



E-course on Territorial Autonomy as a Tool for Diversity Management. Lessons from the Åland Example

Time and Place

The course is taught online from 18.9.2017 to 11.12.2017.

Course Description and Aim

The course is an introduction to territorial autonomy and the Åland Example. The aim of the course is to provide participants with a broad academic framework for discussing territorial autonomy from different perspectives. The Åland Example is used as the main case study to examine concepts such as, among others, self-determination, power-sharing and minority rights. We will discuss the demilitarisation and neutralisation, the autonomy regime as well as the cultural and linguistic safeguards pertaining to Åland. A focus will be placed on the development of the regime over time, including more recent shifts. The course will also discuss the relevance of territorial autonomy as a possible tool for conflict resolution. Students shall be encouraged to critically reflect on the relevance of autonomy as an institution, its processes, and its potential as a solution to ethno-political conflicts.

The course is a cooperation between the Open University on Åland and the Åland Islands Peace Institute.

Requirements

A bachelor's degree in the humanities (political science, international law, public administration, peace and conflict studies, or other relevant disciplines) or equivalent experience and a proficient command of English are recommended prerequisites for successful participation. Please note that the course is taught in English and limited to a maximum of 20 participants.

Participation Fee

The tuition fee is 90 €. Please contact your university to check whether your institution offers stipends to cover your course fee.

Student Work

The course encompasses five modules and will be taught online on a digital learning platform, through a rich selection of resources including course literature, audio and video material and discussion forums. It presupposes an interactive use of the digital course platform by the students. Student work includes compulsory reading, studying audio- and video material, participation in forum discussions, group work, and the completion of short essays in every module. A final essay is due at the end of the course, which will be graded on a scale from A to E. Successful participants will be awarded 5 credit points based on the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). The workload thus corresponds to approximately 130 hours of work distributed across 12 weeks.

Registration

You can register for the course by sending an email to open@ha.ax. Registration is open starting from 17th of May and until 4th of September 2017.

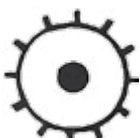
Further information and contact

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