

## SUMMER SCHOOL

We are happy to announce that applications for the second summer school *Practicing Resilience – Preparing for Recovery* which will take place in Šibenik, Croatia, from June 30 until July 9, 2023, are now open. The summer school which will last 10 days is organized by the Catholic University of Croatia in a strong partnership with the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame from the United States, the Ukrainian Catholic University from Ukraine, and the Catholic Universities Partnership.

After the first successfully held summer school in Dubrovnik in 2022, the second summer school in Šibenik will gather 6 professors and renowned lecturers from numerous Catholic universities, following the example of the previous year. The summer school program, which emphasizes the importance of resilience and post-war recovery, is intended for 40 students from various Catholic universities around the world, of which at least 20 students will be from Ukraine.

The idea of the Summer School “Practicing Resilience – Preparing for Recovery: was born in the community of the Catholic Universities Partnership as a sign of solidarity, friendship, and support for the Ukrainian people affected by the destruction of war. The main themes of the summer school are related to resilience and post-war recovery, which can encourage a spirit of community. The goal of the summer school is to connect students from different Catholic universities, such as the University of Notre Dame (USA), John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (Poland), the Catholic University of Ruzomberok (Slovakia), Pázmány Péter Catholic University (Hungary), and the Ukrainian Catholic University (Ukraine), Sul Khan-Saba Orbeliani Catholic University (Georgia), Ukrainian Catholic University (Ukraine), and Catholic University of Croatia (Croatia).

The summer school program has an international character and, in addition to a strong educational aspect, due to its holistic approach, it also includes spiritual, social, cultural, and sports activities. The participants of the summer school should actively participate in daily prayer and are encouraged to participate in prayers and the Holy Mass in English every morning, as well as in Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian, which will be celebrated twice during the program. All participants will have the opportunity to enjoy time at the seashore and to get to know each other. The rich cultural heritage of the city of Šibenik enables various cultural activities as part of the program: from visits to the local islands to the city fortresses, to a visit to the sights and churches. Sports activities will be organized in the sports ground where volleyball, soccer, basketball, badminton, and other sports can be played.

The working language of the summer school is English. At the end of the program, 3 ECTS credits will be awarded to all participants who will attend classes and actively participate in other activities.

Some of the questions that this year’s program will try to answer are: Are there universal approaches to the return of public life to a state of peace? What are the characteristics of the transition period and how achieve the sustainability of social development in the post-war period? What to strive for: recovery or transformation? What can be learned from successful and unsuccessful examples of post-war reconstruction in different countries? In the context of post-war recovery, examples of post-war recovery in neighboring countries, including the history of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, aspects of responding to trauma, and possible paths for new beginnings in the social and political context will also be looked at. More information about the program is available [here](#).

Participation in the summer school is intended for undergraduate and graduate students, and all participants will be provided with reasonable transportation, 3 meals a day, coffee breaks, and an overnight stay in the *Mihovil rooms*, an accommodation complex within the Catholic Primary School in Šibenik, Croatia. Participants will be provided with a free ticket to visit local museums and fortresses, as well as a free excursion to local places near Šibenik. The organizers covers the costs of the organization, and participation is free of charge for the students.

All interested students are requested to fill out the application form for participation via the following [link](#), no later than April 16, 2023.

For more information on this year's summer school please check our [website](#).

For any additional information, feel free to contact us via email at [cup.summer.school@unicath.hr](mailto:cup.summer.school@unicath.hr).

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