

Economy of Francesco EU Summer School

“Transformations: social and economic”

Split, Croatia, 18.-25.08.2024.

Date: August 18 to 25, 2024

Location: Split, Croatia

Application deadline: TBC

About the Summer School

In his address during the event Economy of Francesco in Assisi 2022 Pope Francis pointed out that „an economy that inspires us with the prophetic dimension is expressed today in a new vision of the environment and the earth. We have to embrace this harmony with the environment and the earth. There are many people, businesses, and institutions that are making an ecological conversion. We need to go forward on this road and do more.“

The Economy of Francesco European Summer School “*Transformations*” will provide an opportunity for participants to learn about the newest progression concerning the interconnectedness between economy, ecology, and social justice from the perspective of the Economy of Francesco and catholic social teaching.

The Summer School will address the following modules and topics:

1. Environmental crisis and new economy (*cry of the Earth*)

- Integral and sustainable economy
- Innovations and economic creativity in nature protection
- Circular economy and the European Green Plan
- Laudato si’ lifestyles
- Economy of Francesco and Catholic Social Teaching
- Catholic Social Teaching and the socio-ecological crisis of our time

2. New economy and social justice (*cry of the poor*)

- Business ethics in the context of ecology
- Ecology, solidarity and economic growth
- Inclusive economy and social entrepreneurship
- Financial literacy and Economy of Francesco business plan
- Economy of Francesco and Catholic Social Teaching
- Catholic Social Teaching and the socio-ecological crisis of our time

Format

The EoFEUSS offers research and dialogue-oriented lectures from distinguished experts in the field of Catholic Social Teaching (CST), social sciences, theology and economics. It is a one-week program in two modules aimed at students of economics, social sciences, law, theology and engineering, as well as postgraduate students and all interested parties.

The EoFEUSS is working through two interconnected modules:

- The first module is dedicated to environmental crisis and new economy that Pope Francis articulated through the phrase *cry of the Earth* in his social encyclical *Laudato si'* (2015). The idea is to offer young people knowledge, models and tools, based on CST, so that they can face in their professional life *the cry of the Earth* through the prism of the EoF.
- The second module is dedicated to the economic crisis that continuously generates social inequalities, which Pope Francis articulated with the *cry of the poor* and which is a part of the social-ecological crisis. The idea here is also to offer young people models and tools of social action, based on CST, but also to present in more detail alternative economic models.

All participants will attend two plenary sessions on two basic topics and can choose between one of the two mentioned modules according to their preferences. Each module may have up to 20 participants.

The teaching format encompasses the following activities:

- Plenary interactive sessions
- Daily lectures and workshops with emphasis on Q&A
- Individual and group-based assignments
- Panels for participants to present their own research/professional projects
- Possibility for individual consultation with teaching staff
- Field trips and cultural programme
- A certificate of participation

Eligibility

Applications to the Summer School encompasses:

- Above mentioned study programmes (as well as other interested disciplines)
- An excellent working knowledge (speaking and writing) of English
- The availability to attend the entire teaching sessions of the programme.

Assessment and accreditation

The credits awarded for successful participation and assessment will be 3 European Credit Transfer System (3 ECTS).