

13th International Summer School in Karelia 2016

Main theme:

“The AC, the BEAC and the CBSS: Regional Cooperation and Policy-Shaping with / without the EU”

1st Call for Participation

Time: 16 – 21 May, 2016

Place: Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia, Russia

The International Summer / Spring School in Karelia (ISSK) is a meeting-point for Russian, and Finnish, as well as other Nordic and European, university students with a focus on European, Russian and Arctic / Northern studies. Since the initial Summer School in 2003, the goal has been to bring together a limited number (20-30) of students for one week at the Petrozavodsk State University (PetrSU) in order to further increase their knowledge of Nordic-Russian policies and cooperation, and promote studies and academic dialogue.

The ISSK is organized by the Petrozavodsk State University (Russia) and two Finnish universities, University of Lapland, and the Aleksanteri Institute at the University of Helsinki.

For whom

ISSK'16 is purposed for the students of IR, political sciences, other relevant social sciences, and economics, geography and history, as well as students interested in European, Arctic and other Northern, and Nordic and Russian studies.

The theme: “The AC, the BEAC and the CBSS: Regional Cooperation and Policy-Shaping with / without the EU” (working title)

A new kind of interregional cooperation – for to decrease military tension and increase political stability - was started just after the end of the Cold War, and accelerated by the collapse of the Soviet Union, in the greater Northern Europe. The Baltic Sea Region was a forerunner of a new kind of trans-boundary cooperation across the former Iron Curtain, as both functional and institutional cooperation between universities, cities and states of the region show. Consequently, the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS), including all states of the region as well as Iceland and Norway, was established in 1992. Regional cooperation in, and within, the Baltic Sea region is greatly supported by the Nordic countries, and Nordic cooperation more generally, with an outcome of the (N5+B3) NB8 cooperation. Correspondingly, the Barents Euro-Arctic Region (BEAR), including the Barents Euro-Arctic Council (BEAC), was established by Finland, Norway, Russia and Sweden, as well as the European Commission in 1993. Finally, the eight Arctic states – Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden and the USA – established the Arctic Council (AC), based on the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy (AEPS), in 1996. Each of the three regional councils has a focus of regional development, functional, much environmental, cooperation and policy-shaping. Further, the BEAC and the AC are good examples of having both states and indigenous peoples as recognized members of cooperation, and in the CBSS and the Barents Regional Council there are also sub-national governments involved. Finally, they are examples of, even models for, modern region-building by the states as major actors.

How to apply?

The application form is to be found here:

<https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/40493/lomake.html>

Fill the application **by 21 March, 2016**.

Each participant is supposed to apply for the visa to Russia in good time.

Please note! Due to the current visa registration rules of the Russian Federation, it is not possible to participate in the school with a tourist visa. If you need to apply for a visa for this purpose, you have to provide the Petrozavodsk State University with a scanned copy of your passport and the information that is asked in the end of this document. Instructions for it will be sent to you when you fill the application form.

Assessment

- For a successful completion of the course, each student is required to attend all lectures and excursion, and actively participate in daily workshops.
- Additionally, each student needs to write an essay of 10-12 A4 pages, i.e. 22.000-26.000 items (not including reference list, figures and tables) on a selected topic, relevant to the main theme of ISSK'16, and submit it to his/her university coordinator *within one month after* the completion of the course.
- With the requirements fulfilled, the course will carry up to 5 ECTS.

Costs

- There is no registration fee.
- The participation costs will consist of travel costs to and from Helsinki/some other Finnish city and Petrozavodsk, meals, excursion, and the visa costs.
- Other costs, e.g. accommodation, lunches, coffee breaks in Petrozavodsk, will be covered by the organizers.

ISSK'16: Working methods and program structure

One week course

The ISSK'16 is a one week intensive course that will study issues on resources and security universally / globally, as well as regionally and locally, taking both more holistic and interdisciplinary approach as well as that of IR / Political sciences, and History. Through bringing together recognised experts from Finland and Russia, the ISSK'16 will provide students with an overview of state sovereignty in theory and in praxis in Northern Europe through case studies.

During the ISSK'16 these - regional and intergovernmental – councils, as well as international cooperation, will be discussed on one hand in the European, particularly the European Union (EU), context, and on the other hand, in a global context in Europe and holistically. Furthermore, both functional and institutional cooperation will be theoretically discussed, defined and examined including discussion on definition and terms, as well as scales, actors and entities of international cooperation. Each regional council will be described, analyzed and discussed thoroughly, including how the EU is involved in the work. Finally, there will be a comparative study between the three councils, and they will also be discussed in the EU - Russian relations.

Among others the lecturers of the 2016 ISSK will be Prof. Lassi Heininen (University of Lapland), Head of education Tapani Kaakkuriniemi (Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki), Prof. Alexander Sergunin (St. Petersburg State University) (tbc), Associate prof. Gleb Yarovoy (Petrozavodsk State University).

The sites of the ISSK'16 will be in the city of Petrozavodsk, Russia. The day of departure from Finland to Petrozavodsk is Sunday 15 of May, and the return day Sunday 22 of May, 2016.

Daily programme

Daily schedule of the ISSK consist of

- two theme lectures with open discussion in mornings;
- student workshop(s), supervised by the tutors and experts, in afternoons;
- social program in evenings.

Students will give their active contribution during the lectures, workshops and the final round-table discussion in order to increase their understanding of sovereignty issues in general and dealing with North Europe, as well as the Arctic region.

During the ISSK'16 there will be a half-day seminar on resources and security concentrating on the current situation of possible impacts and reflections of regional wars and the constant fighting on international terror to the high stability of the Barents Sea are and the entire Arctic region. The seminar will be organized

together with the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the PetrSU and the Karelian Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences (tbc).

Excursion

A full/half-day excursion within Karelia, to nearby sites of general interest will be organized as a part of the program of the ISSK'16 on the 22nd of May (tbc).

Contact Information for ISSK'15

For additional information about the ISSK'16, do not hesitate to contact the director, the coordinator of the ISSK, Anastasia Kuznetsova at Petrozavodsk State University (kuznetsova.petrso@gmail.com), and the members of the ISSK Steering Committee:

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For more information of the ISSK see the website: <http://petrsu.ru/Structure/Inter/beuc.html> or <http://beuc.petrso.ru/en/index.html>.

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Data for an invitation for applying visa to Russia

Spring 2016

Please, additionally provide with a scanned copy of passport

Surname in Latin alphabets	
Surname in Cyrillic (optional)	
Given names in Latin alphabets	
Given names in Cyrillic (optional)	
Date of birth	
State of birth	
Place of birth	
Sex (male/female)	
Citizenship	
State of permanent residence	
Region of residence	
Place of getting visa (country, city)	
Place of work or study	
Address of place of work or study	
Position	
Telephone number	
Passport number	
Date of issue	
Valid until	
Issued by	
Cities that a person will visit in Russia (including the city through which the applicant will cross the border)	
The period of stay in Russia (taking into account not only the period of the school but also possible extra trips)	