

# SPS SUMMER ACADEMY 2025

## DEMOCRACY, SOCIETY & FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Latest Insights from Political Science, Sociology, and International Relations

**Date/Place:** 01-05 September 2025 - European University Institute, Florence, Italy

**Price:** Free + travel and accommodation stipend for some participants

**Target:** Master's students in political science, sociology, and international relations

**More info on:** [blogs.eui.eu/sps-summer-academy](https://blogs.eui.eu/sps-summer-academy)

**Description:** The Department of Political and Social Sciences (SPS) at the European University Institute (EUI) is launching the sixth edition of the SPS Summer Academy on Democracy, Society & Foreign Affairs: Latest Insights from Political Science, Sociology, and International Relations. The Summer Academy will provide a fresh perspective on the major challenges faced by contemporary European societies. In what shape is Europe's democracy? Does it face a crisis? What can be done to level inequalities and meet Europeans' aspirations for a fairer, environmentally sustainable, and inclusive society? What is the role of Europe in the world order? These and other related topics will be systematically analysed and discussed by the SPS Summer Academy participants.

The SPS Summer Academy gives **27 selected Master's students** the opportunity to experience the EUI's academic and social life first-hand. The Summer Academy consists of **lectures** by the SPS professors, **three workshops** held by postdoctoral fellows, participation in the **keynote lecture by Professor Valentina Di Stasio**, as well as **a guided tour** to visit the city of Florence.

The Summer School is **free of charge**. Furthermore, selected participants in financial need and all participants from Widening countries are eligible for financial support to cover their travel and accommodation expenses. If you are **a Master's student or have recently obtained your Master's degree**, and are interested in academic research, check our eligibility criteria and apply to the SPS Summer Academy.

More info



The Summer Academy is sponsored by the EUI Widening Europe Programme. This initiative, backed by contributions from the European Union and EUI Contracting States, is designed to strengthen internationalisation, competitiveness, and quality in research in the Widening countries, and thus foster a more cohesive European Higher Education and Research area.

