



## Application Form - Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2024

**Dear applicant,**

**Thank you for your interest in our Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2024 "Federalism and Sustainability".**

**We look forward to reviewing your application.**

**Please give a look at the preview of the application form's questions (you can find them on the Winter School Homepage), prepare the essay in advance and then fill this application form all at once.**

**Note that we will review only complete applications, i.e. forms, in which all the required questions have been answered.**

**If this is the case, you will receive a confirmation email within 5 working days from the Winter School organizers.**

**Successful applicants will receive the official invitation to participate in the Winter School in early December. Please find our cancellation policy on our website [winterschool.eurac.edu](http://winterschool.eurac.edu)**

**Kind regards,**

**The Eurac Research Institute for Comparative Federalism and the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Innsbruck**



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I. Data Privacy Information

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### 1. Data Privacy Information

#### Data Privacy Statement

All personal data is dealt with in compliance with EU Regulation No. 2016/679 (GDPR) for the purposes of a) the application for the Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2024, and b) the receiving of newsletters and emails informing the recipient on the activities of the Institute for Comparative Federalism (i.e. calls, invitations, publications).

**The legal basis for the processing of your personal data is your consent to the processing of your personal data.**

Personal data will be stored for a) 24 months after the application deadline and b) as long as the newsletter service is available or you remain subscribed to it and, in any case, the time required to comply with the Applicable Law (art. 2649-2647 c.c.). When this period has been reached, the data shall be deleted or made anonymous. **The provision of personal data is voluntary, but refusal could interfere with the correct performance of the purposes,** thus rendering the application for the Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2024 and the receiving of the newsletter impossible. The recipients of the data are the staff members of the Institute of Comparative Federalism - Eurac Research and some collaborators of the University of Innsbruck - persons in charge of data processing activities, authorized and instructed by the data controller to data processing activities. Personal data may be communicated to external service providers (e.g. sending e-mails and analysing the functional capability of the website), which typically process personal data on behalf of Eurac Research as data processors. (). We use **Newsletter2Go** to send our newsletter to our subscribers. As part of your subscription, your data will be communicated to and processed by Newsletter2Go in its function as Data Processor. Newsletter2Go is a service provided by Sendinblue GmbH (Brevo), Germany. The data that is collected when you register for the newsletter will be sent to a server operated by Sendinblue GmbH in the EU and stored there in accordance with the requirements of the GDPR. For further information about the data protection offered by Newsletter2Go see: <https://www.newsletter2go.de/datenschutz/> ; [https://nl2go-prod-api-account.s3.eu-central-1.amazonaws.com/app\\_files/en/N2G\\_DSE.pdf](https://nl2go-prod-api-account.s3.eu-central-1.amazonaws.com/app_files/en/N2G_DSE.pdf). If you do not wish to receive any further newsletter, **you may unsubscribe at any time.**

To provide certain services Eurac Research and the Free University of Bolzano manage together the scientific platform Scientific Network South Tyrol which connects their data centers. Eurac Research and the Free University of Bolzano are Joint Controllers of the personal data processed in this context and, accordingly, have entered into an agreement pursuant to art. 26 of the GDPR.

Your data is stored within the European Union and Eurac Research does not intend to transfer Your data to third countries or international organisations. Some personal data could be transmitted to third countries outside of the EU but only if the transmission of personal data is connected to the performance of the institutional activities of Eurac Research. Where data is transferred to a third country, this will be done on the basis of the European Commission's standard contractual clauses (SCC) with supplementary measures and in according with the legal requirements.

The Data Controller is Eurac Research, Viale Druso 1, 39100 Bolzano; you can **contact the DPO** under the following e-mail address: [privacy@eurac.edu](mailto:privacy@eurac.edu).

At any time the data subject has the right to **request access** to their personal data, and to **correct or delete that data, or to limit its processing**. In addition, the data subject has the right to **data portability**, as well as the **right to lodge a complaint** with a supervisory authority. When the data processing is based on consent, the data subject **has the right to withdraw that consent** at any time. The data subject may also exercise all other rights pursuant to current data protection regulations (art. 15 et seq. GDPR) by writing to the e-mail address: [privacy@eurac.edu](mailto:privacy@eurac.edu).

### \* 1. Data Privacy

- I DECLARE that I have read and understood the information about personal data handling pursuant to EU Regulation 679/2016 and national legislation ("Data Privacy Statements") and give my CONSENT to the processing of my personal data for the application to the Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2024.

**2. Newsletter**

- I DECLARE that I want to receive newsletter and emails for information about the activities of the Institute for Comparative Federalism (e.g. calls, invitations, publications)



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**II. Personal Information**

**\* 3. Surname**

**\* 4. Given name(s)**

**\* 5. Gender**

- female
- male
- other
- prefer not to say

**\* 6. Date of birth**

Date

Date

 

**\* 7. Place of birth (town/city and country)**

**\* 8. Citizenship**

**\* 9. Schengen Visa**

The Winter School on Federalism and Governance takes place one week in Austria (Innsbruck) and one week in Italy (Bolzano/Bozen)

- I need an invitation from Eurac Research to obtain a Schengen visa to enter Austria and Italy
- I do NOT need an invitation from the Eurac Research to obtain a Schengen visa to enter Austria and Italy

10. Please indicate your full **current address** and your **country of residence** for the period of October 2023 - February 2024.

**\* 11. Email address**

**\* 12. Confirm** your email address

**\* 13. Telephone number** incl. country code (valid for the period of October 2023-February 2024)



**\* 14. Current position (work and/or studies)**

Please specify your current job position and/or the study program you are currently enrolled in, indicating also the place and country where you are working or studying.

**\* 15. Previous work experience**

Please indicate your work experience, especially if relevant to the topics of the Winter School.

**\* 16. Education**

Please indicate: degree(s), subject, name of institution/university, country and year of graduation.

**17. Additional Studies**

e.g. internships, courses/seminar, publications etc., especially if relevant to the topics of the Winter School.

**\* 18. Proficiency in English**

Please describe your level of English (e.g. your CEFR level; university degree in English; TOEFL/IELTS results, study abroad, etc.)

**\* 19. Professional reference**

Please provide a name, details and email address of a person (faculty member, job supervisor, etc.) who could be contacted to attest to your abilities, qualifications and academic/professional performance.

<b>Name</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Company</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Email Address</b>	<input type="text"/>



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IV. Further Application Details

**\* 20. Motivation to apply**

Please describe your reasons for applying to the Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2023 (max. 1500 characters incl. spaces)

**\* 21. Scholarship**

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded based on need and merit. Please indicate whether you are applying for a scholarship.

- Yes
- No



#### IV. Further Application Details

\* 22. Please write a short motivation (max. 1000 characters incl. spaces) as to why you deserve a scholarship.

\* 23. Would you be able to attend the Winter School without scholarship funding?

- Yes  
 No



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#### V. Workshops and Essay

\* 24. **Workshop**

Please choose the workshop that you would like to participate in during the Winter School.

*"Federalism, Sustainability and..."*

- A: Financial Relations  
 B: Democratic Participation  
 C: Environment  
 D: Democratic Institutions





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Workshop A: Federalism, Sustainability and Financial Relations

\* 25. For your essay (max 3500 characters, incl. spaces), please choose ONE of the two questions below.

- To what extent does the allocation of fiscal resources in a federal/multilevel system impact the achievement of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (with respect to issues such as gender equality, no poverty or reduction of inequalities)? Examples from a case study you are familiar with are welcome.
- Funding arrangements are a vital component of any system of shared government. How can financial relations contribute to managing diversity and reducing secessionist tensions? Please focus on a case study with which you are familiar and provide examples discussing the potential integrative or disintegrative impacts of fiscal federalism.



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Workshop A: Federalism, Sustainability and Financial Relations

\* 26. To what extent does the allocation of fiscal resources in a federal/multilevel system impact the achievement of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (with respect to issues such as gender equality, no poverty or reduction of inequalities)? Examples from a case study you are familiar with are welcome.

27. References (if any)



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### Workshop A: Federalism, Sustainability and Financial Relations

\* 28. Funding arrangements are a vital component of any system of shared government. How can financial relations contribute to managing diversity and reducing secessionist tensions? Please focus on a case study with which you are familiar and provide examples discussing the potential integrative or disintegrative impacts of fiscal federalism.

29. References (if any)



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Workshop B: Federalism, Sustainability and Democratic Participation

\* 30. For your essay (max 3500 characters, incl. spaces), please choose ONE of the two questions below.

- What is the interplay between federalism and participatory democracy? Reflect on democratic participation at different levels of government.
- To what extent do democratic innovations in your country/field of expertise contribute to sustainable governance? Put differently, reflect on (possible) practices and methods of citizens' participation in traditional decision-making processes regarding the concept of sustainability.



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Workshop B: Federalism, Sustainability and Democratic Participation

\* 31. What is the interplay between federalism and participatory democracy? Reflect on democratic participation at different levels of government.

32. References (if any)



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Workshop B: Federalism, Sustainability and Democratic Participation

\* 33. To what extent do democratic innovations in your country/field of expertise contribute to sustainable governance? Put differently, reflect on (possible) practices and methods of citizens' participation in traditional decision-making processes regarding the concept of sustainability.

34. References (if any)



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Workshop C: Federalism, Sustainability and Environment

\* 35. For your essay (max 3500 characters, incl. spaces), please choose ONE of the two questions below.

- Please do describe challenges, opportunities and emerging mechanisms for multilevel governance of the Environmental Sustainable Development Goals (with reference to SDGs no. 13, 14, 15).
- How are local and regional governments in your country experimenting with new governance models to embrace environmental sustainability?



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Workshop C: Federalism, Sustainability and Environment

\* 36. Please do describe challenges, opportunities and emerging mechanisms for multilevel governance of the Environmental Sustainable Development Goals (with reference to SDGs no. 13, 14, 15).

37. References (if any)



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Workshop C: Federalism, Sustainability and Environment

\* 38. How are local and regional governments in your country experimenting with new governance models to embrace environmental sustainability?

39. References (if any)



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### Workshop D: Federalism, Sustainability and Democratic Institutions

\* 40. For your essay (max 3500 characters, incl. spaces), please choose ONE of the two questions below.

Sustainability has not only an ecological and economic dimension but also a socio-political one. This workshop focuses on the latter dimension, more precisely on what institutions makes democracy sustainable at the subnational level (regions, provinces, cantons, etc.) and the local level. Please respond to one of the following questions:

- Looking at your home country or another country of your choice, what are the main institutions, both formal and informal ones, that ensure the sustainability of democracy (representative, direct and participatory democracy) at subnational level (regions, provinces, states etc.)?
- Looking at your home country or another country of your choice, what are the main institutions that ensure the sustainability of democracy (representative, direct and participatory democracy) in municipalities?



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### Workshop D: Federalism, Sustainability and Democratic Institutions

\* 41. Looking at your home country or another country of your choice, what are the main institutions, both formal and informal ones, that ensure the sustainability of democracy (representative, direct and participatory democracy) at subnational level (regions, provinces, states etc.)?

42. References (if any)



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Workshop D: Federalism, Sustainability and Democratic Institutions

\* 43. Looking at your home country or another country of your choice, what are the main institutions that ensure the sustainability of democracy (representative, direct and participatory democracy) in municipalities?

44. References (if any)





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### VI. Other Information

#### 45. Additional remarks

#### 46. How did you find out about the Winter School on Federalism and Governance? (*more than one answer possible*)

- EURAC Research or Winter School Homepage
- Former participants
- Newsletters of Associations and Blogs
- Newsletter of University
- University/ Professor
- Internet Research
- Eurac Research Social Media
- Other (please specify)



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### VII. Conclusion

#### \* 47. Declaration

- I hereby CONFIRM that all information stated in this application is correct. If any of this information changes or if I decide to revoke my application, I will immediately inform the Institute for Comparative Federalism on the following email adress: winterschool@eurac.edu.