

## Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2023

# Federalism and Equality

**Innsbruck (A) and Bolzano/Bozen (I)**  
**6 February - 17 February 2023**



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### WHAT IS THE WINTER SCHOOL ABOUT?

The Winter School is a two-week international postgraduate programme on federalism, regionalism and multilevel governance. Through an interdisciplinary and comparative approach, it explores how federalism can contribute to multilevel, integrated and pluralistic decision-making.

A wide range of lectures gives participants the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of multilevel governance and government, especially from the perspectives of law and political science. The Winter School provides a cutting-edge international learning environment with world class scholars of various academic disciplines from around the globe.

The 2023 Winter School will focus on **federalism and equality**. During the two-week training program, participants will analyze the relation between multilevel systems and the principle of equality. One aspect will center on the exploration of constitutional provisions with regard to equality and the discussion of symmetric and asymmetric federalism. Furthermore, participants will examine the impact of territorial diversities and the representation of subnational units in multilevel systems.

The program will also review how multilevel arrangements might stimulate or limit individual, groups' and territorial equality. It provides, amongst others, insights into indigenous rights and minorities in multilevel systems, as well as into the topic of segregation and desegregation in the USA. One day will be dedicated to the role of autonomous regions in Italy and the case of South Tyrol. The relation between federalism and equality is also to be discussed with regard to emerging and mature federations as well as "coming-together"-federations. The 2023 Winter School will offer in-depth sessions on (in)equalities in relation to economy, social issues, environments, and institutions.

Besides numerous opportunities for discussion with leading experts on multilevel governance throughout the lectures, a variety of interactive sessions will offer participants the chance to share their knowledge and experience. Lectures, workshops, Q&A's sessions, and a round table will take into account multilevel systems from different continents.

### The Winter School will examine a series of issues:

- Does the principle of equality as a fundamental right stand in the way of federalism?
- Which conditions impact federalism as an obstacle to the enjoyment of equality or a means to achieve more equality?
- How do federal constitutions treat the topic of equality?
- To what extent is territorial diversity possible and desirable?
- What is the value of the principle of equality in territorially asymmetric states and the representation of subnational units at federal level?
- What do institutional, economic, cultural and other asymmetries reveal about equality?
- How significant are issues of equality in federal systems from different continents?
- Is there a difference in understanding equality in emerging, mature, coming-together or holding-together federations?
- What do equality claims mean for indigenous and minority rights?
- What impact does equality have on economy, social issues, and the environment?

The 2023 Winter School examines these and other questions by combining theoretical expertise and relevant case studies. As such, the program is a unique opportunity for young academics, postgraduate students, civil servants and practitioners to receive enhanced training on the theoretical and practical aspects of federalism and multilevel governance.

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The Winter School is designed for those who wish to increase their knowledge of federalism through an interdisciplinary and comparative approach:

- young researchers and academics
- post-docs, postgraduate and graduate students
- civil servants from local, regional or national government
- employees of international organisations or NGOs

*Please note that the program requires previous basic knowledge of federalism.*

Covid-19: During the programme, participants will be asked to follow all the regulations that are in place at the time of February 2023 in Austria and Italy. Regarding travel, the national requirements to entry Austria and Italy apply. The organizers reserve the right to make any changes to the programme.

## WHAT TO EXPECT OF THE WINTER SCHOOL?

The two week programme is located in an international learning environment in Austria (Innsbruck, Tyrol) and in Italy (Bolzano/Bozen, South Tyrol) and includes:

- lectures by distinguished academics;
- discussions and case studies with top experts in the field;
- interactive workshops;
- study visits to political institutions.

*The Winter School is held entirely in English.*

## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

- **Univ.-Prof. Dr. Anna Gamper**  
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The *Institute for Comparative Federalism* carries out comparative and applied research on governance trends in federal, regional and supranational systems within Europe and around the world. The institute is part of Eurac Research, Bolzano/Bozen, an innovative centre for research and training based in South Tyrol, Italy. Founded in 1992 as a private institution, Eurac Research is composed of eleven research institutes and five centers.



The *University of Innsbruck*, Austria, founded in 1669, has gained a long-standing reputation for studies on federalism. It serves as the main academic centre of Western Austria and its neighbouring regions. Its sixteen faculties, among them the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, offer a wide range of studies. The University is situated in the heart of the Land Tyrol.

## DATES AND VENUES: 6 February - 17 February 2023

The first week takes place at the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Leopold-Franzens-Universität in Innsbruck, Austria. The second week takes place at the Institute for Comparative Federalism, Eurac Research in Bolzano/Bozen, Italy.

## Application deadline: 16 October 2022

For further information, a detailed programme, enrolment procedure, costs and scholarship opportunities, please visit: [winterschool.eurac.edu](http://winterschool.eurac.edu)

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