



## Summer Institute of Civic Studies

### Call for Applications

We are happy to invite you to participate in the *Summer Institute of Civic Studies* that will take place in Chernivtsi, Ukraine, from July, 31<sup>st</sup> to August, 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 (at the Chernivtsi Yuri-Fedkovych-University). The *Summer Institute of Civic Studies* is organized by a team from Tufts University (Prof. Peter Levine), the University of Maryland (Prof. Karol Sołtan) and the University of Augsburg (Prof. Tetyana Kloubert).

#### Objectives and topics

The *Summer Institute of Civic Studies* is an intensive, two-week, interdisciplinary seminar bringing together advanced graduate students, faculty, and practitioners from diverse fields of study.

The *Summer Institute of Civic Studies* deals with issues of development of civil society, the role of an individual/citizen in society, the role of education in promoting democracy, the role of institutions in the development of a civil society and questions related to the ethical foundation of civic issues in a (democratic) society. These topics will be examined in international and comparative perspectives, considering European (especially German) and US-American civic traditions. International examples will be discussed in the context of consolidation of democracy in Eastern Europe, particularly in Ukraine, Poland, Moldova und Belarus.

The *Summer Institute of Civic Studies* engages participants in challenging discussions such as:

- What kinds of citizens (if any) do good regimes need?
- What should such citizens know, believe, and do?
- What practices and institutional structures promote the right kinds of citizen-ship?
- What ought to be the relationships among empirical evidence, ethics, and strategy?

*Summer Institutes of Civic Studies* were annually organized by Peter Levine and Karol Sołtan at Tufts University since 2009. Read about the summer institutes and check out their programs: <http://activecitizen.tufts.edu/research/civic-studies/summer-institute/>.

## **How to apply**

All application materials must be submitted in English. The application must include the following:

- A cover letter telling us why you want to participate in the summer institute and what you would contribute (maximum 2 pages)
- A curriculum vitae

All application material can be sent as an email attachment in DOC or PDF format to [tetyana.kloubert@phil.uni-augsburg.de](mailto:tetyana.kloubert@phil.uni-augsburg.de).

Decisions will be announced before the end of May 2017.

The total number of participants will be limited to 20. Ukrainian scholars and practitioners are strongly encouraged to apply. We will also consider the applications from Germany, Belarus, Poland and Moldova. We are especially interested in applicants who have a long term interest in developing the civic potential of Ukraine and the region.

The working language of the Summer Institute will be English. Your mastery of the English language must be sufficient to read and understand complex texts from multiple disciplines, and to take part in a lively discussion.

## **Deadline**

For best consideration apply by May 20, 2017.

## **Expenditures**

Selected participants will be provided with accommodation, meals and full event access (in some urgent cases also with travel costs).

## **Contact**

For more information about the *Summer Institute of Civic Studies* please contact [tetyana.kloubert@phil.uni-augsburg.de](mailto:tetyana.kloubert@phil.uni-augsburg.de)

We encourage you to share this message with your networks of people who might be interested by the *Summer Institute of Civic Studies*.