The CEU Summer University announces the course

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY AND CROSS-NATIONAL APPROACHES TO ROMANY STUDIES

- A MODEL FOR EUROPE

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BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION

This program forms the introduction to a unique set of training events (lasting between 18 months and three years) that CEU and its partner institutions will host allowing a group of young students at the outset of their careers to become the next generation of teachers and researchers in the broad field of Romany studies.

Rationale

Roma and other populations known under the umbrella term 'Gypsies' are the largest transnational minority in our continent and represent significant sections of the populations of most if not all the new and the accession member states as well as one of the older states (Spain). They are also, in those countries, massively over-represented among the poor, the unemployed and the socially excluded.

Systematic racial prejudice adds to the legacy of economic and political marginalization. Moreover, virtually no provision is made for the development of teaching and study of Romany issues in the mainstream European academy.

Training content and target audience

We now seek to recruit a wide and disciplinarily diverse group of doctorands. Through this summer school and subsequent events, we will provide you with a thorough introduction to the latest multi-disciplinary approaches to Romany experience in Europe. While the training for most students will end in July 2008, a small group will be selected for further training in complementary methods to deliver the core training in a third summer school to be held in 2009 for a new generation of doctorands.

The first summer school in 2007 held in Budapest, Hungary will comprise training in linguistic, socio-linguistic, historical, anthropological and sociological approaches to the study of Romany communities in Europe today. It will include a field trip to two Romany communities in Hungary. Teaching staff are recruited from across the European academy. We will also have a cohort of Romany students participating in all the summer school events.

Funding

An EU grant has been awarded to finance participation costs, but final contract negotiations are still underway. Applications are invited on a full scholarship basis; final confirmation of funding will be available January 1, 2007 at the latest.

The Summer University was established in 1996 and is aiming to involve a high-level international faculty (including CEU faculty), and excellent advanced doctoral students, junior or post-doctoral researchers, teachers and professionals as participants. While application from all over the world is encouraged, continued priority is given to applicants from Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and countries experiencing emerging democracies worldwide. Applicants from these countries, when admitted on merit, will be eligible for scholarship, while those from developed countries will usually be expected to pay fees.


Further information on the course and on eligibility criteria and funding options is available at http://www.sun.ceu.hu

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