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SUMMER SCHOOL 2014

THE POLITICS AND ECONOMICS OF AID

From the **2nd of June until the 13th of June 2014**, the University of Antwerp (BE), Universidad de Cantabria (ES), Universidad de Murcia (ES), University of Birmingham (UK), Erasmus University Rotterdam (NL) and the University of Florence (IT) jointly organise the second edition Summer School on the Politics and Economics of Aid.

The primary objective of the programme is to support **ongoing research on the political, economic and institutional aspects of development cooperation (aid) and aid effectiveness**. Researchers coming from university settings, but also policy oriented settings such as NGOs, think tanks, aid agencies, etc. are welcome.

The programme wants to contribute to the creation of a sustainable research network on aid so as to enable knowledge exchange on the topic of aid effectiveness, and cross fertilization between academic and policy oriented arenas of research.

More detailed information on the Institute, the programme and the organizers can be found on: <http://www.uantwerp.be/iob/polecaid>

The POLEC-AID programme is funded by the Erasmus Life Long Learning Programme, the European Association of Development Institutes and Training Centres (EADI).



(Provisional) Programme Summer School The Politics and Economics of Aid			
June, 2	OPENING SESSION	June, 9	AID FRAGMENTATION, EMERGING DONORS & RECIPIENT REACTIONS
AM	Opening Session & Registration Introduction to EADI, co-sponsor of summerschool	AM	Aid fragmentation, including emerging donors, fragmentation and conditionalities & Aid Transparency Initiative
PM	Key note speaker: Aid and the global development challenges Presentation of participants' research and expectations	PM	Donor assessments of recipient countries and the selection of aid modalities.
June, 3	EVOLUTIONS IN AID	June, 10	EMERGING DONORS
AM	History of aid, evolution of development paradigms & aid modalities, governance agenda, role of political regimes in aid effectiveness	AM	From aid recipients to aid donors: Development policies of central and eastern European states.
PM	Rationale of the aid architecture since 2000, shifting roles of actors, collective action problems of development and aid	PM	New actors, new rules?
June, 4	THE AID EFFECTIVENESS DEBATE AND AID STATISTICS	June, 11	EU PERSPECTIVES ON AID AND DEVELOPMENT
AM	Aid effectiveness debate: looking into the aid-growth nexus & the political economy of aid	AM	EU perspective on aid and Development
PM	Introduction to aid statistics: working with aid data	PM	The Future of European Budget Support: Political Conditions, Differentiation & Coordination
June, 5	VISITS	June, 12	VISITS
AM	Visit World Bank	AM	Visit to European Parliament
PM	Visit Actionaid	PM	Visit to EuropeAid
June, 6	AID MODALITIES AND CONDITIONALITIES	June, 13	RESEARCH DESIGN WORKSHOP & CLOSING SESSION
AM	Debt relief, Budget Support and evaluation challenges of aid modalities	AM	Case study research design
PM	Selectivity, aid allocation and conditionalities	PM	Impact evaluation of large scale development programmes. Final round table with participants.
June, 7&8	PAPER PREPARATION	June, 14	DEPARTURE

Target groups

The POLEC-AID intensive programme wants to **attract**:

- **academic researchers**, coming from a university setting, with a strong interest in policy relevant research,
- **policy oriented researchers**, coming from think tanks, NGOs and aid agencies, with a strong interest in broadening their theoretical and methodological horizon.

All participants however should have a **MA degree in social sciences** (political science, economics, or sociology). In total, twenty participants can attend the programme.

Activities

Interactive lectures and presentations are given by reknown academics from various European universities and by established researchers coming from think tanks, NGOs and aid agencies.

Additionally, the programme provides sufficient space for participants to present their work, participate in seminars, group discussions, research design seminars, etc.

Erasmus Intensive Programme (IP)

The summer school falls under the formal requirements of “Erasmus Intensive Programmes”. These requirements allow for the refunding of part of the travel and accommodation cost of some participants. Visit the website for more information.

5 ECTS credits are awarded upon successful and full participation in the programme and writing an additional research paper.

Practical Arrangements

Participants should make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. More information on practical arrangements and Antwerp are available on the website.

Registration

Registration fee for participation in the summer school for non-Erasmus participants is set at 300 €.The fee covers tuition fee, course material and all course related costs. Accommodation and travel costs are not included. Erasmus participants are exempt from paying a registration fee.

Register online through the website: www.uantwerp.be/iob/polecaid

Deadline registration:

- 01/02/2014 for invited PhD students Erasmus IP
- 01/05/2014 for other participants