



# FU-CE

SUMMER SCHOOL

# EUROPEAN HUMANISM in the Making

Populism Remaking  
European  
Humanism?



June 30 - July 4,  
2025



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# WHAT IS THE EUROPEAN HUMANISM IN THE MAKING SUMMER SCHOOL?

2025 marks the sixth edition of the summer school of the FUCE, the European Federation of Catholic Universities. Up till now 115 bachelor students from about 30 member universities participated in this international exchange, reflecting with their peers from Lebanon, the EU and wider Europe, on the cultural, religious and philosophical foundations of the European project as a basis to rethink its future. The idea for this project was born from the concern that students' sense of belonging to Europe is more than diffuse. Euroscepticism and amnesia of the history of European integration and the values that forge European identity requires us to clarify what makes the specificity of the European spirit. To re-boost Europhilia as an antidote against widespread Europhobia, Europeans have to reconsider anew those structural ingredients and conquests that have been the driving pillars of European life, one such pillar being humanism.

The core focus is on identifying the 'roots and routes' of the European project and investigating how to valorize them in the contemporary globalized context. This involves a questioning of historical contexts, cultural canon, scientific approach, institution building and citizenship from a wider comparative and international perspective.



The programme consists of five courses structured in two parts: 3 ECTS

## **PART I – Historical and Cultural Roots: Implications for Europe Today**

- I. Contribution of History to European Consciousness
- II. Literature, the Arts, Translation and European Identity
- III. European Enlightenment and the Islamic Heritage

## **PART II – Social and Political Construction: Implications for the Future of Europe**

- IV. European Social Humanism
- V. Creative Leadership & Civic Engagement in Action

Each year a specific theme is put to the fore and presented in the public opening lecture by an invited keynote speaker. This year's theme is on the challenges populism poses to the concept of humanism. It will be introduced by Ioannis Panoussis, Vice-Rector in charge of International Development (and former Dean of the Faculty of Law) at the Institut Catholique de Lille.



## WHEN?

The summer school will take place between June 30th and July 4th 2025. Participants are expected to arrive on June 29th and to leave on July 5th. Students are also expected to join the online component preceding the summer school that will take place in May or June.



## WHERE?

Home to the Université Catholique de Lille since 1875, Lille is a vibrant and dynamic university city at the centre of Western Europe. With swift connections to Brussels, Paris, and London, Lille is perfect for students planning to visit and study Europe. And there is always much to see and do in Lille itself – a welcoming multicultural haven.

## APPLICATION



If you want to apply for our summer school, please contact the international relations office at your home university. Each university will pre-select 2 to 3 candidates before the deadline of February 16th. The candidates will then be required to fill in a form and upload their resumes and motivation letter. Candidates should be bachelor students (year 2 or 3) and have a good command of English. The coordinators team then screens the curricula and motivation letters on quality and investigates the motivation of students applying, in light of composing a balanced group in terms of affiliation, background, gender, interdisciplinarity and engagement with the subject matter (since peer learning is part of the process during the summer school). If your application is selected, you will be required to commit by paying an advance of 100€ which will be deducted from the final price of accommodation.



## ACCOMMODATION

Twin hotel rooms are booked for you in a hotel close to the Université Catholique de Lille. You will be sharing your room with another student from the summer school. The price of the accommodation is covered by the Erasmus+ grant you will receive (around 50€/night/person).



## FUNDING

Depending on your situation (coming from a university part of the Erasmus+ program or not), the costs for your stay will be covered either by FUCE or by the Blended Intensive Program Erasmus+ grant via the International Relations office of your university. You should obtain around 553€ (79€ x 7 days) which will help you to pay for accommodation and meals. Travel costs are to be covered either by your home university or by the Erasmus + program. Additional costs are at your charge.



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	Monday June 30	Tuesday July 1	Wednesday July 2	Thursday July 3	Friday July 4
	<b>Course I</b> Contribution of History to European Consciousness	<b>Course II</b> Literature, the Arts, Translation & European Identity	<b>Course III</b> European Enlightenment and the Islamic Heritage	<b>Course IV</b> European Social Humanism	<b>Course V</b> Creative Leadership & Civic Engagement in Action
9h00	STUDENT FEEDBACK SESSIONS				
	INTRODUCTION SESSION course coordinators	FEED BACK SESSION Sarah Durelle-Marc, Université Catholique de Lille	STORY WRITING SESSION Fernando Ariza University CEU San Pablo, Madrid	CASE STUDY SESSION Presentation Michael Shortall St.Patrick's Pontifical University Maynooth College	WORK SESSION Finalize concrete output collaborative work
10h30	Coffee Break				
10h45	COURSE PART I				
	INTRO AND PRESENTATION Sarah Durelle-Marc Université Catholique de Lille	INTRO AND PRESENTATION Peter Hanenberg, Catholic University of Portugal, Lisbon  Presentation Peter Hanenberg Literary Heritage and European Identity	INTRO AND PRESENTATION Ali Mostfa, Catholic University of Lyon  Presentation Ali Mostfa Humanism, Religion & Science in Islam	TRIP Brussels	PERFORMING EUROPE  Presentation of group work by students
11h45	Coffee Break				
12h00	COURSE PART II				
	PRESENTATION tbc Université Catholique de Lille	PRESENTATION Fernando Ariza University CEU San Pablo, Madrid	PRESENTATION Paolo Monti University of Milan-Bicocca & Catholic University of the Sacred Heart	TRIP Brussels	AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES TO BE CONFIRMED
13h00	Lunch				
14h00	INDIVIDUAL WORK				
	COURSE I GROUP REFLECTION ASSIGNMENT	COURSE II GROUP REFLECTION ASSIGNMENT	COURSE III & IV GROUP REFLECTION ASSIGNMENT	VISIT House of European History Museum (14h30-16h00)	AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES TO BE CONFIRMED
15h30 - 17h00	CITY WALK	SIMULATION GAME (FAKE) ELECTIONS	COURSE IV GROUP REFLECTION ASSIGNMENT	City of Brussels	AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES TO BE CONFIRMED
	PUBLIC LECTURES				
19h00 - 20h30	PUBLIC LECTURE <i>POPULISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS</i> Ioannis Panoussis (UCL)			PUBLIC PANEL <i>MYEUROPE</i> moderated by Peter Hanenberg (UCP)	
	<i>This schedule might be subject to minor changes</i>				