



Application Form - Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2027

1.

Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in our Winter School on **Federalism and Governance 2027 "Federalism and the Changing World Order"**.

We look forward to reviewing your application!

Before starting this application, please make sure you have read all the information carefully and taken a look at the preview of the application: <https://winterschool.eurac.edu/how-to-apply>

This will ensure that you have everything prepared in advance (i.e. needed information and your **essay**) and can complete the application form in one go.

Note that we will review only complete applications, i.e. forms, in which all the required questions have been answered.

If this is the case, you will receive a confirmation email within 5 working days from the Winter School organizers.

Successful applicants will receive the official invitation to participate in the Winter School in early December. Please find our cancellation policy on our website winterschool.eurac.edu

Kind regards,

The Eurac Research Institute for Comparative Federalism and the Faculty of Law and the Department of Political Science of the University of Innsbruck



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2. I. Data Privacy Information

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Participation in the Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2027

INFORMATION ON THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

pursuant to Art. 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, concerning the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data

Dear participant,

Eurac Research, as the Data Controller, wishes to inform you that the personal data you provide will be processed in accordance with the principles of lawfulness, fairness, and transparency established by Regulation (EU) 2016/679, as well as the sector-specific regulations applicable to the processing in question.

1. Purpose of processing and legal bases

Any and all personal data that is in the possession of the Controller, or that may be requested by the Controller, is necessary for the following purposes:

1.1 Organization of an event/research: The legal basis for the processing of your personal data for the purposes indicated above is the performance of the contract connected to the services requested and to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract (art. 6, par. 1, lett. B GDPR).

1.2 Execution of the event, including the preparation and follow-up actions and communications about the event: The legal basis for the processing of your personal data for the purposes indicated above is the performance of the contract connected to the services requested and to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract (art. 6, par. 1, lett. B GDPR).

1.3 Processing and compliance with pre-contractual and with contract related requirements: The legal basis for the processing of your personal data for the purposes indicated above is the performance of the contract connected to the services requested and to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract (art. 6, par. 1, lett. B GDPR).

1.4 Management of the presentation of scientific contributions: The legal basis for the processing of your personal data for the purposes indicated above is the performance of the contract connected to the services requested and to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract (art. 6, par. 1, lett. B GDPR).

1.5 Organization of the Catering (Food conference): The legal basis for the processing of your personal data for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller or by a third party (art. 6, par. 1, lett. F GDPR). Information about information or special diets directly or indirectly attributable to the person concerned will not be requested, but their food preferences will be asked for the purpose of establishing the menu to be proposed during the organization of the catering.

During the event may be taken photos, video and audio recordings.

With reference to the participation in the event in question, it is recommended that the organizational characteristics of the same determine a real impossibility for Eurac Research to obtain the prior explicit consent from every single participant, particularly in relation to the processing of photographs, recordings, audio, video, etc. In such cases, participants are expected to express any objections directly to the organizers in charge and/or to the Eurac Research staff, thus expressing their wish not to see their images/recordings published. Furthermore, participants are notified that they retain the right to object at any time to the processing of personal data processed here, in accordance with the provisions of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

The provision of personal data is voluntary. Failure to provide the personal and sensitive data required for these purposes could interfere with the correct performance of the purposes, thus rendering the participation in the event impossible and will result in the inability to proceed with the requested service.

2. Categories of data processed

The personal data that are processed are:

Personal data (name, surname, title, e-mail, short bio, Institute/Affiliation, personal picture) of the person concerned.

The data collected are adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary for the purposes of the processing.

3. Automated decision-making process

Personal data will not be subject to any automated decision-making process that might influence your choice, without the involvement of a human operator.

4. Methods of personal data processing

By electronic and/or manual means, by specially authorized subjects to process data in accordance with Articles 28 and 29 GDPR as well as by professionals subject to the obligation of secrecy and adopting the appropriate technical and organizational measures provided for in Article 32 GDPR, respecting the principles of necessity, lawfulness, correctness, accuracy, proportionality, relevance and non-excessiveness.

5. Recipients to whom personal data may be disclosed

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The data provided may be communicated to other entities, whether public or private, when strictly necessary for the organization of the event and/or where this is provided for by the legislation in force.

6. Data transfers beyond the EEA

Personal data may be transmitted (shared). Some personal data could be transmitted to third countries outside of the EU but only if the transmission of personal data is connected to the performance of the institutional activities of Eurac Research. Where data is transferred to a third country, this will be done on the basis of the European Commission's standard contractual clauses (SCC) with supplementary measures and in accordance with the legal requirements.

7. Retention period

Personal data are retained by Eurac Research, pursuant to Art. 5 GDPR, for the time necessary to pursue the purposes for which they are processed, without prejudice to the longer period necessary to comply with legal or regulatory obligations due to the nature of the data or document or for reasons of public interest or for the exercise of public authority, also taking into account the provisions of the applicable legislation in force, specifically:

Communications, including newsletter (with previous consent's until needed).

8. Exercise of rights

Pursuant to current legislation, the data subject may at any time obtain access to his or her own data by making a request; if he or she considers them to be inaccurate or incomplete, he or she may request that they be corrected or supplemented; if the legal requirements are met, he or she may object to their processing, request their deletion or limitation. In the latter case, with the exception of storage, the personal data subject to restriction of processing may only be processed with the consent of the applicant, for the judicial exercise of a right of the data controller, for the protection of the rights of a third party or for reasons of significant public interest.

If you consider that your rights have been violated, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Italian Data Protection Authority: www.garanteprivacy.it

Data Controller

Eurac Research
Viale Dante 1
39100 - Bolzano
privacy@eurac.edu

Data Protection Officer (DPO)

The Data Controller has identified its Data Protection Officer (DPO), as provided for in Article 37 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, who can be contacted at privacy@eurac.edu

* 1. Data Privacy

- ☐ I DECLARE that I have read and understood the information about personal data handling pursuant to EU Regulation 679/2016 and national legislation ("Data Privacy Statements") and give my CONSENT to the processing of my personal data for the application to the Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2027.

* 2. Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- ☐ We want to get to know you, your thoughts, ideas, expertise, and experiences!

The texts you provide in this application are essential for us to hear your voice and understand how your profile aligns with this year's Winter School on Federalism and Governance. This applies particularly, but not exclusively, to your motivation texts for applying, being considered for a scholarship, and your thematic workshop-related essay. The diversity of profiles and backgrounds is what makes our Winter School special, fostering an engaging environment for mutual learning and new experiences. AI-generated content can misrepresent your uniqueness, viewpoints, and knowledge.

Therefore, we kindly ask you to **refrain from using AI-generated or AI-enhanced texts.** The organizers reserve the right to conduct online interviews in cases where authenticity is in question.

PLEASE CONFIRM THAT YOU HAVE READ AND WILL FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF AI IN THE APPLICATION

3. Newsletter

- ☐ I DECLARE that I want to receive newsletter and emails for information about the activities of the Institute for Comparative Federalism (e.g. calls, invitations, publications)



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3. II. Personal Information

* 4. **Surname**

* 5. **Given name(s)**

* 6. **Gender**

☐ female

☐ male

☐ prefer not to say

* 7. **Date of birth**

Date

Date

* 8. **Place of birth (town/city and country)**

* 9. **Citizenship**

* 10. **Schengen Visa**

The Winter School on Federalism and Governance takes place one week in Austria (Innsbruck) and one week in Italy (Bolzano/Bozen)

- ☐ I need an invitation from Eurac Research to obtain a Schengen visa to enter Austria and Italy
- ☐ I do NOT need an invitation from the Eurac Research to obtain a Schengen visa to enter Austria and Italy

11. Please indicate your full **current address** and your **country of residence** for the period of October 2026 - February 2027.

* 12. **Email address**

* 13. **Confirm** your email address

* 14. **Telephone number** incl. country code (valid for the period of October 2026-February 2027)



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4. III. Education and Work Experience

*** 15. Current position (work and/or studies)**

Please specify your current job position and/or the study program you are currently enrolled in, indicating also the place and country where you are working or studying.

*** 16. Education**

Please indicate: degree(s), subject, name of institution/university, country and year of graduation.

*** 17. Previous work experience**

Please indicate previous work experience and/or internship programs relevant to the topics of the Winter School.

18. **Additional Studies**

E.g. other winter/summer schools, tutorships, and/or publications relevant to the topics of the Winter School. Please list a maximum of **5 examples** per category of experience.

* 19. **Proficiency in English**

Please describe your level of English (e.g. your CEFR level; university degree in English; TOEFL/IELTS results, study abroad, etc.)

* 20. **Professional reference**

Please provide a name, details and email address of a person (faculty member, job supervisor, etc.) who could be contacted to attest to your abilities, qualifications and academic/professional performance.

Name

Institution

Email Address



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5. IV. Further Application Details

* 21. **Motivation to apply**

Please describe your reasons for applying to the Winter School on Federalism and Governance (max. 1500 characters incl. spaces)

* 22. **Scholarship**

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded based on need and merit. Please indicate whether you are applying for a scholarship.

☐ Yes

☐ No



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6. IV. Further Application Details

* 23. Please write a short motivation (max. 1000 characters incl. spaces) as to why you deserve a scholarship.

* 24. Would you be able to attend the Winter School without scholarship funding?

☐ Yes

☐ No



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7. V. Workshops and Essay

* 25. **Workshop**

Please choose the workshop that you would like to participate in during the Winter School. "Federalism, the Changing World Order, and..."

- ☐ A: Natural Resources and Fiscal Federalism
- ☐ B: Artificial Intelligence (AI), Minority Rights and Multilevel Governance
- ☐ C: Constitutional Resilience
- ☐ D: Conflict Prevention, Peace Building and Mediation



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8. Workshop A: Natural Resources and Fiscal Federalism

* 26. For your essay (**max 3500 characters, incl. spaces**), please choose ONE of the two questions below.

- ☐ QUESTION 1: Please explain how responsibilities/competences/powers for the management and protection of natural resources are allocated across different levels of government in one or more countries of your choice. Discuss the main advantages and problems of the existing allocation, with particular attention to environmental competences.
- ☐ QUESTION 2: How are revenues from natural resources shared across levels of government in federal systems, and what forms of fiscal disparity or intergovernmental conflict arise from existing revenue-sharing arrangements? Present a case study you are familiar with, illustrating these dynamics with concrete examples and propose an arrangement that balances solidarity, environmental protection and the interests of local communities.



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9. Workshop A: Natural Resources and Fiscal Federalism

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28. Please cite the sources used (if any)



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10. Workshop A: Natural Resources and Fiscal Federalism

* 29. QUESTION 2: How are revenues from natural resources shared across levels of government in federal systems, and what forms of fiscal disparity or intergovernmental conflict arise from existing revenue-sharing arrangements? Present a case study you are familiar with, illustrating these dynamics with concrete examples and propose an arrangement that balances solidarity, environmental protection and the interests of local communities.

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11. Workshop B: Artificial Intelligence (AI), Minority Rights and Multilevel Governance

* 31. For your essay (**max 3500 characters, incl. spaces**), please choose ONE of the two questions below.

- ☐ QUESTION 1: Choose one field in which artificial intelligence (AI) affects minorities, for example public services, policing, migration, education, employment, political communication or language technologies. What concrete opportunities and risks does it create, and which minorities may be particularly affected?
- ☐ QUESTION 2: How should public authorities regulate and use artificial intelligence in order to prevent discrimination and protect minority rights?



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12. Workshop B: Artificial Intelligence (AI), Minority Rights and Multilevel Governance

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33. Please cite the sources used (if any)



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13. Workshop B: Artificial Intelligence (AI), Minority Rights and Multilevel Governance

* 34. QUESTION 2: How should public authorities regulate and use artificial intelligence in order to prevent discrimination and protect minority rights?

35. Please cite the sources used (if any)



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14. Workshop C: Constitutional Resilience

* 36. For your essay (**max 3500 characters, incl. spaces**), please choose ONE of the two questions below.

- ☐ QUESTION 1: Looking at your home country or another country of your choice, how have sudden shocks (such as a pandemic, terrorism, natural disasters) tested constitutional resilience, and how have institutions at the national, regional, and local levels responded?
- ☐ QUESTION 2: Looking at your home country or another country of your choice, how has gradual constitutional erosion tested constitutional resilience, and how have institutions at the national, regional, and local levels responded?



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15. Workshop C: Constitutional Resilience

* 37. QUESTION 1: Looking at your home country or another country of your choice, how have sudden shocks (such as a pandemic, terrorism, natural disasters) tested constitutional resilience, and how have institutions at the national, regional, and local levels responded?

38. Please cite the sources used (if any)



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16. Workshop C: Constitutional Resilience

* 39. QUESTION 2: Looking at your home country or another country of your choice, how has gradual constitutional erosion tested constitutional resilience, and how have institutions at the national, regional, and local levels responded?

40. Please cite the sources used (if any)



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17. Workshop D: Conflict Prevention, Peace Building and Mediation

* 41. For your essay (max 3500 characters, incl. spaces), please choose ONE of the two questions below.

- ☐ QUESTION 1: When and under what political, institutional and social conditions can federalism, autonomy or other forms of territorial power-sharing contribute to preventing or resolving conflict? Please make examples of a country you are familiar with.
- ☐ QUESTION 2: When can federalism become part of the problem rather than part of the solution? Under what conditions can the same arrangements entrench divisions, encourage territorial competition or contribute to reignite conflict? Please make examples of a country you are familiar with.



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18. Workshop D: Conflict Prevention, Peace Building and Mediation

* 42. QUESTION 1: When and under what political, institutional and social conditions can federalism, autonomy or other forms of territorial power-sharing contribute to preventing or resolving conflict? Please make examples of a country you are familiar with.

43. Please cite the sources used (if any)



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19. Workshop D: Conflict Prevention, Peace Building and Mediation

* 44. QUESTION 2: When can federalism become part of the problem rather than part of the solution? Under what conditions can the same arrangements entrench divisions, encourage territorial competition or contribute to reignite conflict? Please make examples of a country you are familiar with.

45. Please cite the sources used (if any)



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20. VI. Other Information

46. Additional remarks

47. How did you find out about the Winter School on Federalism and Governance? (more than one answer possible)

- ☐ Eurac Research or Winter School Homepage
- ☐ Former participants
- ☐ Newsletters of Associations and Blogs
- ☐ Newsletter of University
- ☐ University/ Professor
- ☐ Internet Research
- ☐ Eurac Research Social Media
- ☐ Other (please specify)



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21. VII. Conclusion

*** 48. Declaration**

- ☐ I hereby CONFIRM that all information stated in this application is correct. If any of this information changes or if I decide to revoke my application, I will immediately inform the Institute for Comparative Federalism on the following email address:
winterschool@eurac.edu

*** 49. Commitment to Respect**

- ☐ I ACKNOWLEDGE that all participants of the Winter School must recognize the right of individuals to be treated with respect and dignity, and that no form of harassment is tolerated.

*** 50. Refund Policy**

- ☐ I have read the [refund policy](#) of the Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2027