

EuroPoLA Summer School 2018



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Key facts

Description

The EuroPoLA Summer School 2018 is a 5-day workshop-style event. It is an intensive, hands-on, theme-based, skills development program focusing on EU public policies and the analysis of (mostly) Eurostat data with state-of-the-art analytics software.

Multidisciplinary at its heart, the school introduces participants to (a) policy content analysis using some EU policies as examples, (b) data retrieval and quantitative analysis techniques (c) the use of integrated data analysis software for performing the analyses and producing automated reports. Participants will have the opportunity to apply the newly acquired skills in the form of a capstone project.

Applicant profile

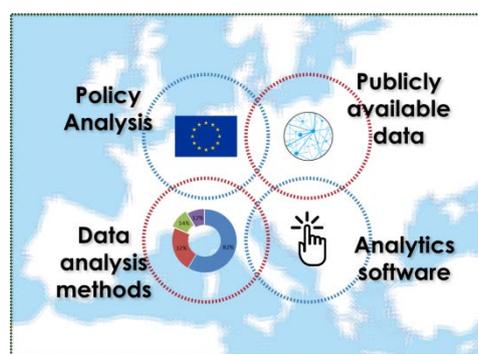
The School is suitable for those with interest in some meaningful combination of the above topics, professionally, academically or otherwise.

The school is suitable as a *foundation* to people from a wide range of backgrounds, especially those seeking to integrate skills across the board.

The school's content is probably more relevant to *policy advisors, social scientists, scholars or PhD students, master students and senior or final year undergraduates* in the Social Sciences, including Public policy studies, EU studies, Political Science, International Relations or Area studies.

The school's content is also suitable for graduates from science or technology domains who seek a 'mild' introduction into policy analysis and related political science concepts or as an excuse to hone their analytics skills within a theme-based approach.

And, of course, peer-to-peer networking is there for every participant.



Learning Outcomes

Those that complete the course successfully will be able to:

- carry out policy content analysis,
- navigate successfully through Eurostat and other online data sources,
- retrieve, manage and analyze data from Eurostat or other sources,
- implement a range of data analysis techniques, including data pre-processing, visualization, correlation, regression, classification and clustering,
- use state of the art integrated analytics software,
- develop structured and *ad hoc* visual data reports, including colored maps and dashboards.

School content

- A. EU policies discourse analysis**
 - Policy objectives, priorities and measures
 - Main actors and stakeholders
 - Implementation strategies and key actions
- B. Data retrieval and analytics software skills**
 - Accessing data in Eurostat and other sources
 - Automated data retrieval
 - Introduction to data analytics software
 - Using data pre-processing and visualization
 - Preparing automated data reports
- C. Data analysis techniques and scenarios**
 - Using correlation and regression analysis
 - Using data classification techniques
 - Using data clustering techniques

Day-to-day

Session	Mon, 9 July	Tue, 10 July	Wed 11, July	Thu, 12 July	Fri, 13 July	Sat 14 July
AM (incl. coffee break)	Welcome & registration	Public Policy Analysis	Public Policy Analysis	Bootcamp - Capstone preparation (No teaching)	Capstone Presentations	Free style excursion (subject to participation)
	Public Policy Analysis	Data Analysis	Data Analysis		Round table	
Lunchtime	Light buffet	Light buffet	Light buffet	Light buffet	Light buffet	
PM (incl. coffee break)	Data Analysis	Data Retrieval	Data Retrieval	Bootcamp - Capstone preparation (No teaching)		
	Data Retrieval		Capstone assignments			
After 5pm	Ice breaker	–	Dinner	–	–	–

All teaching materials will be supplied in electronic form. The software used for the analytics sessions is open source and already be installed in the school's workstations; All participants will be given a software list with instructions on how to acquire and install the software in their own PCs.

School instructors

Nikitas-Spiros Koutsoukis, Coordinator



Dr. Koutsoukis is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and International Relations which he serves since 2009.

A seasoned academic, previously he was faculty at Brunel University, UK (1999-2002), Democritus University, Greece (2005-2009) and had adjunct lecturing appointments at London School of Economics, UK (1996-2000), Hellenic Open University (2003-2015), and Open university of Cyprus (2015-2018).

Dr. Koutsoukis has a first degree in Accounting (1993, Greece) and received his MSc (1994) and PhD (1998) in Operational Research and Information Systems from Brunel University (UK). He has also worked in the private sector as a business information systems consultant (1997-2005) before becoming dedicated to academia. His research interests are multidisciplinary and tend to evolve mostly in topics related to Decision Support, Risk Management, Information Systems and their applications in Governance and the Global Economy.

Stathis Fakiolas

He is an Assistant Professor in International Relations in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at the University of the Peloponnese.

Among other academic and professional capacities, he had non tenure track teaching positions at the Hellenic Open University and the (Hellenic) National School of Public Administration and Local Government. Prior to joining the Department in late 2013, he was working as an analyst and deputy manager at units of policy analysis and strategic planning in the Greek banking sector for almost 13 years while serving with the Greek Civil Service for a short period of time.

Dr. Fakiolas holds a Ph.D from the Department of War Studies, King's College London, a M.A. in International Relations and Strategic Studies from Lancaster University and a Master's degree with Distinction in International Politics and Security from the Athens Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences. He graduated summa cum laude in International Studies from the Athens Panteion University. Also, he was a recipient of fellowships and grants from, among other funding bodies, NATO, DAAD and the Onassis, MacArthur and Greek State Scholarships Foundations.



Athanasios Katsis



Professor Katsis, is a Professor of Statistics in the Department of Social and Education Policy.

He has an extensive multinational professional and academic experience spanning over 20 years, and has served as a faculty member in a number of universities around the world (The World Bank, University of Toledo in Ohio, University of Cyprus and University of the Aegean, Greece). He also has experience in distance learning and seminar teaching and R&D projects in diverse fields including education, health and ICT policy analysis.

Professor Katsis has an a first degree in Mathematics (1990, University of Athens, Greece) and holds an M. Phil and Ph.D. in Statistics (The George Washington University, 1995 and 1997).

His research interests lie in the area of Social Statistics, Bayesian analysis and sample size calculations.

Venue

Summer school dates

Starts:	Monday, 9 July 2018
Ends:	Friday, 13 July 2018

Location

University of the Peloponnese
Department of Political Science & International Relations
1st Floor, 1 Aristotelous Str. & Athinon Avenue.
Korinthos, 20132.
Greece.

Registration

Available seats

The Summer School can accept a maximum of 35 persons, on a priority basis, as follows:

The school provides 25 seats (one workstation per participant) suitable for users with Windows or Mac OS experience. Additional seating is available for up to 10x *Bring-Your-Own-Device* (BYOD) participants.

Note for BYOD users/seats: The school's content relies on the use of desktop computing; BYOD participants will need to have a contemporary laptop computer with a separate mouse, preferably using Windows. MacOS and Linux users are welcome, but the workshop material has been prepared in a Windows environment and they will need to adapt. The use of tablets or 'touch' environments will prove difficult if not impossible to use with the schools' content and software.

Application

Apply online at: <https://econtent.pedis.uop.gr/forms/index.php/461267>

Due to the limited seating, early application and registration is strongly advised.

Fees

All instruction is funded by the ERASMUS+ Grant; we use the fees to cover admin & tech support, handouts costs and 'fuel' for the participants: coffee breaks & snacks, buffet lunch and one dinner.

	Until	HEI students ¹	All Others	Application handling
Early bird:	11/June	85 €	110 €	+15€
Late bird:	5/July	100 €	130 €	

¹ Proof of registration at a Higher Educational Institute must be provided at the time of application and upon arrival.

Payment

A minimum deposit of 50% (+handling fee) must be made within 10 days from the notice of acceptance or the seat will be provisionally allocated to another applicant. **All fees must be paid in full by July 5, 2018 to allow processing before registration.**

By Bank deposit or transfer:

Fees are payable only by bank transfer/deposit.

Piraeus Bank: 5503-091344-637

IBAN– GR41 0172 5030 0055 0309 1344 637

Card or Cash payments:

We regret that we cannot accept card or cash payments at this time.

Cancellations.

Cancellations up to 15 days before the school starting date will be refunded in full; Cancellations after that will be refunded at 50%. Refunds are by bank transfer only, to an account where the applicant is the main beneficiary. The handling fee is non-refundable.

Travel & Accommodation Arrangements

Travel

If travelling from abroad you can get the suburban rail to Korinthos from the Athens International Airport. The train departs hourly and the journey duration is approximately 1hr. You will need to take a taxi from the rail station to the department or walk (approx. 2,5km). For timetable and ticket information, point your browser to <http://www.trainose.gr/en/>.

Alternatively there is a coach bus service from Athens to Korinthos. The frequency is hourly for most of the day. The coach station at Korinthos is just 2 mins walk from the Department. For timetabling and ticket information, point your browser to <https://www.ktelkorinthias.gr/>.

Accommodation

We recommend that you make your own accommodation arrangements as we have no dedicated accommodation service. Given that the school is held in mid-July, expect to pay 50€ or more for 3-star accommodation. Alternatively, we can arrange accommodation and travel to and from the venue for a small handling fee. We regret that this service will be available to fully registered participants only.

Sightseeing and Cultural Opportunities

Korinthos is a seaside town, conveniently located near a handful of tourist attractions and popular holiday destinations. On daily basis you could easily walk to the beach in Korinthos to work on your sea master skills or just your tan, or even arrange short excursions to any of the nearby locations with time to spare. Nearby Loutraki is another seaside town with a multitude of accommodation places, better known for its seaside and thermal spa.

If you're into antiquity sightseeing, Ancient Korinthia, Mycenae and the ancient Epidaurus site with the renowned acoustics' theater are all within an hour's drive. Attending the summer school also gives you a unique opportunity to attend a performance at the Epidaurus ancient theater and experience the wondrous acoustics first hand. The 2018 Epidaurus programme is already available: <http://greekfestival.gr/en/>

For more contemporary excursions you may opt to visit Kiato, Nafplio or Palaia Epidavros, all popular seaside destinations within an hours' drive.

It is probably an even better idea to grasp the opportunity to extend your stay and have a relaxing and refreshing summer weekend (or longer) before heading back home.

Contact and further information

Administrative information.

For questions regarding registration, location, payments.

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