



## RULES AND CONDITIONS INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL SARAJEVO

### Article 1

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

These **RULES AND CONDITIONS** regulate the official name and abbreviation of the project, duration and relevant dates, implementing organization, objectives, the application process, criteria and process of selection, responsibilities of the participants, participation fee and equal opportunities and non-discrimination principles for the preparation and realization of the International Summer School in Sarajevo.

### Article 2

#### OFFICIAL NAME AND OFFICIAL ABBREVIATION OF THE PROJECT

The official name of the project is: **“INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL SARAJEVO”** and the official abbreviation is **“ISSS”**.

### Article 3

#### DURATION AND IMPORTANT DATES

ISSS 2026 as a project starts on the 1 March 2026 and finishes on 31 December 2026.

The application process starts at 00:01 on 1 April 2026 and ends at 23:59 on 30 April 2026.

The selection process starts at 00:01 on 1 May 2026 and ends at 23:59 on 15 May 2026.

The participation fee is due by 23:59 on 5 June 2026.

**The implementation period of the ISSS 2026 is 20 – 31 July 2026.**

### Article 4

#### IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATION

The implementing and responsible organization of the ISSS 2026 is the Association **“PRAVNIK”**, Dobojska 4, SARAJEVO 71000, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, in cooperation with the Rule of Law Program South East Europe of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Str. Franzelarilor, nr. 5, sector 2, RO-020785, Bucharest, Romania.

The ISSS 2026 is a fully accredited of the University of Sarajevo and it is implemented in cooperation with its Law Faculty.

## Article 5

### OBJECTIVES

The main objective of ISSS 2026 is to foster contemporary discussions on the issue of Transitional Justice and Human Rights through a unique blend of theory, practice and experience with an aim to empower future decision makers by:

- Bringing together experienced professionals and young scholars from the SEE region and Europe and US
- Contributing to the global discussion on the issue of Transitional Justice and Human Rights
- Networking of Alumni students and lecturers from previous generations with this year participants

## Article 6

### WHO CAN APPLY?

The program encourages applications from graduate and PhD students of law, political sciences and related disciplines (under the age of 35), including a limited number of undergraduate students from South East Europe, Europe and the US. ISSS will accept 25 to 30 students for attendance for this year. The program also encourages young professionals working in the area of Rule of Law, Human Rights and Transitional Justice to apply as well.

#### Selection criteria

There are three main criteria which will be taken into consideration in the evaluation process: Academic requirement, Language requirement, and CSO (Civil Society Organizations) experience.

#### Academic requirement

The program encourages applications from law and political science undergraduate final year students and post graduate students. Basic knowledge and commitment to take part in academic discussions on Rule of Law, Human Rights and Transitional Justice concept is required.

#### Language requirement

The language of instruction is English; thus all applicants have to demonstrate a strong command of spoken and written English to be able to participate actively in discussions at lectures and workshops. It is not necessary to provide us with proof of your English. You should at least have a B2 level of English/ TOEFL 92/IELTS 6.5.

#### CSO experience

The association "PRAVNIK" recognizes the involvement in CSO as an important sign that proves commitment toward democratic development of any society. Thus experience in CSO sector brings an added value to every application.

Other than these criteria, selection will be dependent on a quota to respect per country and/or region, aiming at respective geographical coverage.

## Article 7

### APPLICATION PROCESS

#### When can you apply?

You can apply as soon as the application process is opened, which will be notified through media and on the official web sites of the organizers.

#### How can you apply?

All prospective applicants are invited to send their complete application through the official submission e-mail indicated/provided on the application form.

Your application will be considered:

- i) if it reaches the Association “**PRAVNIK**” through official submission e-mail before the application deadline;
- ii) if every question was answered and was accompanied with all necessary documents;
- iii) if you explicitly agree with the **RULES AND CONDITIONS** of the ISSS 2026, and declare to have read them via the application form;
- iv) if you received a confirmation letter from the organizers (which you should receive within 72 hours after your submission) through the official e-mail.

#### Application deadline

The application deadline for ISSS 2026 is on 30 April 2026 23:59 CET. We encourage everyone to apply before the deadline. Applications that come after the deadline will not be taken into consideration.

## Article 8

### EVALUATION OF SUBMISSIONS

#### Selection Committee

After the deadline has passed, an independent Selection Committee will be established and will be fully and solely responsible for the selection, devising both the successful applicants' list and the waiting list.

#### Criteria

The Selection committee will prepare a list of successful applicants according to the following criteria list, once the general requirements have been met. The general requirements, main criteria for application evaluation and main criteria for participation fee reduction will be a part of these **RULES AND CONDITIONS**. The rules are embodied in the **SUBMISSIONS EVALUATION FORM** in **ANNEX I** which will be available before the application process starts, in order to enable the decision process transparency. The following criteria shall apply:

CRITERIA	Max %
Academic achievement	30 %
Contribution to further academic determination	20 %
Professional experience (including internships)	30 %
Demonstrated motivation	20 %

## Article 9

### PARTICIPATION FEE AND SCHOLARSHIP

The participation fee for ISSS is 200€.

Students from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Moldova, Romania and Serbia are eligible to apply for a participation fee reduction of 50 %.

The Selection Committee will decide about this request along with the application.

No discrimination will be made towards applicants who apply for a participation fee reduction and the number of fee reductions will depend on the number of participation fee reduction requests and the number of available reductions.

**Travel costs are not covered by this fee and each participant should take care of personal travel arrangements.** If you need a visa to enter Bosnia and Herzegovina please let us know, so that we can send you an invitation letter for ISSS.

In addition, field trips are not covered by this fee, so please consult the ISSS course description and timeline.

The participation fee **must be received** by 5 June 2026 23:59 CET ensure participation, otherwise the place on the ISSS 2015 will be offered to the first person on the waiting list, and so on. In the case of withdrawal of participation there will be no refund of the participation fee.

### Article 10

## CERTIFICATE AND CREDITS

Certificate of Attendance Association "PRAVNIK" awards a certificate of attendance upon successful completion of the summer school. In order to gain this certificate, participants will be expected to attend and actively participate in all classes and complete assignments required by the summer school.

ISSS uses a credit system for the awarding of its internal degrees will award 4 ECTS credits directly for its ISSS participation. The ISSS 2026 is a fully accredited summer school program of the University of Sarajevo. Students should consult their own institutions in advance about the acceptability of the Summer School ECTS. To compliment this all certificates will be come along with the transcript of all ISSS activities, which will outline all learning outcomes.

For the purposes of obtaining credits in home institution will be issued on request.

### Article 11

## EXCLUSION CRITERIA

All participants must agree to the **RULES AND CONDITIONS** of the ISSS 2026 before submitting their plan (upon submitting of the application form).

A participant will be excluded from the ISSS 2026 if s/he:

1. Is not under the age of 35.
2. Does not meet the criteria for participation as described in Article 6.
3. Has submitted false and/or incorrect data in his/her application form.
4. Directly or indirectly offers promises, gives or demands a bribe or other undue advantage in order to obtain or retain an improper advantage.

### Article 12

## OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In order to obtain the certificate, all participants have the following obligations and responsibilities:

### Attendance

All participants must attend over 80% of all lectures, including workshops and discussions.

### Essay

All participants are obliged/required to submit an essay in English on a topic that relates to the ISSS 2026 program by the end of 30 September 2026.

### **Dress code**

Please note that the dress code for the ISSS 2026 will be professional business throughout the program.

### **Article 13**

#### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The “**PRAVNIK**” Association and **Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Rule of Law Program South East Europe** are committed to ensuring that staff and students are selected, assessed, promoted and otherwise treated solely on the basis of their relevant merits and abilities.

The “**PRAVNIK**” Association and the **Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Rule of Law Program South East Europe** do not and will not discriminate on the basis of race/ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, disability or age or any other grounds in the selection process of successful applicants.

### **Article 14**

#### **PRIVACY**

The Selection Committee (see Article 8 above), **PRAVNIK** staff, lecturers and all other parties that are exposed to the applications or essays in whatever phase of the project will sign a “Declaration of confidentiality”. These Declarations of confidentiality are available upon request.

### **Article 15**

#### **FINAL PROVISIONS**

These Rules and Conditions are applicable for the entire course of the International Summer School Sarajevo 2026 - starting with the date of their adoption.

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