy.

### Application deadline: 21 October 2018

For further information, a detailed programme, enrolment procedure, costs and scholarship opportunities, please visit: [winterschool.eurac.edu](http://winterschool.eurac.edu)

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