

SPS SUMMER ACADEMY 2026

POLITICS, POLICIES, AND INEQUALITIES Micro-Foundations and Institutional Dynamics

Date/Place: 07-11 September 2026 - European University Institute, Florence, Italy

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

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

More info on: <https://sites.eui.eu/sps-summer-academy>

Description: **The Department of Political and Social Sciences (SPS)** at the **European University Institute (EUI)** is launching the seventh edition of the SPS Summer Academy on Politics, Policies and Inequalities: Micro-foundations and Institutional Dynamics. The Summer Academy offers a fresh perspective on the major challenges shaping contemporary European societies. What is the state of Europe's democracy? Is it facing a crisis? To what extent are recent breakthroughs in artificial intelligence reshaping political participation, civic engagement, and political polarization? Which policies and institutions can help mitigate social, gender, and ethnic inequalities in education and employment? And how is transnational solidarity and cooperation in Europe evolving in a changing world order? These and related questions will be explored 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 Assistant Professor Kevin Munger**, 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.