

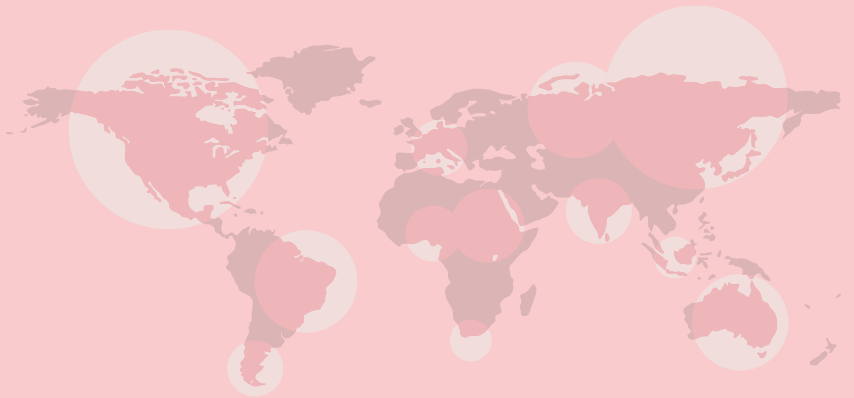
## Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2024

# Federalism and Sustainability

Innsbruck (A) and Bolzano/Bozen (I)  
5 February – 16 February 2024



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### WHAT IS THE WINTER SCHOOL ABOUT?

The Winter School is a two-week international postgraduate program on federalism, regionalism and multilevel governance. Through an interdisciplinary and comparative approach, it explores how federalism can contribute to multilevel, integrated and pluralistic decision-making.

A wide range of lectures gives participants the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of multilevel governance and government, especially from the perspectives of law and political science. The Winter School provides a cutting-edge international learning environment with world class scholars of various academic disciplines from around the globe.

The 2024 Winter School will focus on **federalism and sustainability**. During the two-week training program, participants will analyze the relation between multilevel systems and the concept of sustainability. Experts will address the questions and challenges of sustainability from a legal and political science perspective and discuss the various dimensions of sustainability with regard to federalism and regionalism. One key focus of the program will be on the question how federalism can contribute to sustainability.

The program will also provide insights on different aspects of sustainability in connection to multilevel governance such as environment, social issues and democracy. Furthermore, participants will learn from the sustainability challenges that different countries and regions, such as in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas, are currently facing. The United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals will provide a focal point to be referenced throughout the duration of the Winter School.

The 2024 edition will also offer in-depth sessions on sustainability in relation to climate change, fiscal relations, democratic participation, and institutions in multilevel systems.

Besides numerous opportunities for discussion with leading experts on multilevel governance throughout the lectures, a variety of interactive sessions will provide the chance to share knowledge and experience. Lectures, workshops, Q&A sessions, and a round table will take into account multilevel systems from different continents.

### The Winter School will examine the following issues:

- Are federal and regional states more sustainable than unitary states?
- How do federal constitutions at national and regional level entrench sustainability in its various dimensions?
- How are the UN's Sustainable Development Goals implemented in multilevel systems?
- Do regional and local autonomies foster or hinder sustainability?
- In which fields of policy-making can multilevel systems address sustainability issues?
- How do institutional, economic, social and other asymmetries affect sustainability?
- How relevant are issues of legal and political sustainability in federal systems from different continents?
- What are the main sustainability challenges in various regions of the world?

The 2024 Winter School examines these and other topics by combining theoretical expertise and relevant case studies. As such, the program is a unique opportunity for young academics, postgraduate students, civil servants and practitioners to receive enhanced training on the theoretical and practical aspects of federalism and multilevel governance.

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The Winter School is designed for those who wish to increase their knowledge of federalism through an interdisciplinary and comparative approach:

- young researchers and academics
- post-docs, postgraduate and graduate students
- civil servants from local, regional or national government
- employees of international organizations or NGOs

*Please note that the program requires previous basic knowledge of federalism.*

## WHAT TO EXPECT OF THE WINTER SCHOOL?

The two-week program will take place in an international learning environment in Austria (Innsbruck, Tyrol) and in Italy (Bolzano/Bozen, South Tyrol) and includes:

- lectures by distinguished academics;
- discussions and case studies with top experts in the field;
- interactive workshops;
- study visits to political institutions.

*The Winter School will be held entirely in English.*

## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

- **Univ.-Prof. Dr. Anna Gamper**  
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The *Institute for Comparative Federalism* carries out comparative and applied research on governance trends in federal, regional and supranational systems within Europe and around the world. The institute is part of Eurac Research, Bolzano/Bozen, an innovative centre for research and training based in South Tyrol, Italy. Founded in 1992 as a private institution, Eurac Research is composed of eleven research institutes and five centers.



The *University of Innsbruck*, Austria, founded in 1669, has gained a long-standing reputation for studies on federalism. It serves as the main academic centre of Western Austria and its neighbouring regions. Its sixteen faculties, among them the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, offer a wide range of studies. The University is situated in the heart of the Land Tyrol.

## DATES AND VENUES: 5 February – 16 February 2024

The first week will take place at the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Leopold-Franzens-Universität in Innsbruck, Austria. The second week will take place at the Institute for Comparative Federalism, Eurac Research in Bolzano/Bozen, Italy.

## Application deadline: 15 October 2023

For further information, a detailed program, enrolment procedure, costs and scholarship opportunities, please visit: [winterschool.eurac.edu](http://winterschool.eurac.edu)

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