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On August 22–31, 2012 the first ever Genshagen Trilateral Summer School will take place as a joint project of Stiftung Genshagen, the Institute for Public Affairs (Warsaw) and the Université de Lorraine/Département d'études franco-allemandes. Students from Germany, France and Poland respectively will gather at castle Genshagen close to Berlin for ten days in order to discuss, from their various perspectives, a topic of European relevance. The first Genshagen Summer School will be devoted to **“A sustainable energy policy for Europe?”**. It will be funded by the Franco-German University, the Foundation for German-Polish Cooperation and the German-Polish Science Foundation.

In times of climate change and diminishing oil reserves, energy policy is more at the centre of attention than ever. Beyond cheap energy as a prerequisite for economic growth and welfare, it is increasingly important to discuss what a sustainable energy policy should look like. 2012 is the year of „Rio+20“: Twenty years after the so-called „Earth Summit“ in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 and ten years after the 2002 Johannesburg Summit, the UN conference on Sustainable Development will take place in June 2012. For that reason, issues pertaining to sustainability and combating climate change will be high up on the international agenda – including energy policy.

A mere look at attitudes towards nuclear energy in the three countries illustrates that approaches to energy and climate policy differ widely in the Weimar

Triangle. This also holds true for attitudes towards Russia as a guarantor for Western European energy. However, in this particular field of policy, it is clearer than ever, that solutions cannot be found at national levels alone; Europe needs to speak with one voice. Against this background, deeper insight in respective debates in Germany, France and Poland seems particularly valuable and necessary. Attaining to that deepened insight is the objective of the 2012 edition of the Genshagen Summer School.

FAQ:

Who can apply?

We invite applications from students at Master level and above enrolled



at a German, French or Polish university. Prior experience with energy-related topics is welcome, but no necessity: we will be happy to be convinced by a great covering letter, explaining why you are interested in attending this particular summer school. We also value previous international experiences, especially in a Weimar triangle context. As the summer school's working language is English, its excellent command is a prerequisite.

When do I have to apply?

The deadline for applications is **27 April** and successful candidates will be notified by **25 May**.

How do I apply?

Please send us a cover letter detailing why you wish to participate in the Genshagen Summer School and what you intend to contribute and your CV including your academic and extracurricular career. Everything should be in English, as that is the Summer School's working language. We only accept electronic applications to kunz@stiftung-genshagen.de.

How many places are there?

Up to 8 students from each country will be able to participate in the Summer School, meaning that the total number of students will be 24.

Who will the teachers be?

Teachers and lecturers will be experts and researchers from Poland, Germany and France, and potentially third countries in specific cases.

How much does it cost and where will I stay?

There is no tuition fee. We moreover cover all costs related to you stay in Genshagen: you share a double room at the castle and all meals are free with the exception of lunches and dinners during the week-end. Also, we cannot cover your trip from your hometown to Genshagen and back.

Where can I find more information?

For more information on the organizers and the castle, please visit the following web pages: www.stiftung-genshagen.de www.facebook.com/GenshagenSummerSchool

Should you have any **more questions**, feel free to get in touch with Dr. Barbara Kunz, the project leader, at kunz@stiftung-genshagen.de

The programme

The programme for the Summer School is both at a high scholarly level and diverse: besides **lectures** given by university teachers, a special focus lies on **discussion** and **exchange** among participants. It is completed by **cultural events** and **informal meetings** with practitioners from business, government or NGOs.



The academic programme:

- Day 1** Arrival
- Day 2** What should a sustainable energy policy for Europe look like?
What is “sustainability”?
- Day 3** “Growth” as a prerequisite for wealth?
The limits of growth, the Stiglitz Commission and alternative indicators for wealth: Perspectives from Germany, France and Poland
- Day 4** Study trip
- Day 5** *Day off*
- Day 6** Nuclear energy in Europe
Positions, arguments and actors in Germany, France and Poland
- Day 7** Renewable sources of energy – political and technological challenges
Political strategies and „reality“ in Germany, France, Poland and the EU
- Day 8** Climate change as a subject of international diplomacy
Germany, France, Poland and the EU in the Rio+20 process
- Day 9** Energy policy and geopolitics
The debate on the geopolitical dimension of energy security in Germany, France and Poland
- Day 10** Departure

