

Summer School 2015:

Democracy and Market Economy as Mechanisms of Conflict Prevention in Ukraine and Moldova

Call for Applications

- When: 15-19 June 2015
- Where: Grand Marine Hotel, Odessa, Ukraine
- Deadline for submission of papers: March 31, 2015
- Organizers: Prof. Dr. Alexander Ebner, doc. Dr. Maksym Yakovlyev, Alexander Wajnberg

The Summer School refers to the question whether democracy and market economy contribute to internal and external conflict prevention or resolution. Especially in the case of Ukraine and Moldova it is to be explored how ongoing conflicts can be ascribed to the political and economic need for reform. What repercussions do these conflicts have on the drive for democratic and market reform? During the Summer School we discuss how democratic and market-oriented reforms proceed, which strategies and concepts are relevant, which institutional barriers arise and what role the European Union and the Russian Federation play in forming the international arena of conflict. The focus of the discussion is on the state of affairs in Ukraine and Moldova. The mode of operation of the Summer School is based on talks and presentations by eminent German, Ukrainian and Moldovan scholars. The workshop issues will be »Theory and empiricism in relation to democracy and market economy as mechanisms of preventing and mastering conflicts« (Day 1), »Democracy and market-based economy as mechanisms of preventing and managing conflicts in Ukraine and Moldova« (Day 2) and »Perspectives on European Integration and future politico-economic needs for reform in Ukraine and Moldova« (Day 3). We are also pleased to announce that the Summer School will feature an international publication of its outcomes.

Graduate students from Ukraine, Moldova, Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan are welcome to join the Summer School. Those interested in participating are invited to apply via E-Mail. We invite applications for participation in the Summer School of no more than two pages, including a letter of motivation and a biographical sketch. The selection of participants will be based on their originality, their scientific quality and their explicit reference the Summer School topic: »Democracy and Market Economy as Mechanisms of Conflict Prevention in Ukraine and Moldova«. Participants will discuss will discuss this theme in the impressive

location of the Grand Marine Hotel Odessa, Ukraine, within walking distance to the Black Sea. Travel and accommodation expenses will be funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (estimated mobility expenses per capita: ~300,00€).

If you have any questions about the event, please feel free to contact us. Applications as well as questions are to be sent to both odessasummerschool2015@yahoo.de and odessasummerschool2015@ukr.net.