2011 SUMMER SCHOOL

"Rescaling Government: Reforming public administration and local government"

Vouliagmeni, Attica, Greece
18 – 23 September 2011
The 2011 Summer School on "Rescaling Government: Reforming public administration and local
government" was organized by EURA (European Urban Research Association) and EUROLOC and
hosted and financially supported by the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS). The 2011
Summer School was held in September 18th – 23rd 2011 in Vouliagmeni, the coastal zone of Attica,
Greece, at the hotel Amarilia.

Local organizers of the Summer School were Prof. Panagiotis Getimis (Panteion University of
Athens) and Assoc. Prof. Nikolaos-Komninos Hlepas (National and Kapodistrian University of
Athens). In close cooperation with Prof. Hubert Heinelt (Darmstadt University), the local organizers
decided on the focus of the Summer School programme.

This year's Summer School aimed at organizing specialized courses for Ph.D. students whose research
topics are related to the field of public administration and local government. Given the recent
institutional reforms that have been implemented in countries such as Denmark and Greece, the
Summer School gave emphasis on the evaluation of territorial and functional reforms and the
methodology used for this purpose.

Prospective students had to submit their applications by May 31st 2011. The submission period was
then extended until June 30th in order to give more students the opportunity to finish their abstracts
and apply for the Summer School. Acceptance was at the discretion of organizers and the final
selected participants were informed through confirmation e-mail by July 10th. The participation was
limited to 20 people.

In total, 17 PhD students from eight countries (namely from Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Greece,
Slovakia, Spain, Turkey and the UK) participated in the Summer School. They were chosen from
among 24 applications.

Beside with the local organizers, Prof. Getimis and Prof. Hlepas, Prof. Bas Denters (Twente
University of Netherlands, Netherlands), Prof. Hubert Heinelt (Darmstadt University of Technology,
Germany) and Prof. Sabine Kuhlmann (German University of Administrative Sciences, Speyer,
Germany) acted as lectures of the Summer School.

The Summer School was organized along the following programme:

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<td><strong>Monday, 19 September 2011</strong></td>
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<td>10:00–11:30h <strong>Welcome</strong></td>
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| 12:00-14:30 Lecture by Prof. Panagiotis GETIMIS: “Does scale matter for achieving effective governance?
Territorial restructuring” |
Lecture by Prof. Nikolaos-Komninos HLEPAS: “Do institutions matter? Local government systems and territorial reforms”

15:30-18:45 Students’ presentations and discussion
21:00 Welcome dinner

**Tuesday, 20 September 2011**

9:30–11:00 Lecture by Prof. Bas DENTERS: “Does size matter for local democracy? Accountability, effectiveness, and legitimacy”
11:15-12:45 Discussion of the lectures
14:00-16:45 Students’ presentations and discussion

**Friday, 21 September 2011**

10:00–11:30 Lecture by Prof. Hubert HEINELT: “How to explain administrative reforms?”
11:45-13:15 Discussion of the lecture
14:30-17:15 Students’ presentations and discussion

**Thursday, 22 September 2011**

9:30–11:00 Lecture by Prof. Sabine KUHLMANN: “How to measure the results of institutional reforms? Evaluation of institutional change and performance of newly established institutional settings”
11:15-12:45 Discussion of the lecture
13:30-14:45 Students’ presentations and discussion
15:15-16:00 Final Plenary meeting
17:30 Departure to the archaeological site of Sounio
20:30 Farewell dinner

**Friday, 23 September 2011**

*Depature from hotel and travel*

The excursion was aiming at the relaxation of lecturers, participants and organizers after a full 5-day-course Summer School. It was organized to the archaeological site of Sounio, near the Summer School venue. The group was accompanied by a professional tour guide. The excursion contributed to the very friendly atmosphere among students and lecturers.

The local organizing committee as well as EURA are grateful to ICBSS for its valuable financial support for the Summer School. Without this support the Summer School could not have been organized as the PhD students paid only 250 EURO each and had not to pay for accommodation, meals and other costs.
Based on suggestions of PhD students an internet forum has been created where participants have the opportunity to interact and exchange ideas for their further work (see http://www.icbss.org/userRegister.php).