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X. European Summer School in Local Government Studies Leadership and Local Democracy: Does Leadership Make a Difference?

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Brief course description

During last years there has been a lot of discussion on local leadership in several European countries. The most visible dimension of on-going changes is in institutional reforms initiated in several countries. Examples of such reforms include change of traditional collective leadership based on a consensus into a form of the "parliamentary model" (in several Scandinavian cities) and experiments with the direct election of mayors in countries like: Germany, Italy, Greece, Norway, England, Ireland or Belgium. Budapest seems to be an excellent place to discuss this topic, since the same trend is wide-spread in several countries of Central and Eastern Europe, including: Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine and recently also in Poland.

But our discussion is not going to stop on institutional changes. We will ask how the change in institutional position of the leader influences the style of leadership. This includes a changing relationship between the leader and other actors, so it modifies community power structure, role of parties in local governance and last but not least, leader-residents relationship, which may often result in a different mode of community involvement in local politics.

We want to stress that in discussing practical experience of various European countries we will include experiences of reforming Central and East European local governments, with a special focus on New Member States of the EU. It does not mean that we will disregard experiences of Western Europe and "old" EU members, but we want to have a more even geographical coverage of the whole Europe, than it used to be on most of the previous EUROLOC Summer Schools.

The course invites applications primarily from political science students, but it is also open for students of public administration, economics, sociology and geography who are working on local governments issues.

The agenda will include lectures in the morning and workshops during the afternoons. The workshops will be organized around discussion of topics presented during lectures and papers prepared by School participants. Each of the participants will prepare a paper, which will be sent in advance to organizers and will be available for downloading by other participants. Each of the participants will also act as a discussant of the paper prepared by another participant."



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