

JULY 21 - AUGUST 1, 2025

COLOGNE SUMMER SCHOOL on

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Conviviality, Cooperation and Sustainable Future Visions

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A HYBRID SUMMER SCHOOL  
IN COLOGNE AND ONLINE

# INTERGENERATIONAL JUSTICE

*Conviviality, Cooperation and Sustainable Future Visions*

COLOGNE SUMMER SCHOOLS invites UoC and international students to Cologne to explore questions of intergenerational justice and sustainable future visions. The hybrid summer school is open for all majors and approaches the subject in trans- and interdisciplinary perspectives. The academic program is clustered in five sections focusing on recent research as well as urgent socio-political aspects of (inter-)generational issues.

**The participants will learn more about**

- 1) intergenerational justice** and sustainability in the field of climate change, environmental politics and social transformations,
- 2) demographic changes** in the Global North and Global South and their effects on education, social security and wellbeing,
- 3) intergenerational conviviality and cooperation** in politics, organizations and institutional law,
- 4) discrimination** of/within (past, present, future) generations including questions of epistemic injustice, colonial legacies and structural discrimination of class, gender and race,
- 5) (inter-)generational experiences and narratives** in the context of historical and biographical research asking how they affect social unity, collective identities and actions.





Through lectures, seminars and group projects the participants will engage in discussions on intergenerational justice and future visions in the fields of economics, social sciences, politics, law, history, education and environmental and cultural studies.

The cultural program includes a buddy program and digital events, an inter-cultural training and an international picnic, site visits and excursions in Cologne and the region, a welcome ceremony and a farewell dinner.

The COLOGNE SUMMER SCHOOL will take place at the University of Cologne, Germany, in a hybrid format from July 21 until August 1, 2025. There will be 20 spots for onsite participation and 12 spots for online participation.



## PROGRAM INFORMATION



- Summer school program from July 21 until August 1, 2025
- Language of instruction is English
- Balanced combination of academic and cultural program
- Lecturers of University of Cologne and local and international partner institutions
- Hybrid format
- Networking opportunity with international students
- Open to all university majors

# HYBRID PROGRAM

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We developed a hybrid format with an onsite and online option. In this way we aim to facilitate flexible participation opportunities for international students all over the world.



## ONSITE

20 students participate onsite at the University of Cologne, Germany, while 12 simultaneously participate online. The academic program includes hybrid seminars, workshops and local excursions. The onsite group shares their cultural experience with the online group during special time slots in our buddy program. Sessions will take place from 9:30 am to 5.30 pm. ECTS validation is 2 CP.

## ONLINE

12 students participate part-time in all online seminars and workshops, while 20 students participate full-time at the University of Cologne. The online participants meet the onsite participants during the buddy program in a more informal setting. We offer exclusive cultural activities to introduce the online group to the city of Cologne. The hybrid sessions will take place from 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm (CEST, UTC+2). ECTS validation is 1 CP.



# SCHOLARSHIP



## ONSITE & ONLINE

COLOGNE SUMMER SCHOOLS will provide

- High-quality academic program taught by experts from University of Cologne & partner universities
- Study trips, networking opportunities & cultural program
- ONSITE scholarships for participants:
  - Coverage of tuition fee
  - Accommodation incl. breakfast & lunch
  - Intercultural training
  - Excursion & study trips
  - Welcome ceremony
  - Cultural activities & evening events
  - Mobility grants (at least 50% of the respective travel costs)
- ONLINE scholarships for participants:
  - Coverage of tuition fee
  - Buddy program
  - Digital cultural activities
  - Networking event with CSS alumni

# APPLICATION

## PROCEDURE



The **COLOGNE SUMMER SCHOOL on Intergenerational Justice** is a program for advanced bachelor and master students from the University of Cologne (UoC) and its partner universities. Please inquire at your home university if it is a partner of the UoC.

In order to apply, you need to fill in the online application form and upload all necessary supporting documents including:

- English Language Certificate (proficiency level)
  - TOELF iTP (600-677), TOEFL iBT (95-120), IELTS (6,5-9) or
  - Cambridge Certificate C1 Advanced or Proficiency (C2)
  - Not required for native speakers or persons whose study program is taught entirely in English
- Transcript of records in English (issued and stamped by your home university)
- CV (in English, max. 2 pages)
- Video of motivation in English
  - Instead of uploading a motivation letter, we ask for a video of max. 3 minutes introducing yourself and your academic interest in the topic. Explain your motivation to participate in the hybrid summer school on Intergenerational Justice.
  - Please upload the video to a website or a sharing platform of your choice. Insert the link into the box included in the online application form. Video settings can be set to private (or “not listed” for Youtube). If using a cloud service for the upload, please ensure the link does not expire. We will use the video only for the selection process, and we will not hand them over to third parties.





# SELECTION



## PROCEDURE

The CSS selection committee will select the participants according to the following selection criteria:

1. Quality of the video of motivation
2. High interest in and contribution to the topic of the summer school and motivation to engage in discussions and group activities
1. Relevant extracurricular activities
2. Academic record and academic progress
3. Grade point average of English proficiency certificate (minimum of C1)

All applicants who submit their complete application on time will be informed about the status of their applications via e-mail by early May.

**Deadline for all applications!**





Apply online now!



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