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Summer University 2020

**Federalism,
Decentralisation and
Conflict Resolutions**



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Will federalism work in Nepal? Should Catalonia be allowed to secede from Spain? How can minorities like the Rohingya in Myanmar be protected? Can power sharing contribute to solve conflicts in Iraq, South Sudan or Syria ? What are the challenges the Swiss federal system faces? How will Brexit affect Northern Ireland? How does the Panchayat Raj in India deal with a centralised bureaucracy?

These and other questions will be dealt with at the next **Summer University on Federalism, Decentralisation and Conflict Resolution** to be held in 2020.

Theories and practices of federalism and decentralisation are discussed and put to the test throughout the world. The different forms of power and resource sharing between the centre and the units of a state are increasingly recognised as effective mechanisms for minority accommodation and inclusive state-building and as promising means for ensuring good governance, fostering democracy and contributing to development. During the last three decades, federalism and decentralisation have also become important instruments for conflict transformation and resolution and are often on top of the agenda of peace negotiations.

The Institute of Federalism and the Chair of Swiss and Comparative Constitutional Law of the University of Fribourg offer a three-week course on Federalism, Decentralisation and Conflict Resolution to deal with theories and practice of federalism, decentralisation and conflict resolution. The course under the direction of Prof. Eva Maria Belser combines lectures, group works and presentations by IFF staff and international guests. Lectures and case studies will include Belgium, Ethiopia, Great Britain, India, Iraq, Italy, Myanmar, Nepal, Spain, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Syria, Switzerland, the USA and Yemen.

The working language will be English.

The course is aimed at advanced students or practitioners who hold at least a bachelor degree of law, political science, international relations, economics, history, journalism or other related sciences and young professionals keen to improve their knowledge of federalism, decentralisation and conflict resolution.

Interested persons apply by filling in the online application form or by sending their CV and a (max) one page motivation letter electronically to yvonne.heiter-steiner@unifr.ch. The deadline for application is **31st March 2020**.

The course fee is CHF 250.- (including tuition, course materials, excursions, farewell dinner, access to the library of the Institute and internet access). Accommodation fee is CHF 1'025.-. Participants requiring accommodation with half board in student accommodation can avail of this, room with attached bathroom, breakfast and dinner.

Application deadline: **31 March 2020**

For more information and application: <http://www.federalism.ch>

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