

Call for Application  
YOUNG RESEARCHERS' WORKSHOP  
"Teaching in a Multicultural Environment"  
Tartu, Estonia - February 12-17, 2017

**ECTS credits:** 6 ECTS

**Proposed Length of course:** 6 days including travel

**Host Unit:** Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies, University of Tartu

**Venue:** Lossi 36, Tartu/Kääriku Recreation centre

**Accommodation:** UT Students hostel 19 EUR/night per person

**Target group:** PhD students and junior teaching staff of social and political sciences, economics, law and humanities.

**Short description**

The workshop, being part of the DESCNET project, is aimed at bringing together a group of doctoral students and junior researchers from all partner institutions with either experiences or intentions of participating in educational activities developing in a multicultural milieu. With cross-border mobility as a major factor of globalization student audiences become more and more varied in terms of ethnicity, race, and religion. This increasing cultural diversity is a challenge to teachers, instructors and educators who have to deal with a growing scope of controversial issues that affect students' emotions and identity, touch upon their personal experiences and ultimately make them taking sides in structurally polarized debates. This is of especial importance for regions – such as the Southern Caucasus, or the Black Sea region – with multiple conflicts and a plethora of politically inflammable lines of division. In this context we invite workshop participants to discuss the following questions: How to teach politically sensitive topics for multicultural groups of students without provoking divisive effects? How to avoid conflicts touching upon politically controversial issues at classes and in other forms of educational activities?

**How to apply**

Please submit your **motivation letter** (2 pages max), which clearly describes your teaching experience, why are you teaching, your future aspirations related to teaching, and includes a brief description of your courses. The motivation letter should be sent to Olena Solohub ([olena.solohub@ut.ee](mailto:olena.solohub@ut.ee)) no later than **November 15, 2017**. Successful applicants will be contacted within one week after the deadline via email.