

## VENUE

The course will be held at Vama Veche, an exceptional youth holiday village, which is situated at about 50 km south of Constantza, the main Romanian port on the Black Sea coast, close to the Bulgarian border.

### Access ways:

- ♦ by air: Mihail Kogălniceanu airport of Constantza; transfer by bus/taxi (80 km)
- ♦ by car: E60, E70, E81, E87
- ♦ by train: railway station at Constantza or Mangalia; transfer by bus

The cost of **395 Euro** includes participation fee, accommodation in double rooms with own bathroom and all meals.

**The working language is English.**

**Application deadline: 30 June 2010**

### *The environment*

*The weather at this time of the year is particularly nice and warm at the seaside. The sun is shining brightly on the wide beach of Vama Veche, and the water temperature is well above 20<sup>o</sup> C, inviting to swimming parties. Besides, the Black Sea shore landscape is delightful, with large orchards and vineyards. Mangalia, the nearest town, whose ancient name is Callatis, boasts vestiges from the age of the Hellenic colonization in the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC through the times of the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman rules.*

**For more information on the programme, you may like to contact:**

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## INTRODUCTION

*The Luxembourg Institute for European and International Studies (LIEIS)* is a forum of academic and intellectual discussions and research, as well as a platform of training and upgrading for undergraduates and young professionals from both western and eastern countries.

One of LIEIS' constant themes of research and debate has been the European integration process as well as developments in the wider Europe. The topic has been explored for the last 16 years under the form of summer schools organized by the *Institute* in cooperation with the *Black Sea University Foundation*, and, later on, with the *European Cultural Centre* in Romania.

**The ambition of the 2010 seminar is to have a critical look at some key societal models such as liberalism and socialism, their possible strengths and shortcomings, as well as at a few more marginal concepts such as utopianism, anarchism, communitarianism and the underlying philosophical ideas: utilitarianism, materialism, idealism, pessimism. What can be the guiding principles and values in the quest for a decent society – tolerance, empathy, justice, benevolence – and how to implement them ?**



**Summer Seminar on**

**Beyond liberalism and socialism: searching for a decent society**

**Vama Veche, Romania  
23 – 28 August 2010**

**Organized by the**

*Luxembourg Institute for  
European and International Studies*

*Black Sea University Foundation*

*European Cultural Centre, Bucharest*

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- students, young researchers and professionals from both Eastern and Western Europe
- young representatives of higher education, of specialized institutions, of political parties, of NGO's, of the mass media

## MAIN SPEAKERS

### Prof. Mark ALMOND

Bilkent University, Turkey

### Prof. G. MICHAEL AMBROSI

Jean Monnet Chair in European Economic Policy  
University of Trier, Germany

### Dr. ARMAND CLESSE

Director, Luxembourg Institute for European and  
International Studies

### Prof. CHRISTOPHER COKER

Head, Department of International Relations  
London School of Economics and Political Science

### Prof. MIRCEA MALITZA

Member of the Romanian Academy  
President, Black Sea University Foundation  
Vicepresident, European Cultural Centre

## MAIN TOPICS

Why did socialism not work as socialist theorists expected it would ?

Liberalism and its – inherent? - limits

The utilitarian view of good life and decent society

The utopian designs: Plato, Augustinus, Campanella, Thomas Morus, Erasmus of Rotterdam, ...

The sceptical/pessimistic view of man and society: Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, Cioran, ...

Critical and transcendental idealism

Moral philosophy: Jean Jacques Rousseau, Reinhold Niebuhr, Max Scheler, Hans Jonas, ...

The role of religion

Anarchism, communitarianism, vegetarianism, feminism, Jainism

Principles for a decent society – justice, benevolence, empathy, tolerance etc. and how to implement them

*If you wish to join in the programme, please fill in the application form:*

**First name:**

**Last name:**

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**APPLICATION FORM**

**Institution:**

**Position:**

**Payment of course fee amounting to  
395 Euro/1590 RON can be made:**

- in cash, at arrival
- by bank transfer
- I wish to apply for a scholarship \*)  
(only for students)

*\*) The LIEIS offers a grant covering the fee of 395 Euro to the students whose application is accepted.*

**All candidates are kindly requested to send the filled in Application Form together with:**

- **Curriculum vitae**
- **Letter of intention**
- **Two-page essay on one of the topics addressed in the seminar**

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