



## **Call for Applications for the Global Politics Summer School Syria 2008 “Global Shifts and Transitional Politics in the Middle East”**

Arab International University and Freie Universität Berlin are pleased to announce that we now accept applications for the 2008 Global Politics Summer School Syria “Global Shifts and Transitional Politics in the Middle East.” The two-week program will take place in Damascus from July 19 – July 30, 2008.

### **Curriculum**

The Global Politics Summer School Syria 2008 aims at connecting future elites from Syria, Germany, and the Middle East to build transnational networks. The core objective of the Summer School is to present and discuss new approaches to global politics as well as challenges to diplomacy and processes of transition and regulation under the conditions of globalization. This focus allows the summer school program to go beyond traditional methods and perspectives usually encompassed in an international relations curriculum. “Global Shifts and Transitional Politics in the Middle East” serves as a theme throughout the program. The curriculum consists of five theory-based and empirically grounded modules.

- Global Politics: New Concepts for Challenges, Risks and Opportunities
- Diplomacy and Bargaining
- Transitional Politics (Experiences from China, Russia, and the Middle East)
- Public Diplomacy
- International Negotiation and Simulation

State-of-the-art teaching and learning methods are employed by the summer school to allow students to develop their analytical skills as well as their presentation techniques. The simulation game will further deepen students’ practical knowledge of negotiation in international politics and business.

### **Supporting Program**

A rich and varied extracurricular program includes a visit to the “German House Damascus” as well as to the Orient Center of International Studies. Students will meet experts and decision-makers face-to-face and discuss prevalent topics of international and Middle Eastern relations.

### **Joint Certificate**

Students who successfully complete the Global Politics Summer School Syria 2008 earn the equivalent of four credit points according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) and are awarded a joint certificate from Arab International University and Freie Universität Berlin.



## Admission

Applicants to the Global Politics Summer School Syria 2008 should be postgraduate, hold a first academic degree (B.A. or equivalent) and be fluent in English. Students who were majoring in politics, law, economics or journalism are especially encouraged to apply.

Applicants should provide the following:

- Mission statement outlining the motivation of participation in the summer school for the student's academic development and career (300 words)
- Transcripts of former academic achievements (B.A. or equivalent)
- Proof of English language proficiency (TOEFL, language diploma etc.)
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- References may be added

**The online application procedure starts on April 25, 2008.**

**All applications must be received by June 15, 2008.**

## Tuition Fees, Expenditures and Funding

Tuition fees for the Global Politics Summer School Syria 2008 are €50, including the curriculum and the supporting program. Financial support for candidates outside of Damascus will be provided.

## Contact

**For detailed information on admission and the program please visit our website:  
[www.global-politics.org/syria](http://www.global-politics.org/syria)**

**We invite you to post your electronic application online after April 25, 2008, to the following address:  
[syria@global-politics.org](mailto:syria@global-politics.org)**

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