Call for Proposals

International Summer School
8th – 18th August 2017

Explore - Share - Perform: Arts & Science in Urban Context

This Summer School is an international interdisciplinary platform for graduate students (Master and PhD) of all disciplines based at Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB). The goal is to develop and foster interdisciplinary exchange between students, researchers and teaching staff on the future of urbanity. With a focus on the field of Urban Arts and Culture, Urban Engineering and Urban Architecture we open up a horizon of diverse questions. By means of transdisciplinary approaches, planning models of the future urban space will be explored. As life in metropolis has potentials as well as challenges for all disciplines, we ask: What characterizes the urban world which you live in? In which urban world do you want to live? What are urban realities and what is your urban utopia? How can we plan, use and open spaces and buildings? How can this be designed suitably as well as sustainably? Where do disciplines meet in an urban context? Separated analytically in science, it can be regarded as a synthesis in everyday life: Let’s start a dialogue between the disciplines in order to create a future urbanity that meets the needs of a future society!

We aim to create an exploratory space where scientific examination meets artistic practices as well as conceptual thinking and transformative learning. A place to meet, share, explore and perform knowledge in various and diverse formations. Thereby we want to foster interdisciplinary approaches, practice and exchange through a strong interaction between fellow students and invited faculty. The International Summer School 2017 will be accompanied by a diverse group of experts and artists which will be announced by May 2017. The invited teaching staff will give keynote speeches besides working closely with the appointed students in a series of intensive workshops and feedback formats. Additionally, peer to peer formats of teaching, sharing and exchanging form a central aspect of the concept of the International Summer School 2017.

The International Summer School 2017 is a project by RUB Arts & Culture International (inSTUDIESplus) in cooperation with the Department of Cultural Education at the Chair of Sport Pedagogy & Sport Didactics, the Institute for Computational Engineering, the Institute for Theatre Studies and the Center for the Arts.
Apply now!
Dive into the unknown – meet peer students from your own as well as from other disciplines and countries – propose and share your own project, field of study or research interest!

Conditions of Participation
Places in the International Summer School 2017 will be offered to 30 participants. All participants are asked to ensure that they will be able to attend the entire ten-day-workshop. Participants are invited to demonstrate ideas or (research) projects showing a profound interest in the subject. They are expected to be open and curious for new approaches as well as they are willing to give insights into their own study or research interests. They should feel comfortable with communicating in English.

Application Procedure
1. The deadline for application is 15th May 2017.
2. Maximum number of participants is 30.
3. In order to allow applicants regardless of their financial background to participate students can apply for a grant to cover costs of travel and accommodation. Students* from countries where living expenses are significantly lower than in Germany will be preferred. The grant will be paid after the attendance of the 10 days after the summer school is completed. We are sorry not to be able to cover any other expenses. All students will be required to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.
4. Applicants will be informed by the beginning of June 2017. The committee is not required to give reasons for its decisions. The appointed jury consists of Prof. Dr. Antje Klinge, Prof. Dr. Anette Pankratz and Prof. Dr. Klaus Hackl.

* i.e. whose home university is located there (e.g. certain non-EU or Eastern EU countries)

Application Form
Applications must contain
1. Application form
2. Letter of motivation (max. 1 page)
3. CV (max. 1 page)
4. Concept of your peer-to-peer input
5. Grant Application (if applicable)

Applications are required to be concise, written in English or German. Please submit your application to: internationalsummerschool@rub.de

More information: www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/internationalsummerschool

We look forward to meeting you!