



## **Summer University on Federalism, Decentralisation and Conflict Resolution**

Dear Readers,

The Institute of Federalism is happy to announce that its renowned three-week Summer University on Federalism, Decentralisation and Conflict Resolution will be organised again in 2020. The 29th edition will take place in Fribourg, Switzerland, from 17th August until 4th September 2020.

Will federalism work in Nepal? Should Catalonia be allowed to secede from Spain? How can minorities like the Rohingya in Myanmar be protected? Can power sharing contribute to solve conflicts in Iraq, South Sudan or Syria? What are the challenges the Swiss federal system faces? How will Brexit affect Northern Ireland? How does the Panchayat Raj in India deal with a centralised bureaucracy?

These and other questions will be dealt with at the next Summer University on Federalism, Decentralisation and Conflict Resolution to be held in 2020.



decentralisation have also become important instruments for conflict transformation and resolution and are often on top of the agenda of peace negotiations.



Theories and practices of federalism and decentralisation are discussed and put to the test throughout the world. The different forms of power and resource sharing between the centre and the units of a state are increasingly recognised as effective mechanisms for minority accommodation and inclusive state-building and as promising means for ensuring good governance, fostering democracy and contributing to development. During the last three decades, federalism and

**Applications are open now!**

During the course, participants will study theories of federalism, decentralisation, forms of power sharing and their links with good governance, democracy, development and conflict resolution. They will examine a variety of power sharing arrangements in established federal states and newly federalising and decentralising ones, and will discuss the situation of those using power sharing mechanism to resolve or mitigate internal conflicts, will examine international law in multilevel governance. Case studies will include Ethiopia, India, Iraq, Nepal, Spain, South Africa, Syria, Switzerland, the USA and Yemen. The course combines lectures, group works and presentations by international lecturers and participants.



Around 40 participants are selected each time from all over the world, the Summer University is a platform for learning, knowledge exchange and widening horizons.

The working language will be English.

The course is aimed at advanced students or practitioners who hold at least a bachelor degree of law, political science, international relations, economics, history, journalism or other related sciences and young professionals keen to improve their knowledge of federalism, decentralisation and conflict resolution.

Further information on application process and generally about the Summer University is published on our website:

<https://www3.unifr.ch/federalism/en/capacitybuilding/summeruniversity.html>.

Interested persons apply by filling in the online application form or by sending their CV and a (max) one page motivation letter electronically to [yvonne.heiter-steiner@unifr.ch](mailto:yvonne.heiter-steiner@unifr.ch). The deadline for application is 31st March 2020.

We kindly ask you to forward this call to interested persons and please do feel free to contact us if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

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