**CIRSD ADVANCED COURSE**

**ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

***“Geopolitics in the Emerging Multipolar Era”***

The Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development (CIRSD) will organize a week-long advanced course entitled “Geopolitics in the Emerging Multipolar Era.”

The course will take place in Belgrade, Serbia from July 30th to August 6th, 2015, and will be conducted in English.

**Course Description and Aims**

The course will focus on the main contemporary geopolitical trends animating world politics.

The course will thus examine the diplomatic, economic, social and environmental circumstances of the emerging multipolarity, and the renewed interest in geopolitical narratives.

The course will also assess the changing roles of multilateral institutions (e.g. the United Nations, international financial institutions, and various regional organizations) as well as explore various aspects of global security.

By the end of the course, students will have:

* developed a greater understanding of contemporary geopolitical trends affecting developments in international relations;
* enhanced their critical understanding of perceived geopolitical imperatives, motives, stakes, risks, and incentives;
* gained additional insights into the foreign policy practices of selected established and emerging Great Powers;
* acquired a keener appreciation of some of the key dynamics in important contemporary regional geopolitical theatres such as the Middle East, East Asia, Europe, Latin America, and Africa.

**Assessment**

Length of course: one week (7 days).

Within the week’s worth of courses, opening and closing segments will be held, featuring remarks by high-level special guests.

**Selected Topics**

The CIRSD Regional Executive Education Course will examine a number of topics, including those related to key regional theatres and crucial cross-cutting issues.

Regional Theatres:

* Europe and its Neighborhood
* The U.S. as the World’s Leading Power
* Return of China and East Asia - A Theatre of Rapid Transformation
* Middle East: the Great Unravelling
* A Resurgent Russia
* Latin America in the Era of Multipolarity
* Africa in the 21st Century

Cross-cutting Issues:

* The Age of Sustainable Development
* Rethinking the United Nations

**Lecturers**

The CIRSD Advanced Course on International Relations will feature lectures by experienced international policymakers, prominent intellectuals, and shapers of public opinion, in addition to members of the CIRSD Board of Advisors and CIRSD Senior Staff.

**Teaching methods and materials**

The course is structured around daily lectures and interactive discussions. The latter will provide students with opportunities to explore particular issues in depth.

Students will be provided with a reading packet, a recommended reading list, and extant issues of CIRSD’s English-language quarterly magazine *Horizons: Journal of International Relations and Sustainable Development*, and other relevant material.

**Eligibility and Costs**

Applicants should have completed their first-tier university studies (B.A. or equivalent) and possess a strong command of English.

The course is designed for a small group not to exceed 30 people from the Western Balkans.

The course is tuition-free. Accommodations, travel expenses, and meals will be provided, as appropriate.

**Application Process**

Interested applicants should submit a personal statement (not exceeding 500 words) and a full résumé in English by June 15, 2015. An interview will follow for qualified applicants.

**Certification**

Participants successfully completing the CIRSD Advanced Course on International Relations will receive a certificate of completion.