

Dear University Presidents, Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Friends



Since the year 2002 the **Chinese Studies Center of the University of Salzburg** in cooperation with **Eurasia-Pacific Uninet (EPU)** has been annually organizing the **Chinese-Austrian-EU Summer School** for students from the Chinese member institutions. It will take place from **July 12th to August 9th 2015**. We are trying to invite students from other **Asian and European countries** as well, therefore we will change the name to **Asian-Austrian-European Summer School 2015 (AAEUSS)**. The aim is to promote the mutual understanding among students from different countries.

We have decided to include Germany for the first time and to bring Italy back into the program. The Chinese Studies Center was able to arrange some modifications to the program that hopefully lead to improvement and a fulfilling time for our participants during their stay in Europe.

As in previous years the 14th Chinese-Austrian EU Summer School/ **Asian-Austrian-European Summer School 2015** will take place in Salzburg, Vienna, Brussels and Paris. Berlin and Heidelberg will be the new destinations in Germany. Short trips to Venice (Italy), Bruges (Belgium), Luxemburg (Luxemburg), Amsterdam (Netherlands), Prague (Czech Republic), Dresden (Germany) and Berlin (Germany) are also part of the program.

The universities are going to be matched in six different groups. **The decision, who is going to be in which group will be made when all nominations from all participating universities are in.**

Requirements and participants

The **Asian-Austrian-European Summer School 2015** is directed towards students who want to deepen their knowledge about Europe in general and Austria in particular.

Since all the lectures are held in English, having a **good command of written and spoken English** is a basic prerequisite for participation. Responsible contact persons from our member institutions have to make sure that the English language abilities of the selected students are meeting this minimum requirement.

特别注意：为了确保学生能有足够的能力，顺利完成暑期学校的学习任务及考试，请负责招生的老师，一定要注意确保所招收学生的英语水平达到一定标准。

Program and itinerary (please find the timetable for this year's program as reference point)

The program of the **Asian-Austrian-European Summer School 2015** includes lectures in Salzburg, Vienna, Brussels, Paris and Heidelberg. We have also made the decision to change the teaching style of our lectures into more open and discussion friendly presentations. There are also changes in the subjects and some lectures will be shortened.

Concerning the lectures and exams there is a compulsory attendance. Only in case of a severe problem we can make an exception otherwise **the attendance is mandatory**.

In Salzburg there will be classes on Austrian literature, Austrian music, the political system in Austria, the philosophical and religious background of European culture and Austrian law. As for sightseeing, we are going to take a trip to the Lake District, to the Hellbrunn Castle, etc.

Furthermore, the students will attend classes on Economics and Business at the Vienna University of Economics and Business.

The program of the **Asian-Austrian-European Summer School 2015** will also be enhanced by introductory lectures at various institutions

of the European Union, namely the Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU, the European Parliament, the European Council and the European Commission. The referees from the institutions will talk about various issues such as EU-China relations, the role and functioning of the respective institution etc. While in Brussels, the students will have the opportunity to see another Belgium city, such as Bruges.

Flight reservation

Concerning the flights we would like to ask you for your opinion: we are thinking about letting the students organize their flights themselves and to fix a time at the relevant place for them to start with the Summer School. The other option is to arrange the flights again for the students. Do you think the students are self-reliant enough to arrange their flights and to be at the fixed place on a fixed time?

Costs

The costs for the summer school amount to **2,500 EUR**. This includes accommodation (double rooms/all including breakfast), program fees, insurance, transportation as well as the costs for the sightseeing trips. We are very sorry for raising the program fees, but we have to cover the new costs for Germany and Prague and the current inflation.

The deadline for the payment of the program fees will be the 1st of May 2015. If we don't receive the program fee from a student until the 1st of May we reserve the right to hand the spot to another student on the waiting list.

Cancelation fees

If a student wants to drop out of the program after our payment deadline we are going to withhold 20% as a cancelation fee until the 15th of May 2015.

If a student decides to drop out after the 15th of May but before the 1st of June we withhold 25% of the costs.

For any drop outs between the 1st and the 25th of June we will claim 50% of the program costs.

After the 25th of June we are claiming a 100% cancelation fee.

Accompanying teachers who wish to stay in single rooms may do so under an extra charge. I will inform you about payment procedures in due time.

If your university is interested in having your students participate in the summer school, I kindly ask you to nominate a **contact person/coordinator**.

Please send us a list of students and also a scan of the students' passport with the following information no later than April 1th, 2015.

❖ **Please make a list as follows in the same order and the same structures in alphabetical order (please take mine and copy it):**

Salzburg University								
No.	姓名	Name	Date of Birth	Passport No.	Sex	Study	Email	Phone
1	誠義	Cheng Xi	29.05.1985	G xxx	F	Philosophy/Music	Judith.Suchanek@sbg.ac.at	+43664xxx
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❖ **It was one of the most time-consuming works to correct names, numbers or lacking information. So please (!) check the student's information and fill the correct data in the list before you send it to us – thank you very much for your cooperation!**

❖ **Please send a copy of the passport to us!**

We are looking forward to your replies and a successful cooperation during the preparation time of the summer school. As soon as I will have all nomination lists after the deadline you will get further information.

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Kind regards,

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