

Dear University Presidents, Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Friends



Since the year 2002 the **Chinese Studies Center** of the University of Salzburg in cooperation with Eurasia-Pacific Uninet (EPU) has been annually organizing the **Chinese-Austrian-EU Summer School** for students from the Chinese member institutions. It will take place from **July 12th to August 9th 2015**. We are trying to invite students from other **Asian and European countries** as well, therefore we will change the name to **Asian-Austrian-European Summer School 2015 (AAEUSS)**. The aim is to promote the mutual understanding among students from different countries.

We have decided to include Germany for the first time and to bring Italy back into the program. The Chinese Studies Center was able to arrange some modifications to the program that hopefully lead to improvement and a fulfilling time for our participants during their stay in Europe.

As in previous years the 14th Chinese-Austrian EU Summer School/ **Asian-Austrian-European Summer School 2015** will take place in Salzburg, Vienna, Brussels and Paris. Berlin and Heidelberg will be the new destinations in Germany. Short trips to Venice (Italy), Bruges (Belgium), Luxemburg (Luxemburg), Amsterdam (Netherlands), Prague (Czech Republic), Dresden (Germany) and Berlin (Germany) are also part of the program.

The universities are going to be matched in six different groups. **The decision, who is going to be in which group will be made when all nominations from all participating universities are in.**

### **Requirements and participants**

The **Asian-Austrian-European Summer School 2015** is directed towards students who want to deepen their knowledge about Europe in general and Austria in particular.

Since all the lectures are held in English, having a **good command of written and spoken English** is a basic prerequisite for participation. Responsible contact persons from our member institutions have to make sure that the English language abilities of the selected students are meeting this minimum requirement.

特别注意：为了确保学生能有足够的能力，顺利完成暑期学校的学习任务及考试，请负责招生的老师，一定要注意确保所招收学生的英语水平达到一定标准。

### **Program and itinerary (please find the timetable for this year's program as reference point)**

The program of the **Asian-Austrian-European Summer School 2015** includes lectures in Salzburg, Vienna, Brussels, Paris and Heidelberg. We have also made the decision to change the teaching style of our lectures into more open and discussion friendly presentations. There are also changes in the subjects and some lectures will be shortened.

Concerning the lectures and exams there is a compulsory attendance. Only in case of a severe problem we can make an exception otherwise **the attendance is mandatory**.



In Salzburg there will be classes on Austrian literature, Austrian music, the political system in Austria, the philosophical and religious background of European culture and Austrian law. As for sightseeing, we are going to take a trip to the Lake District, to the Hellbrunn Castle, etc.

Furthermore, the students will attend classes on Economics and Business at the Vienna University of Economics and Business.

The program of the **Asian-Austrian-European Summer School 2015** will also be enhanced by introductory lectures at various institutions

of the European Union, namely the Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU, the European Parliament, the European Council and the European Commission. The referees from the institutions will talk about various issues such as EU-China relations, the role and functioning of the respective institution etc. While in Brussels, the students will have the opportunity to see another Belgium city, such as Bruges.