

# EUROPEAN REGIONAL MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE

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**ERMA**

16<sup>th</sup>  
EDITION

I TERM

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RESEARCH  
INTERNSHIP



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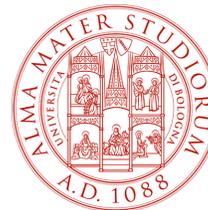
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## University of Sarajevo & University of Bologna Double MA in Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe

<b>DEADLINE:</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> of September 2016
<b>33 STUDENTS:</b>	Overall 33 students will be selected, in the second half of September 2016, from the following target groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Target group I</b> (25 places reserved): Citizens of target countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYR of Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia.</li><li>▪ <b>Target group II</b> (5 places reserved): Citizens of the European Union countries, countries of the Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia) and Russian Federation.</li><li>▪ <b>Target group III</b> (3 places reserved): Citizens of other countries.</li></ul>
<b>TUITION FEE:</b>	ERMA is a tuition free programme for TG I. Tuition fee of 1.000 EURO applies to TG II and TG III.
<b>SCHOLARSHIP:</b>	Students from TG I and TG II receive study grants covering normal living costs during term I and II (November to July) in the overall amount of 4.500 EURO. During the term three in Italy (September to mid-October) all students are accommodated at the Bologna University Residential Center of Bertinoro, Italy, where the costs of lodging and dining (full board) are covered by the programme for students of these two target groups.
<b>REIMBURSMENTS:</b>	Students from TG I and TG II also receive reimbursements in the overall amount of 1.200 EURO for the three terms of the programme. They cover: travel expenses, health insurance and other costs related to the programme, such as diploma recognition, residence permit, visa and translations, where applied. Note: Besides the tuition fee, students from the TG III are expected to cover their living expenses, the costs of term three in amount of 3.150 EURO and 200 EURO administrative costs for the thesis defense.
<b>REQUIREMENTS:</b>	The university degree of the applicants must be earned during studies lasting either 4 or 5 years within the former undergraduate studies provisions, or 5 years (3+2) within I and II cycle studies provisions in accordance with the Bologna process with minimum of 240 ECTS earned. Candidates must hold a university degree in disciplines relevant to human rights; in particular law, social, political sciences and humanities from an accredited university.

### DESCRIPTION

The European Regional Master's Programme in Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe is a one year, full time, interdisciplinary programme, lasting from November until October. Its aim is the development of democracy and human rights in South East Europe. It is a joint initiative by University of Sarajevo, **CIS Center for Interdisciplinary Studies** and University of Bologna, **IECOB Institute for Central Eastern and Balkan Europe**. ERMA is jointly co-financed by the European Union through the EIUC (European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratization) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy via the Embassy of the Republic of Italy to Bosnia and Herzegovina. The programme is awarding the students with 60 ECTS and a double-degree diploma of both founding universities (UNSA and UNIBO).

The Master Programme is an academic educational activity intended for students that wish to combine studies with practical and field research experience in human rights and democratization issues. ERMA is characterized by an interdisciplinary approach recognizing that human rights are a crosscutting theme among different disciplines of study, such as political science, social sciences, law, sociology and philosophy. Enrolled students have the benefit of studying in a highly international environment together with colleagues from all over the region, European Union and the world, attending lectures and workshops held by over 40 professors from 10 partner universities: University of Bologna, University of Sarajevo, University of Belgrade, Karl Franzens University of Graz, University of the Ruhr, University of Peloponnese, University of Zagreb, New Bulgarian University, University Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Higher School of Economics-National Research University, Moscow. ERMA is co-directed by Professor Stefano Bianchini from the University of Bologna and Professor Asim Mujkić from the University of Sarajevo.

The Master Programme promotes the development and realization of young generations of officials for state management, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, for universities and think-tanks in Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, FYR of Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as in the countries belonging to the EU, the rest of Europe, and worldwide.

## STRUCTURE AND CONTENTS

The programme consists of **two semesters with three terms**.

The **First Term** is taking place at the University of Sarajevo, **CIS Center for Interdisciplinary Studies** from November to mid-June. It is structured in six educational clusters and three elective courses, together awarding 30 ECTS. Students are taught by professors and lecturers from the participating universities. The language of instruction is English and attendance is compulsory. The structure of the lectures and its research dimension are shaped in order to emphasize a shared consciousness among the students about the democratic development and the human rights promotion as well as their protection and implementation in the SEE Region.

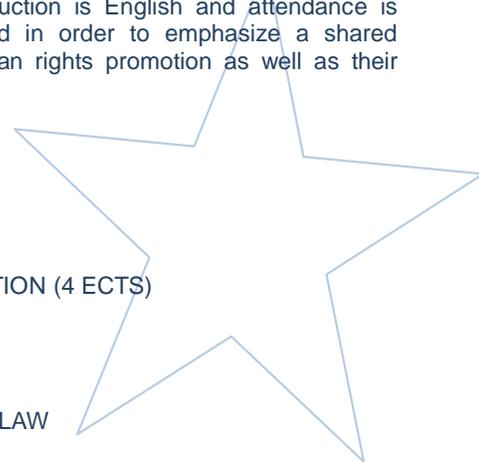
### TEACHING PROGRAM:

- Cluster 1: PHILOSOPHY OF HUMAN RIGHTS (4 ECTS)
- Cluster 2: DEMOCRACY (4 ECTS)
- Cluster 3: ETHNICITY, NATIONALISM AND RELIGION (4 ECTS)
- Cluster 4: ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS (4 ECTS)
- Cluster 5: MECHANISMS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION AND IMPLEMENTATION (4 ECTS)
- Cluster 6: METHODOLOGY OF ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND WRITING (3 ECTS)

### ELECTIVE COURSES:

- LIFE STORIES AND DIALOGUES
- GENOCIDE AND GENOCIDAL ATROCITIES IN THEORY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW
- INTRODUCTION TO REFUGEE LAW AND PROTECTION RIGHTS

### MID-TERM EXAM (7 ECTS)



*Alongside with the lectures and seminars, students have also visits to state institutions, international and intergovernmental organizations, as well as to NGO's active in the field of human rights and democracy in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Moreover, students take part in two academic field trips to Mostar and Srebrenica/Potočari.*



### RESEARCH DIMENSION

During the first term in Sarajevo, students benefit from methodology courses on academic research and writing, information retrieval, comparative analysis and data gathering techniques. Also, they undertake consultations with their potential supervisors and academic tutors about the dissertation topic.

By the end of May students are required to submit a thesis proposal to the Executive Board of the programme and to select a suitable internship partner organization for their placement and field research period.

The Executive Board, on the basis of student applications and Faculty availability approves the dissertation topic, the internship choice and the supervisor for each student. Eligible supervisors are professors' members of the programme from partner universities. ERMA's students are required to finalize a master's thesis on the current issues related to human rights and democracy development in the SEE region at the end of the third period.



In order to gain deeper understanding of the regional dimensions of issues connected to human rights and democratization, students are strongly encouraged to write the MA thesis on countries other than those of their citizenship and to do comparative studies on the countries from the SEE region.

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According to the educational structure of the Master, the **Second Term** is designated for students to acquire working experience in the field of human rights and democracy throughout the SEE, boosting their mobility and international experience, and most importantly, conducting their research and data gathering related to the MA thesis topic. In this framework, from mid-June to end of July, students take up seven-week assessed internships at selected IGOs, NGOs, think-tanks and research institutes across the region choosing from a list of over 100 partner organizations from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia.

The internship period takes place in a country other than the country of citizenship of the student. This decision aims at promotion of diversity and intercultural communication, understanding and adaptability to different working standards, which is a prerequisite for experts aiming to work in field of human rights.

ERMA Term II is conceived to be strictly correlated with the MA thesis topic and both the choice of the country and the organization should be taken in accordance with the topic of each student's research interests and needs. The students are expected to individually choose the organization which is the most suitable to conduct their research and data gathering necessary for the MA Thesis writing process that will take place during the Term III in Italy.

At the same time, the international experience granted by the internship helps the students to develop professional expertise in intercultural environment and promote mobility of human capital in the region. Moreover, it helps students to advance their research and analytical skills, as well as providing them with the opportunity to establish a professional network.

This placement period is aimed at fostering ERMA students' professionalization and providing the chance to apply their knowledge in the field of human rights and democracy. During the internship the students are expected to carry out their tasks with responsibility and to actively contribute to the work of the organization. The internship is worth 12 ECTS.

- Balkan Investigative Reporting Network (BIRN);
- Association for Culture and Arts (CRVENA);
- European Institute Romania;
- Center for Peace Studies;
- Council of Europe;
- Center for Research and Policy Making;
- International Organization for Migration (IOM);
- Center for Democracy and Human Rights;
- Youth Initiative for Human Rights;
- The Institute for Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian in Exile (IICCMER);
- Be active, Be emancipated (B.a.B.e.);
- Women's Room;
- Human Rights Center;
- Humanity in Action;
- EU Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Center for Study on Democracy;
- Association for Democratic Initiative;
- Center for Peace Non-Violence and Human Rights;
- Women's Studies Centre;
- Civil Rights Defenders;
- International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP);
- Center for Regionalism;
- Sombor Education Center;
- Center for Comparative Conflict Studies (CFCCS);



During the **Third Term** of the Programme, from September to mid-October, ERMA students focus on the finalization of their Master's Theses accommodated at the Bologna's University Residential Center of Bertinoro (CEUB). During this period students benefit from comprehensive tutorship assistance, attend short seminars and lectures lead by professors participating in the "Europe and the Balkans International Network (EBIN)" within the yearly international summer school organized by the Institute for Central-Eastern and Balkan Europe (IECOB). Moreover, they enjoy living together, excursions and field visits. This term is compulsory and awards 18 ECTS.

*The University of Bologna Residential Centre is located in a picturesque medieval town of Bertinoro, Emilia-Romagna, rich of history and popular traditions, and situated in Central Italy in the heart of the wonderful Foreste Casentinesi e Campigna National Park.*



## SCHOLARSHIPS

The 30 students coming from TG I (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYR of Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia) and TG II (EU, Caucasus-Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia; and Russian Federation) will receive study grants covering normal living costs during term I and II (November to July) in the overall amount of 4.500 Euro. During the term three in Italy (September to mid-October) the students are accommodated at the University Residential Center of Bertinoro, Italy, where the costs of lodging and dining (full board) are covered by the programme.

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The tuition fee is determined for each academic year by the Executive Board of the programme. In the academic year 2015/2016, the tuition fee is 1.000 EURO. The full tuition fee waiver is applied for the citizens of the TG I countries. The students from TG II are not eligible for tuition fee waiver.

The students from the TG III (citizens of other countries) are expected to cover all their expenses and pay the tuition fee of 1.000 EURO, the costs of term three in amount of 3.150 EURO and 200 EURO administrative costs for the thesis defense.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ERMA is open to candidates who hold a university degree (min 240 ECTS) in disciplines relevant to human rights; law, politics, economics, sociology, journalism, psychology and humanities from an accredited university. The university degree of the applicants must be earned during studies lasting either 4 or 5 years within the former undergraduate studies provisions, or 5 years (3+2) within I and II cycle studies provisions in accordance with the Bologna process. Please note that accepted candidates must start the diploma recognition process by the University of Sarajevo at the moment of acceptance to the Programme.

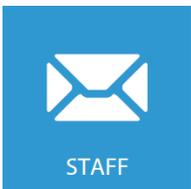
Fluency in English is a necessary prerequisite for admission, as the Programme language is English. Therefore the students must have sufficient language skills and provide evidence for their proficiency. The Master Programme recognizes the following international English Language proficiency certificates:

1. TOEFL minimum score of 560 paper-based, computer based 220, IBT not less than 83
2. British Council's IELTS - minimum band 6.5 and no less than 6.0 in any of its subsections.
3. CAE and CPE Cambridge Exams.
4. Applicants with English as native language or applicants who had previous university education in English language need to prove competency through their transcripts or certificates issued by the respective universities.

## HOW TO APPLY:

1. Candidates should first consult the **PRE-APPLICATION CALL** available at: [www.erma-program.eu](http://www.erma-program.eu)
2. Candidates should fill out the **ONLINE PRE-APPLICATION FORM**
3. Subsequently, candidates should collect and deliver all required documents in hard copies via regular/express/priority mail or in person by 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 at:

EUROPEAN REGIONAL MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN SEE Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Sarajevo, Zmaja od Bosne 8 (UNSA Campus), 71 000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.



### ERMA COORDINATION TEAM

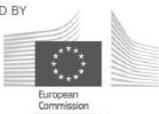
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