



# The Institute of Federalism's Summer University

Federalism, Decentralisation and Diversity

Eighteenth Session

28 August to 15 September 2006

Fribourg, Switzerland

# Programme

## Federalism, Constitutionalism and Democratic Governance in Multicultural Societies

First week: 28 August - 1 September 2006 (course and workshops)

**Federalism, Institutional Designs and Constitutional Processes**, with Prof. C. SAUNDERS and Prof. TH. FLEINER

Second week: 4 - 8 September 2006 (course and workshops)

**Federalism in Multicultural and Multinational Polities**, with Prof. L. R. BASTA FLEINER and Dr. N. TOEPPERWIEN

Third week: 11 - 15 September 2006 (case studies)

**Federalism and Secession**, with Prof. M. JOVANOVIC;

**The role of Intergovernmental Fiscal Arrangements in Maintaining Cohesion and Effectiveness in a Multicultural State** with Prof. B. DAFFLON; **The Gap Between Democratic Institutions and Practice: The Case of Malawi** with Prof. N. PATEL.

The Summer University is organised around three major modules. This year, the 1<sup>st</sup> addresses various institutional aspects of nation-state and supranational forms of federalism, including the European Union. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> are addressed the major challenges that federalism and decentralisation face in multicultural societies with a theoretical approach. The 3<sup>rd</sup> focuses on some of the major issues discussed in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week. While in the first two weeks the work runs through interactive classes and workshops, in the third week the professors guide students' work in groups on given cases and the results are discussed in plenum.

The major objectives of the Summer University are a) to bring the participants, through the classes, workshops, case studies and individual papers prepared in advance, major challenges that the modern state and multicultural societies face when embracing federalism and decentralisation as strategies of democratisation and conflict-management; b) given the interdisciplinary approach in teaching as well as the interdisciplinary academic background of the participants, to empower them with insights from different disciplines and thus generally enforce their understanding on the issues of federalism, decentralisation and diversity; and c) to sensitize participants, through the classes and workshops, as well as through debates they will have among themselves – to a major need to understand also the arguments of the “other side” and the critical importance of consensus in multicultural societies.

The members of the faculty are internationally known scholars with expertise in the issues of post-modern challenges to nation-state and democracy, federalism, decentralisation and multiculturalism. The Summer University is organised by the Institute of Federalism and co-financed by the Swiss State Secretariat for Education and Research and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

### ***Information and registration***

Registration forms and information on the course, conditions of admission, scholarships, accommodation, diplomas, etc., can be downloaded from our website ([www.federalism.ch](http://www.federalism.ch)) or will be sent to you on request by Ms. J. COUSINOU, Institute of Federalism, Englisberg Road 7, CH - 1763 Granges-Paccot (Switzerland), telephone +41-26-300.8125, fax +41-26-300.9724 Email address: joelle.cousinou@unifr.ch.

**Closing date to register: 30 April 2006**