

OSCE Extracurricular Workshop in International Criminal Law and Transitional Justice CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina is organizing an extracurricular Workshop on International Criminal Law and Transitional Justice.

The Workshop is designed as an advanced, skills-based training program for senior law students, as well as students of criminalistics and criminology at BiH universities. The Workshop's goal is to equip future practitioners with crucial legal knowledge so that they can take up professional positions relating to transitional justice and international criminal law better prepared to tackle the specific issues arising in and related to war crimes cases. The Workshop will provide law students with a hands-on opportunity with eminent legal practitioners and other transitional justice professionals in the country.

In addition, the Workshop will serve as a forum for discussion on contemporary issues in this field, with the aim of promoting legality and acceptance of International Criminal Law and its application in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as discussing its role within a broader Transitional Justice approach, as an overreaching mechanism for dealing with the past.

Finally, the workshop will be an opportunity for students to learn about the important work of the OSCE Mission to BiH and its central role in building a stronger judiciary system in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as ensuring that war crimes cases are processed fairly and in accordance with international standards.

STRUCTURE

The Workshop will be held from the 18th to the 26th of September 2017. Students will be provided with complex fact patterns prior to the beginning of the Workshop and topic-specific materials prior to individual classes, which they will be expected to read and prepare to discuss in advance. A typical session will consist of a short theoretical component, led by a practitioner or expert, which will be followed by a simulated exercise in small groups of students, which will require students to apply the knowledge they have gained through the readings and the theoretical component of the sessions. Finally, students will convene once more with the practitioner to engage in interactive discussion regarding the outcomes of the simulated exercise. In the last session the participants will demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have gained by participating in a moot court exercise.

A certificate of completion and highlighted achievement will be awarded to students who successfully complete the program.

WHO CAN APPLY

The program will take place in Jahorina and is aimed at students in their third year of legal studies and beyond, including master's students. Students of law or criminology in all universities in Bosnia and Herzegovina are encouraged to apply, with no fee to attend. The Mission will cover accommodation expenses and provide transportation to participants. Please note that the working languages will be BCS and English, and working command of each language is required for participation in the Workshop.

Please take special note that since the Workshop's format is intensive and based primarily on student interaction and participation, **attendance is required at every session for successful completion of the course**. Therefore, students who anticipate that they will not be able to attend one or more sessions due to other commitments need not apply.

Furthermore, the Workshop requires substantial preparation and group work outside of the formal sessions. Thus students should be prepared to spend the entire 8-day program, including evenings, working on the simulated cases and preparing for moot court.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be submitted in the English language only.

Those interested should send a personal statement and curriculum vitae to the email address: ICLTJWORKSHOP@osce.org on or before 11:59pm on July 28, 2017. Successful candidates will be contacted in mid-August. Late applications will not be considered.

The personal statement should contain a maximum of 600 words and provide answers to the following questions:

- 1) Why do you consider yourself to be a good candidate for this programme?
- 2) How do your past experience and future goals relate to the programme?
- 3) How do you believe the programme will help you in your intended career path?
- 4) What's the most interesting thing about you that we wouldn't learn from your resume alone?

On the basis of submitted applications the Mission will select up to 24 participants.

CONTACTS

Further inquiries in relation to the above can be directed to ICLTJWORKSHOP@osce.org