



ADAPTATION GOVERNANCE: SPATIAL, TEMPORAL AND CULTURAL CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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At a time of well-documented, unavoidable and continuing global change adaptation has become a key concept in environmental and related social sciences, and also in policy processes on a variety of scales. Many sectors, such as forestry, biodiversity conservation, water management, agriculture, infrastructure development need information about the current state and future direction of ecosystem conditions, potential ecosystem-based adaptations, and relevant policies and governance mechanisms enabling such adaptations. This is a field of research and practice on the boundary of natural, social and policy sciences where ecosystem complexity meets the complexity of social systems. The challenge of such collaborations and policy development require not only navigating through complex issues with high levels of uncertainty in physical and ecological processes, but also accounting for the diversity of potential human choices and decisions of multiple stakeholders. Spatial, temporal and cultural issues are, arguably, the most difficult to account for and to manage, and they only add to the overall complexity.

The purpose of this Summer School is to bring together selected scholars and participants from a variety of relevant academic and professional backgrounds related to ecosystem vulnerability. It is an opportunity for participants actively engaged in adaptation related research to meet and to have an informed dialogue, about the field of their diverse academic inquiries with leading researchers and practitioners and with each other. The range of topics will include integrated vulnerability monitoring and assessment, resilience analysis, ecosystem services valuation, scenario building and analysis, adaptive policy development and management and institutional aspects of ecosystem adaptation. The course will provide practical learning opportunities for the participants supported by a number of expert-led sessions on theoretical concepts, tools and methods and case studies to demonstrate their relevance for policy-making.

Course participants shall meet the following criteria:

- hold a positions at a university, research centre, consultancy, a research-oriented NGO or an international organisation;
- have an MSc / MA or PhD degree or equivalent and in the case of an MSc / MA also at least two years of research or/and teaching at the graduate level or be enrolled in PhD studies;
- have demonstrable achievements in research and / or curriculum development;
- demonstrate good communication skills in English.

The venue for most sessions will be the main campus of the Central European University (CEU) in the heart of Budapest. The University occupies a block of modern and historical buildings in downtown Pest, a two-minute walk from St. Stephen Cathedral and the Eastern bank of the Danube right across from Castle Hill which has UNESCO's World Heritage Site designation. Hungary's Parliament, National Museum, and a countless number of other attractions and restaurants are within minutes of walking distance.

CEU's main building has been recently renovated and has high quality facilities and technology. During the school the participants will have access to CEU's library, printing/photocopying facilities, e-resources and campus-wide wireless network. Accommodating can be provided at the CEU Residence and Conference Centre about half an hour travel from the campus at special summer university rates.

For further academic information on the course and on eligibility criteria and funding options please visit the web site:

<http://summer.ceu.hu/adaptation-2013>

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Central European University's summer school (CEU SUN), established in 1996, is a program in English for graduate students, junior or post-doctoral researchers, teachers and professionals. It offers high-level, research-oriented, interdisciplinary academic courses as well as workshops on policy issues for professional development, taught by internationally renowned scholars and policy experts (including CEU faculty). Application from all over the world is encouraged. Financial aid is available.

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