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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:

## INU SUMMER PROGRAM 2023 @ HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY, JAPAN

Dear students,

We are currently accepting applications for the annual International Student Seminar for Global Citizenship & Peace 2023. This year's program theme is:

### Climate Emergency and Action

*The 2017 INU Summer Program is held each year at Hiroshima University. Students and teaching academic experts from INU universities in Africa, Asia, Europe, North and South America participate in the course. The course itself involves an intensive series of lectures, workshops, and seminars directed by professors from INU member universities. The program is open to both bachelor and master students from all three faculties of the Viadrina.*

#### **Seminar theme 2023: 'Climate Emergency and Action'**

Over the last year, two important factors have converged in articulating one of the immediate global crises. On the one hand, the broader shift from a paradigm of climate change to one of climate emergency highlights the need to re-evaluate globally our engagement with alternative, sustainable energy sources. Civil society participation has seen the development and mobilization of global networks of action at unprecedented levels. A grass-root campaign-driven Climate Emergency Declaration has already been adopted within over forty countries. Increased emphasis is being placed on shifting patterns of production and consumption towards more sustainable grounds, with sustainability education and increased regulatory practices providing important 'carrot and stick' incentives. The global relevance of these issues is highlighted in the way they permeate the entire UN Sustainable Development Agenda. Two of the Sustainable Development Goals focus explicitly on addressing the climate emergency: Affordable Energy (Goal 7), and Climate Action (Goal 13), while several others embed within them clear goals to pursue bio-diversity (Goals 14 and 15), sustainable technology and communities (Goals 9 and 11), etc.

On the other hand, within this broader trend, the invasion of Ukraine by Russia has exposed the volatility deriving from the reliance on traditional energy sources. As highlighted in a report by the World Economic Forum, the conflict has had seismic effects globally. Energy price and supply volatility (and their financial and economic consequences) are felt worldwide, with poorer countries bearing the brunt of these consequences. States have stepped up their engagement with energy policy changes with conflicting trends emerging: on the one hand, there is a renewed push towards renewable energy and technology, while on the other, there is regress through a return – in the short term – to coal use.

The purpose of the seminar is to explore current geo-political climate debates with a view to evaluate local, regional and global dynamics concerning energy security, sustainability and development.

Participants will receive the Viadrina INU scholarship of approximately ~600€ and are eligible to the Japanese JASSO scholarship of further 80.000 Yen (~588 €)!

**Practical Information:**

- When: 1 – 10 August 2023
- Where: Hiroshima University, Japan
- Eligibility: Bachelor and Master Students
- Application: Please send per e-mail to [outgoing@europa-uni.de](mailto:outgoing@europa-uni.de), **in a single PDF**, the following documents referring to Ms. Claudia Casiano:
- Letter of Motivation (Please mention the relevance of the topic, in connection with personal and academic reasons, as well as the expectations of the seminar)
  - CV (in English)
  - English Language Certificate – B2 minimum
  - Transcript of Records (a minimum of 2,5 GPA is required)
- Deadline: 19 March 2023, 23:59
- Applications received past deadline will not be considered.

For any questions and/or concerns about the program,  
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