

Legal and institutional preconditions for sustainable development in Russia

(Compact course / Excursion / Joint German-Russian Seminar, 14 sessions of 1.5 hours each) 6/9 ECTS

Four introductory sessions:

1st session: Monday, May 18, 16:00 – 17:30, PG 271;

2nd - 3th session: Friday, May 29, 13:30 – 17:00, PG 271;

4th session: Wednesday, July 1, 16:00-17:30, PG 271

Excursion September 13-20, 2015: 5th – 12th session: September 14-17, 2015 (Monday – Thursday)

Two follow-up sessions: 13th – 14th session: Monday, 28 September, 13:30 – 17:00

15 participants of Viadrina European University, **electronic applications by 22 May 2015** (for details, see below)

MES modules: ZB Wirtschaft, ZB Politik, ZB Recht, WPM 2, 5, 6

IBA modules: S-Modul, old SPO also E-Modul

Lecturers: Stefan Hanisch / Dr Lyudmila Danilenko

The transition from centrally planned to market economies, which has been lasting longer than two decades, showed us how important institutional market support is for a successful transition.

The course will specify necessary institutions and describe the multiple legal, institutional and economic reforms needed to be undertaken as part of Russia's transition to a market economy. Another focal point encompasses the important and sometimes non-obvious synergies between different reform elements. We will stress the complexity of reform, the interrelatedness of reform elements and the importance of anti-corruption measures. Based on the perspective of (new) institutional economics and other theories of (new) development economics, an economic analysis of development processes will be complemented with legal, political, sociological and institutional approaches.

This master's course is a joint German-Russian seminar. 15 students of Viadrina European University and 15 students of Pskov State University will study together during the eight sessions to be held in Pskov. The course is financially supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and part of the project "EuroFaculty Pskov" financed by the Council of the Baltic Sea States.

Each participant is expected to present a paper in Pskov, which later on or beforehand is to be submitted in an extended and more detailed written form. Topics and tasks will be assigned to the participants during the four introductory sessions.

Comparative research on other economies in transition than Russia is welcome.

Participation requirements, performance test and credits:

The working language of the seminar will be English.

Proficiency in English is required. Proficiency or reading comprehension of Russian is an asset.

ECTS: 6/9. Regular attendance; presentation (30 percent of grade), contributions to discussion (10 percent) and term paper (60 percent).

Application procedure:

1. Please attend the 1st introductory session on Monday, May 18, 16:00 – 17:30, PG 271. Afterwards, apply by Friday, 22 May 2015, sending an e-mail to: hanisch@europa-uni.de.

In this e-mail, please shortly summarize your motivation, study background, relevant knowledge and skills; attach your CV and an electronic copy of your national passport (with a minimum validity of 6 months after visa expiry).

2. Once you received the electronic confirmation of enrolment from the Department of International Affairs, intoffice@europa-uni.de (along with additional information and a number of forms), please submit the original of your national passport (with a minimum validity of 6 months after visa expiry) and a hardcopy of the following documents on Thursday, 28 May 2015, 13:00-17:00, to the Department of International Affairs, Ms Iuliia Sadrieva, in room AM 207:

- seminar application form, duly signed;
- letter of commitment, duly signed;
- emergency addresses form, duly signed;
- copy of your national passport (with a minimum validity of 6 months after visa expiry) – Please also send an electronic copy to intoffice@europa-uni.de;
- visa application, duly signed, along with your photo (see <https://visa.kdmid.ru/PetitionChoice.aspx>) - As period of the trip, please indicate September 11-23, 2015.

Financial issues:

The amount of the DAAD grant will cover transportation (up to a maximum of EUR 275, upon presentation of receipts and boarding passes) as well as accommodation and subsistence costs (lump sum of EUR 225). Visa will be provided free of charge. Given the current prices, most probably, some meals and excursions have to be financed by own means.

For further information, please contact:

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