

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

Central and Eastern European Migration and Asylum Policies: Understanding Temporary Protection, Shaping Perceptions, and Fostering Inclusivity

Bratislava (Slovakia), 23-28 June 2024

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Following the success of the first edition in 2023, we are pleased to announce that the second edition of our annual summer school on asylum and migration will take place **between the 23rd and the 28th of June 2024 in Bratislava, Slovakia.**

This year's edition is again organized within the framework of the ACRONYM project. ACRONYM – Advancing Cooperation on Migration and Asylum – is a joint project supported by the European Union's Horizon Europe funding programme, bringing together three European partners: the *Institute for Central Europe* (Slovakia), the *University of Liège* (Belgium), and the *Université Paris Cité* (France).

Summer School Theme:

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Since February 2022, [more than 4.2 million Ukrainians](#) have sought temporary protection within the European Union, with a significant portion relocating to or transiting through Eastern and Central European nations. This influx of migration has spurred unprecedented responses, including the provision of direct humanitarian aid, emergency civil protection assistance, and bolstered border support. The European Union has activated the Temporary Protection Directive for the first time, establishing legal frameworks to manage the influx of people. This activation underscores the EU's steadfast commitment to solidarity and safeguarding vulnerable populations. Despite the unprecedented help provided to those in need in the Eastern and Central European states, the perception of migration and refugees appears to remain stagnant.

What factors have contributed to the stagnation in perception towards migration and asylum, despite the unprecedented assistance provided to Ukrainians in Eastern and Central European states? What factors contribute to this phenomenon, and what key challenges does it pose for policymaking? Moreover, what are the key research questions that should be addressed in the coming years to shed light on this complex issue and future developments regarding EU and national policies?

This Summer School will seek to provide practical answers to these questions through a highly stimulating and interactive program, featuring many of the key experts and practitioners in the field.

Key features of the programme:

- Keynote addresses by leading experts in the field
- Workshops with practitioners
- Opportunities to present and get feedback on your research
- Mentoring sessions, with career and publications advices
- Social and cultural activities
- Field trip

Watch video from last year's summer school [here!](#)

Audience

- The Summer School is open to **PhD and Master's Degree students** focusing their research on migration or related to migration.
- Priority will be given to students from the three partner institutions of the ACRONYM project (ULiège and Université Paris Cité), but the summer school is open to students from any university/higher education institution. No prerequisite is needed. We will seek to create a group as diverse as possible, in order to maximize the interactions between students.

Tuition Fees and Scholarships

The tuition fee is waived, which also covers lunches and coffee breaks, along with all social events. Scholarships, encompassing financial help with travel and accommodation, are additionally available for applicants from low- and middle-income families. Please specify in your application if you would require such a scholarship.

Applications

The **call for applications will be open until May 12th, 2024**. To apply, send the following application documents (in English) to applications@icesk.eu **by May 12th, 2024**:

- a. Curriculum vitae
- b. Motivation Letter
- c. List of publications (if any)
- d. An abstract (400 words max) of the research work (e.g. Master or PhD thesis) you would like to present at the Summer School

Please note that we will not consider any incomplete applications. Notification of acceptance will be sent to selected participants in **late May 2024**.

Contact Information

For more information about the 2024 Bratislava Summer School, write your questions and queries to applications@icesk.eu

We look forward to welcoming you in Bratislava in June 2024!

The ACRONYM Steering Committee