

2011 SUMMER SCHOOL

"Rescaling Government: Reforming public administration and local government"

Vouliagmeni, Attica, Greece

18 – 23 September 2011



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The 2011 Summer School on "Rescaling Government: Reforming public administration and local government" was organized by EURA (European Urban Research Association) and EUROLOC and hosted and financially supported by the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS). The 2011 Summer School was held in September 18th – 23th 2011 in Vouliagmeni, the coastal zone of Attica, Greece, at the hotel Amarilia.

Local organizers of the Summer School were Prof. Panagiotis Getimis (Panteion University of Athens) and Assoc. Prof. Nikolaos-Komninos Hlepas (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens). In close cooperation with Prof. Hubert Heinelt (Darmstadt University), the local organizers decided on the focus of the Summer School programme.

This year's Summer School aimed at organizing specialized courses for Ph.D. students whose research topics are related to the field of public administration and local government. Given the recent institutional reforms that have been implemented in countries such as Denmark and Greece, the Summer School gave emphasis on the evaluation of territorial and functional reforms and the methodology used for this purpose.

Prospective students had to submit their applications by May 31st 2011. The submission period was then extended until June 30th in order to give more students the opportunity to finish their abstracts and apply for the Summer School. Acceptance was at the discretion of organizers and the final selected participants were informed through confirmation e-mail by July 10th. The participation was limited to 20 people.

In total, 17 PhD students from eight countries (namely from Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Greece, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey and the UK) participated in the Summer School. They were chosen from among 24 applications.

Beside with the local organizers, Prof. Getimis and Prof. Hlepas, Prof. Bas Denters (Twente University of Netherlands, Netherlands), Prof. Hubert Heinelt (Darmstadt University of Technology, Germany) and Prof. Sabine Kuhlmann (German University of Administrative Sciences, Speyer, Germany) acted as lectures of the Summer School.

The Summer School was organized along the following programme:

Sunday, 18 September 2011

Travel and arrival at the hotel

Monday, 19 September 2011

10:00–11:30h **Welcome**

Dr. Zefi Dimadama, Director General ICBSS

Prof. Hubert Heinelt, President of EURA

Local Organising Committee: Prof. Panagiotis Getimis and Assoc. Prof. Nikolaos-Komninos Hlepas

12:00-14:30 Lecture by Prof. Panagiotis GETIMIS: **"Does scale matter for achieving effective governance? Territorial restructuring"**

Lecture by Prof. Nikolaos-Komninos HLEPAS: **“Do institutions matter? Local government systems and territorial reforms”**

15:30-18:45 Students' presentations and discussion

21:00 Welcome dinner

Tuesday, 20 September 2011

9:30–11:00 Lecture by Prof. Bas DENTERS: **“Does size matter for local democracy? Accountability, effectiveness, and legitimacy”**

11:15-12:45 Discussion of the lectures

14:00-16:45 Students' presentations and discussion

Friday, 21 September 2011

10:00–11:30 Lecture by Prof. Hubert HEINELT: **“How to explain administrative reforms?”**

11:45-13:15 Discussion of the lecture

14:30-17:15 Students' presentations and discussion

Thursday, 22 September 2011

9:30–11:00 Lecture by Prof. Sabine KUHLMANN: **“How to measure the results of institutional reforms? Evaluation of institutional change and performance of newly established institutional settings”**

11:15-12:45 Discussion of the lecture

13:30-14:45 Students' presentations and discussion

15:15-16:00 Final Plenary meeting

17:30 Departure to the archaeological site of Sounio

20:30 Farewell dinner

Friday, 23 September 2011

Departure from hotel and travel

The excursion was aiming at the relaxation of lecturers, participants and organizers after a full 5-day-course Summer School. It was organized to the archaeological site of Sounio, near the Summer School venue. The group was accompanied by a professional tour guide. The excursion contributed to the very friendly atmosphere among students and lecturers.

The local organizing committee as well as EURA are grateful to ICBSS for its valuable financial support for the Summer School. Without this support the Summer School could not have been organized as the PhD students paid only 250 EURO each and had not to pay for accommodation, meals and other costs.

Based on suggestions of PhD students an internet forum has been created where participants have the opportunity to interact and exchange ideas for their further work (see <http://www.icbss.org/userRegister.php>).