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Lucerne Academy for Human Rights Implementation
Alumni Organisation
University of Lucerne
School of Law





The **Lucerne Academy for Human Rights Implementation** is a worldwide unique, multifaceted summer school. During three very intensive weeks, between 25–30 young and talented students work on current issues in the field of human rights law. In the first part of the program, the students attend different classes, in which they gain necessary theoretical knowledge. The classes are followed by a prominent moot court competition, where the students put their knowledge into practice. During Lunchseminars the students have the chance to learn from distinguished practitioners how to work with and implement human rights. Furthermore, the program includes two excursions, one to Geneva and one to Strasbourg. The students interact with important NGO's and officials from the United Nations and the European Court of Human Rights during these excursions.

THEORY

Lucerne Academy instructors are distinguished professors from all around the world. Our professors enrich participant's knowledge through a variety of subjects such as „Business and Human Rights“; „Human Rights and Migration“, „Protection of

Migrants at Sea“; „Terrorism and the Right to Life“; „Disarmament: a tool to implement the right to life“, „Human Rights and Community Lawyering“, „The European Court and the European Convention of Human Rights“.



PRACTICE



Taking knowledge and applying it simultaneously in a practical situation is key to being a successful lawyer. During the Academy, students sharpen their litigation skills either as respondent or applicant and learn how to incorporate their knowledge into the actual work of defending human rights. The prominent moot court exercise culminates in a program-wide competition.

FACTS

- Focus 2019: «Human Rights and Business»
- 20-35 students from all over the world
- Global human rights law perspective
- Very small and diverse program
- Outstanding professors
- Combination of Theory and Practice
- International networking of human rights experts, which enables students to start an international human rights career
- Alumni Organization with a strong international network



SCHOLARSHIP

Through a **scholarship**, you can finance the tuition fee, housing expenses, flight expenses or daily allowance. Our scholarships are exclusively awarded to the students. As a scholarship sponsor we will make reference to you on our website. Furthermore, you are invited to the welcome reception.

- **Future Leader Scholarship**
CHF 3'900.00 (housing, meals, flight expenses, tuition fee, daily allowance for a student from a developing country)
- Partial Scholarship CHF 1'200
- Tuition Fee CHF 1'800/CHF 1350
- Housing CHF 400
- Flight expenses CHF 1'000
- Daily allowance (meals) CHF 400

The Lucerne Academy 2019 **is currently looking for** partial scholarships for students from Kenya, Argentina, Brasil Nepal and other countries.

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The Lucerne Academy is financed by general sponsoring.

Lucerne Academy Sponsoring

The Lucerne Academy Sponsoring covers all meals for students during the lunch seminar sessions. Your logo will be placed on all meal vouchers which the students and the professors receive. As a partner, we will also refer to you on our website.

- All meals CHF 5'000.00
- Partial sponsoring welcome

Closing Ceremony Sponsoring

If you enable a student to take part in the Closing Ceremony, your **logo will be placed on all invitation cards**, which are distributed to professors, judges, students and other sponsors. As a partner, we will also refer to you on our website. Furthermore, you will be invited to the Closing Ceremony.

- One student CHF 100
- Ten students CHF 1000
- Whole Closing Ceremony Dinner CHF 4'000

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Internship Sponsoring

The winner of the Lucerne Academy receives a placement with a human rights NGO in Geneva (3 months) serving as a point of entry to a subsequent career dedicated to the defense of human rights. In the future, we would like to be able to cover these costs for the winning student. The total package of CHF 5'000.00 will be awarded to the winner for accommodation and daily expenses during the time of the internship. As a partner, we will refer to you on our website. Furthermore, you will be invited to the Closing Ceremony as well as the award presenting ceremony.

- Winner package CHF 5'000.00
- Partial sponsoring welcome



Further Procedures

If you would like to support our students, please send an email with your name, company and the chosen option of sponsoring to sarah.kehl@unilu.ch.

Of course, we would also be delighted to receive any advertising material that we could distribute to the students along with the course materials on their first day.

The Lucerne Academy for Human Rights Implementation is extremely grateful for any scholarship or sponsoring you can offer. An international Summer School is only possible with donations from generous partners, who enable students to participate and give them the opportunity of a lifetime experience in the field of Human Rights.

For further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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The **Lucerne Academy Alumni Organization** enables the exchange between young law students and lawyers hailing from across the globe. We all found this amazing program to be a life-changing experience and we would therefore like to enable young students to participate in this unique program. We volunteer as Alumni Officers, Fundraising Strategists or as Judges during the Lucerne Academy Moot Court Competition. We would be delighted if you would support a future leader and student of the Lucerne Academy!

NORA LIPP, Switzerland

„At the Lucerne Academy I have learnt basic lawyering skills for which I was especially thankful at my first court hearing during my internship in a law firm. This program is more than a wonderful learning experience with brilliant professors, inspiring students and friends from around the globe!"

- 2013 Participation in the Lucerne Academy
- 2014 Director Legal Compliance Freiraum Sursee
- 2015 Legal internship at a law firm and Court
- 2017 Lawyer at Orion Rechtsschutz-Versicherung AG



NDJODI NDEUNYE-MA, Namibia

"The Lucerne Academy is a truly unique program that brings together passionate Human Rights proponents and defenders of the future

from all across the globe. As participants, we have benefited greatly from the experience of studying and interacting with one another as contemporaries at one of the seats of Human

Rights international – Switzerland. The professional and social friendships that we created during the program have proved to transcend the boundaries of geography, race, culture, religion and sex thereby creating a truly universal cohort of human rights defenders dispersed across the world, but pulled together by the Lucerne Academy. The Summer School is certainly an investment in the future of Human Rights!"

- 2013 Participation in the Lucerne Academy
- 2014-2016 two Masters from Oxford University
- 2017 PhD student at Oxford University with a Rhodes Scholarship

ALUMNI ORGANISATION



ANDREA SESIN, Costa Rica

"Through this program I made very meaningful connections with people from all over the

world. It was an interesting time to study, prepare for a moot court competition and also discover beautiful places in Switzerland."

- 2014 Participation in the Lucerne Academy with a partial scholarship
- 2015 UNHCR Geneva
- 2017 LLM Cambridge University



SABINE BRANDES-JULI, Luxemburg

"Lucerne Academy has been a real eye-opener for me. You meet students from all over the

world and experience a unique hands-on approach to a large variety of human rights topics."

- 2011 Participation in the Lucerne Academy
- 2015 Lawyer at Baker McKenzie, Luxembourg



The Guardian, 28 March 2016

Dresses to degrees: university opens its doors to Bangladesh garment workers

„Sonia Akter is in her fourth year at the AUW. She grew up in the village of Mushuria, Tangail district, ‘where no girl had ever attended university before’, she says [...].

An exceptionally bright student, according to her teachers, she has completed internships in Cambodia and India. During the latter spell she worked on a project with Kiran Bedi, India’s first female police officer, to encourage women to start businesses. Last summer, she won a scholarship to attend the Lucerne Academy for Human Rights Implementation in Switzerland.

‘When I left my village, members of the community criticised my mother for allowing me to go, but their attitudes are changing because they have seen what I’ve achieved,’ she says. ‘To visit home, I have to walk from the bus station to the village. It used to take 30 minutes. Now it takes at least two hours because so many people come to talk to me. The same people who used to believe that educating girls was pointless are starting to want the same for their daughters. If I can make female education popular in my vil-

lage, then I can do it for the whole of Bangladesh.’“

<http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2016/mar/28/dresses-to-degrees-bangladeshi-university-opens-its-doors-to-female-garment-workers>

NLZ, 18 July 2013

Sie büffeln sogar in den Ferien

„Sie kommen aus China, den USA, Australien, Namibia, Israel, der Türkei oder Brasilien. Für die Summer School an der Universität Luzern haben sich heuer 37 Studenten aus der ganzen Welt angemeldet. (...)

Iva Marelli und Laura Ausserladscheider Jonas haben die Summer School in Luzern vor zwei respektive einem Jahr besucht. ‘Die Vorlesungen an der Summer School sind interaktiver als im regulären Studium. Wir hatten mehr Kontakt zu den Professoren’, sagt Laura Ausserladscheider Jonas, die aus der Westschweiz stammt. ‘Es war eine taffe Zeit, aber lehrreich und praxisbezogen’, erklärt die Aargauerin Iva Marelli. Da man Studenten und Professoren aus der ganzen Welt treffe, sei die Summer School eine wertvolle Gelegenheit, Kontakte zu knüpfen.

<http://www.luzernerzeitung.ch/nachrichten/zentralschweiz/lu/luzern/Studenten-aus-aller-Welt-sind-zu-Besuch;art92.277221>

PRESS

Asian University for Women Annual Report 2016, Our Students

„The coursework at Lucerne clarified Sonia’s plan for her final year at AUW, and for her plans post-graduation. ‘I can now find diverse ways to look at problems and find solutions,’ she says. ‘I want to work on women’s empowerment, education, and child rights.’“

<http://asian-university.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/2015-AUWSF-Annual-Report.pdf>

SRF, 8. Juli 2016

Menschenrechte im Fokus: ein besonderer Sommerkurs in Luzern

Studierende aus aller Welt setzen sich mit der konkreten Umsetzung der Menschenrechte auseinander. Der Sommerkurs in Luzern versteht sich auch als Entwicklungsprojekt. Angela Hefti im Gespräch:

<https://www.srf.ch/news/regional/zentralschweiz/menschenrechte-im-fokus-ein-besonderer-sommerkurs-in-luzern>.



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«A new perspective on human rights issues»

“[I attended the Lucerne Academy] through a generous scholarship from Turkish Airlines that facilitated my air travel to the Academy. [...] „In conclusion, the three week Summer School Program was a success for me as I can confidently say that through it I not only learnt how to implement human rights better but I also came home with a new perspective on human rights issues.“

https://www.unilu.ch/fileadmin/universitaet/verwaltung/oea/dokumente/uniluaktuell/2016/uniluAKTUELL_55.pdf

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«Die Summer School ist eine super Erfahrung» Part of an Interview with Ramona Keist, Student at the University of Lucerne and Participant of the Lucerne Academy 2017

Ein zentraler Teil der Academy ist der Moot Court, ein simuliertes Gerichtsverfahren. Worum ging es im hypothetischen Fall?

Es wurde zunächst ein Memorial verfasst, das heisst eine Schrift zur Verteidigung der Kläger- oder Verteidigerseite. Im Fall wurden menschenrechtliche Aspekte zu Zwangsarbeit und Menschenhandel, Diskriminierung, Non-Refoulement [Grundsatz der Nichtzurückweisung; SG] und das Recht zu einer wirksamen Beschwerde thematisiert. Dies am Beispiel eines Mädchens aus dem fiktiven afrikanischen Land Yulanda, das mit 14 Jahren nach Europa kam, um ihren Traum, Fussballprofi zu werden, zu verwirklichen.

Welches Gesamtbild bleibt Ihnen von der Lucerne Academy?

Es war eine super Erfahrung. Man lernt Leute aus der ganzen Welt kennen und bekommt Einblick in verschiedene Kulturen. Eindrücklich war auch der Austausch mit Teilnehmenden aus Ländern wie Venezuela oder China und dabei etwas über ihre Lebensumstände zu erfahren. Das alles war sehr bereichernd.

The full interview can be downloaded here: https://www.unilu.ch/fileadmin/universitaet/verwaltung/oea/dokumente/uniluaktuell/2017/uniluAKTUELL_60.pdf page 21.