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Call for Applications
Law and Neuroscience Winter School
University of Pavia, Italy

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Academic Year 2011-12

Scope and Objective

In their everyday practice, lawyers need to face situations which are multidisciplinary by definition, such as evaluating scientific elements in a case they are working for, or finding the best scientific experts to consult. Recently, the use of neuroscientific and advanced technological tools in the legal setting has been increasing. The reaction within the legal community sometimes is in terms of strong faith in scientific evidence and other times is based on diffident distrust. Both approaches, however, can lead to an improper use of such tools when they are not supported by an actual knowledge and understanding of these techniques.

The Law & Neuroscience Winter School is a school for non-scientists. Courses are focused on Neuroscience, Psychiatry and Genetics (basic scientific information) and on their intersection with the Law, from a comparative perspective. The school is directed to graduate/master-degree students and PhD Students. The objective of this school is to provide proper information about the increasingly advanced neuroscientific findings and techniques, and to give students the chance to study how neuroscience impacts on different legal systems and how the philosophical debate about free will and responsibility has been influenced by its recent advancements.

Who can participate

The course is designed for graduate (master-degree) students and PhD Students enrolled in the faculties of Law, Philosophy and Psychology. People who are not enrolled in a University but obtained their degree in June 2011 or later are allowed to participate.

Working language

English

Dates and place

The Call for application is open for the first edition of the Erasmus Ip Intensive Course Winter School in Law & Neuroscience, which will take place at the University of Pavia - Italy, from **22 January 2012** (arrival of participants) to **4 February 2012** (Departure of participants).

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Days to be spent in Pavia: 14 days

Duration of the winter school: 10 days

Attending the **80%** of classes is mandatory.

Costs and scholarship

The Summer School reserves 22 full scholarships to students from the Universities participating in the IP Partnership.

The cost of the school for students from non-partner institutions is **300,00 euros**.

The student ranked first, among the selected external students, will receive the full coverage of the cost of the school.

The selected students, from other Institutions, are in charge of arranging and paying their travel and accommodation in Pavia, Italy. The International office the University of Pavia will provide for information about possible housing solutions in Pavia.

No registration fee is required.

Evaluation

At the end of the winter school, students will be awarded by a certificate of attendance in which will be also indicated the number of ECTS.

ECTS AWARDED: 4

Selection criteria

The assessment will be made on the basis of the candidates' qualifications, fluency in English, academic preparation and motivation.

How to apply

The Application form can be downloaded from the website:

Application form, CV and motivation letter must be sent by email (in a unique file) to the University contact person Ms. Michela Cobelli: michela.cobelli@unipv.it.

Deadline for applications:

December 4th, 2011

The selected students will be contacted by email by December 10th and they will have to confirm their participation by December 15th.

The Programme will be soon available on the website: <http://www.unipv-lawtech.eu/lang1/law-and-neuroscience-winter-school-2011.html>

Further information:

- Academic information about the Programme: barbara.bottalico@unipv-lawtech.eu
- Administrative information about the Programme: michela.cobelli@unipv.it
- How to get to Pavia:

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- <http://www.unipv.eu/online/en/Home/UsefulInformation/HowtogettoPavia.html>
- Information about the town of Pavia:
<http://www.unipv.eu/on-line/en/Home/UsefulInformation/LivinginPavia.html>

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