



## **EUROLOC / EURA Summer School 2013**

### **'Leading local government through the challenges of austerity and constraint'**

15<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013 at De Montfort University, Leicester, England.

The 2013 Euroloc / EURA Summer School will be held at De Montfort University, Leicester, England and will be hosted by the Department of Politics and Public Policy and the Department's Local Governance Research Unit (LGRU). It is exciting opportunity for PhD students from all over Europe, researching local government and governance (social sciences, political science, public administration, urban studies, geography), to come together to explore their research with others and to hear from internationally renown academics.

De Montfort University's, Department of Politics and Public Policy's, Local Governance Research Unit has an extensive range of contacts with practitioners and policy-makers. The Summer School will provide an opportunity for participants to meet with key actors in Leicester City Council and Leicestershire County Council. Other opportunities to discuss local government with practitioners and policy-makers will also be available.

The Summer School will therefore offer:

- The opportunity to meet with practitioners and policy-makers in English local government
- Key note lectures provided by a group of internationally recognised academics
- Opportunities for students to present, discuss and explore their own research progress and that of others
- Activities to enable participants to reflect on research methods
- Opportunities to make comparative reflections on local government

Each day will be structured around a morning session which will involve a presentation by a local government practitioner, followed by an academic key-note lecture.

The afternoon sessions will start with a 30 minutes speed lecture by senior researchers from the Department of Politics and Public Policy to include a Q&A session in the 30 minutes. It will be followed by a workshop where participants will present their own research and discuss and explore it with colleagues at the Summer School.

There might even be time organised for some social interaction and a bit of fun – who knows.

A programme for the Summer School will be available closer to the time. But, given the nature of the working life of practitioners and policy-makers in local government, please be prepared to experience and accept some changes to the final programme when it appears.

The fee for the 2013 Euroloc / EURA Summer School is €500 and this includes accommodation – participants will be required to purchase their own lunch and evening meals locally.

To apply to attend the Summer School you must draft and submit to the local organiser, Professor Colin Copus, a 300 word outline proposal of the paper you wish to present at the Summer School. The outline should be sent separately, when you make your booking, to Professor Copus at: [ccopus@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:ccopus@dmu.ac.uk) and clearly marked in the subject box ‘Euroloc / EURA Summer School proposal’.

Proposals must be received by the local organiser no later than 12 noon on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013.

Please contact Suzanne Walker (Summer School Administrator) for further information [swalker@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:swalker@dmu.ac.uk). Telephone: +44 (0)116 257 7780. To access the Euroloc / EURA Summer School web page and link to reserve your place, please click here: [www.dmu.ac.uk/euroloc](http://www.dmu.ac.uk/euroloc)

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