

Doctoral winterschool **« Local and regional stakeholders and European integration »**

Join us for a new experience
in Nantes (France), from the 3rd to the 6th of February 2020

During four days, you will work in pluridisciplinary international teams, and attend academic conferences and a course to develop skills of consultants.

You are a PhD student in Social and Human Sciences and are interested in European issues. Your thesis is related to scientific themes of the [Institute for European and Global Studies](#)¹. You understand English and French, and have a fluent level in one of these languages. You are interested in:

- pluridisciplinary challenges to be solved in international teams,
- experiencing the position of consultants,
- meeting extra-academic stakeholders facing European issues.



During four days, you will act as a consultant to suggest new interdisciplinary insights to local stakeholders : public institutions, firms, NGOs and medias of the region *Pays de la Loire*. You will develop an analysis to bring answers to local stakeholders regarding European issues such as :

- The definition of influence and network strategies to participate and impact European policies,
- Ways of seizing European opportunities locally,
- Raising awareness on Europe at the local and regional level.

¹ -Gouvernance and democracy in Europe ; -Globalisations and sovereignty ; - Protection of the environment and sustainable development governance ; -Circulations, frontiers and peripheries ; - digital Europe.

Presentation

Since the 80's, the acceleration of globalisation pushes to an end the State monopole as the unique legitime player in external policies. Globalisation also contributes to a transnational society liberated from frontiers. In parallel decentralisation trends strengthen jurisdictions of authorities at the sub-national level, including in the matter of foreign policies. These transformations have facilitated the increasing role of local and regional stakeholders in European integration. Simultaneously the European Union implements a multi-level governance, in which local and regional authorities participate, more or less closely with the Member States. The development of the European Union policies and of their financing abilities becomes a major issue for territorial policies and for all political and socio-economic stakeholders. Local and regional stakeholders create networks to better fit in European governance attempting to influence together decision-makers. The numerous European crises have not weakened the process. Evenmore, crises give the incentive to think Europe differently, by better integrating citizens, also locally through dynamic civil societies. Local and regional authorities can develop awareness, information and communication policies on Europe to foster a better consciousness of these issues by local populations.

This interdisciplinary research field allows to study in a different way European integration, which operates not only in national capital cities and in common institutions, but also in a bottom-up direction. Specificities and territorial particularities are numerous in Europe. Nevertheless the study of actions, policies and European strategies of Nantes and Pays de la Loire stakeholders will be done through a comparative approach thanks to the participation of international PhD students and researchers.

Outline

15 to 20 PhD students from the Pays de la Loire area and from international universities will be gathered for four days to address a question raised by a local stakeholder. PhD students' work will help stakeholders to tackle the European issue faced in their activity and will be fed with debates with human and social scientists.

Our participative and innovative model will foster discussions between PhD students in the field of European and international studies, and non-academic stakeholders. Students will develop their consulting skills, working with socio-economic stakeholders, public institutions or medias.

You do not need to be an expert in European governance to participate but you must be eager to work in interdisciplinarity and with non-academic actors. You will have



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to prepare some readings before joining the winterschool. Team work and debates will be held either in French or in English. You have the possibility to choose the language of the team you will join.

The detailed programme will be uploaded [online](#).

Length

Four days – from Monday, 3rd of February 9am to Thursday, 6th of February 2020 8pm.

Organisers

[Alliance Europa](#) is a « Research, Education & Innovation » programme led by the University of Nantes and supported by the Pays de la Loire Region and Nantes Metropole. Through the Institute for European and Global Studies and the European Ideas Lab, Alliance Europa develops research in Social and Human Sciences on societal challenges in Europe. It fosters meetings between actors of the Pays de la Loire region in order to develop innovative and collective solutions to explain Europe differently.

The scientific committee is composed of Michel Catala, Director of the Institute for European and Global Studies (Research Center for Atlantic and International History, University of Nantes), Arnaud Leclerc, Director of the *Maison des Sciences de l'Homme Ange Guépin* (UMR Law and Social Change, University of Nantes CNRS), Jenny Raflik Grenouilleau (Research Center for Atlantic and International History, University of Nantes), Elise Roullaud (Alliance Europa, University of Nantes).

Our partners



Applications, fees and credits

The application must be submitted at the latest on the **6th of december 2019**. The file includes:

- The application document ([download online](#))
- A cover letter
- A detailed CV
- A presentation of your thesis (2 to 3 pages maximum)

Organisers will select about 15 PhD students based on their motivations and on the quality of their application.

Except for PhD students from Nantes, travel expenses and hosting fees will be taken in charge by Alliance Europa. You will receive a certificate proving your participation to the winterschool at the end of the event. For PhD students registered in Pays de la Loire universities, these training will give access to credits validated by your regional doctoral school.

PhD students must cover their food expenses.

Why Nantes ?

Nantes, green capital and French growing metropole is located in the Pays de la Loire region. Nantes Métropole is active in several European networks such as EUROCITIES and the French Association of cities and regions' council of Europe. Europa Nantes, a new and unique place in France and Europe gathers actors promoting European ideas and cultures in the city. Dynamic cultural city, Nantes has been designated European capital of innovation 2019 by the European Commission. Located 50 km away from the Atlantic ocean, Nantes is part of a rich coastal region.





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