

THE 2008 OLYMPIA SUMMER SEMINARS

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the Program on Order, Conflict and Violence at Yale University and MICROCON
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SINCE THE SUMMER OF 2002, Olympia has been hosting, with growing success, an annual international graduate summer program in conflict studies. Thanks to the collaboration of Greek universities with Yale University's Program on Order, Conflict and Violence, the hospitality of the city of Ancient Olympia, and the generosity of Greek foundations, the OSS bring together every year a highly diverse and talented group of graduate students, professionals, and professors from more than 20 countries from around the world.

The purpose of the Seminars is to create a forum for high quality academic work in the unique context of Olympia, and to provide opportunities for the creation and consolidation of scholarly networks of cooperation.

The 2008 program is comprised of two cycles: a course in conflict studies; and, a course in advanced research methods with an emphasis on the study of conflict. The seminar will run from July 4 until July 13, 2008. Participants will be selected from a competitive pool of candidates from around the world. Tuition charges cover only part of the total cost of the program since OSS is generously supported by several sponsors. A number of scholarships are offered on the basis of merit and need.

Apply to Olympia Summer Seminars

Applicants should be (post-) graduate students working towards Masters or Ph.D degrees. A few senior undergraduates in social sciences may also be admitted. All applicants should be fluent in English. An application should include a short bio, a letter of recommendation and a copy of university transcripts.



For all inquiries please visit www.uom.gr. You can e-mail olympia@uom.gr. Also you can contact Ms Dimitriadou, tel.: +30 2310 891.474, fax: +30 2310 891.450. Please download the application form from the web and submit by e-mail by May 2, 2008. Early applications are strongly encouraged, especially if a request for financial aid is submitted. Places are limited and will be awarded on merit. Decisions will be mailed out by May 15, 2008. Admitted foreign students will be provided with all necessary documentation in support of a visa application, if this is needed.



Fees

All participants are expected to pay for their own travel to and from Athens. In addition, there is a 100-euro non-refundable registration fee to be paid in advance of the seminar to secure a place, in accordance with the instructions provided in the letter of admission. Tuition and board charges for cycle A is 750 euros and for cycle B 900 euros. This covers shared hotel accommodation in a double occupancy room, breakfast and dinner, all the reading material, transportation from Athens to Olympia and back, as well as cultural and social activities. A single room can be provided at an additional charge. A limited number of scholarships for the tuition and board charges are available and will be awarded on a merit and need basis. All participants are admitted to one of the two cycles and students cannot change cycles once the seminars begin.

CYCLE A

War, Conflict & Identity

July 4-July 13, 2008

Course description

This course will provide a concise, yet in-depth, overview of recent theoretical and empirical research on conflict, spanning several disciplines and issue areas. We will survey recent advances in the study of political violence, including civil wars and terrorism; nationalism and ethnic conflict; conflict and post-conflict dynamics. The faculty for the 2008 seminars includes Stathis Kalyvas, author of *The Logic of Violence in Civil War*; Monica Toft, author of *The Geography of Ethnic Violence: Identity, Interests, and Territory*; Dimitris Keridis, author of *The US Foreign Policy and the Conservative Counter-Revolution*, Andreas Gofas, author of several papers on terrorism and international relations.

Participating Guest Professors

Stathis Kalyvas, Political Science, Yale University

Dimitris Keridis, Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies, University of Macedonia

Monica Toft, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Andreas Gofas, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals

CYCLE B

MICROCON Course in Advanced Methods for Research in Conflict Affected Countries

July 6-13, 2008

Course Description

This course will provide training in innovative multidisciplinary methods in conflict research. It is being organized by MICROCON, a research program funded by the European Commission's Sixth Framework Program, which aims to create the foundations for a new research and policy agenda for the study of the full conflict cycle at the micro level. For information on MICROCON please visit www.microconflict.eu. Part of this agenda is the development of methods for the collection and analysis of qualitative and quantitative conflict-related data on individual and group interactions in conflict environments. The course will last one week, and is aimed at graduate students engaged in research on violent conflict. It will provide training on topics including quantitative and qualitative methods, field practices and research ethics. Each day will be run by a leading expert, who will lecture on and discuss their specialization. Students will present their research proposals at the beginning of the week and receive feedback throughout the course.

Participating Guest Professors

Patricia Justino, Economics, Quantitative Methods, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex and Harvard University

Betsy Levy Paluck, Social Psychology, Experimental Design, Harvard University

Stathis Kalyvas, Political Science, Theory, Yale University

Philip Verwimp, Economics, Survey Research, National Science Foundation (Flanders, Belgium), University of Antwerp and Université Libre de Bruxelles

Jon Pederson, Managing Director, FAFO, Norway

