The Lucerne Academy for Human Rights Implementation is a worldwide unique, multi-faceted human rights law program based in the heart of Europe at the University of Lucerne, Faculty of Law in Switzerland. Participants will be given the chance to learn the theoretical and trial skills necessary to prepare for a career in defending human rights. The Lucerne Academy for Human Rights Implementation ensures a high quality of staff and participant interaction. The main topic of this year’s Summer School is «Human Rights and Business».

The participants will be given the choice to book the Summer School exactly according to their needs. The 3-week program (option I) consists of lectures and two excursions and offers the unique moot court competition on top, whereas the 2-week program (option II) contains lectures and two excursions.

– Option I (July 3–23, 2019): Students attend one mandatory course and can further choose three classes out of five available subjects. In addition, the students take part in the moot court exercise, in which they will sharpen their skills in litigation by writing a memorial and defending their arguments in an oral moot court exercise in front of a bench.

– Option II (July 3–17, 2019): Students attend one mandatory course and can further choose up to four classes out of five available subjects.

In both options, the coursework will be accompanied by lunch seminars, where students will interact with distinguished professors and practitioners and learn how to work and implement human rights. Furthermore, the two options include two excursions, one to Geneva and one to Strasbourg. In Geneva, the participants will visit the European Headquarters of the United Nations, as well as various NGOs. In Strasbourg, the participants will visit the seat of the European Court of Human Rights and the Council of Europe.
Program

Courses
The participants attend different classes focused exclusively on human rights law of the European Convention on Human Rights and the UN Covenants on Human Rights, in which they gain necessary theoretical knowledge. Specific lessons are related to the main topic of «Human Rights and Business». The classes are taught by distinguished professors and practitioners from across the globe, including former or active judges of the ECHR (option I & II).

Moot Court
In a prominent moot court competition, the participants put their knowledge into practice. They sharpen their litigation skills either as respondents or applicants, learn to build arguments and write them down in a memorial and present them in front of judges in the oral round. Under the guidance of experts, they learn how to incorporate their knowledge into the actual work of defending human rights (only option I).

Lunch Seminars
During lunch seminars the participants have the chance to learn from practitioners and visiting professors how to work with and implement human rights. They receive first-hand knowledge of current human rights issues and discuss possible solutions. The lunch seminars provide an opportunity for students to interact with their professors, and have a more relaxed informal setting to ask questions and socialize with each other (option I & II).

Excursions
In Geneva, the participants will visit the European Headquarters of the United Nations, as well as various NGOs. In Strasbourg, the participants will visit the seat of the European Court of Human Rights and the Council of Europe. During the excursions the participants interact with important NGOs and officials and acquire insight into the practice of human rights implementation (option I & II).

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