

Policy Crossover Center: Vienna – Europe (PCC)



Call for Papers on the European Neighborhood Policy

Motivation

In the context of the concept of a European Neighborhood Policy, the Policy Crossover Center: Vienna – Europe invites students to work and publish on this topic.

The platform provides the opportunity to write a Bachelor's or Master's thesis in English or German on the subject "European Neighborhood Policy", or to expand a term paper published by the PCC (flash paper, working paper from 5 pages to 30 pages).

"European Neighborhood" refers to regions which are geographically close to the EU, but do not belong to the EU and do not have a prospect of accession, i.e. Africa (including Sub-Saharan), Middle East, Black Sea area and successor States of the Soviet Union. The aim of the policy should be to promote political and economic stability and dynamism, to strengthen good governance structures and endogenous technologies. It should build on existing initiatives and strengths of the neighbouring countries, but counteract populist and nationalist movements.

Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- Experiences from historical and ongoing programs (from Marshall Plan to UN)
- Good vs. imperialist development aid (development cooperation)
- Endogenous technology development according to resources and sustainability
- Good governance vs. paternalism in development projects
- Mobilization of sovereign investment funds (Norway), China, international investors
- Labelling of financial assets and microcredit (problems, successes) as instruments
- Learning from Foundations (Soros, Warren Buffet, Bill and Melinda Gates)?
- Experiences and opportunities with special economic zones, charter cities and UN protection
- Cultural diversity as an obstacle or an advantage for a good neighborhood policy
- Circular migration (advantages and disadvantages for countries of origin and destination countries, political accompaniment)

Dates, Process

Please send us your proposed topic and an application (including CV) by 7 October 2017 at the latest. The application should include a brief explanation of the research question, a first list of references, as well as a rough schedule (start of work, interim report, completion). The application does not have to be more than one page.

A detailed proposal should be submitted by 20 October 2017 and a first interim report until mid-November 2017. The final date for Bachelor's or Master's thesis (confirmation of supervisor) is 5 March 2018 and for shorter papers 5 January 2018.

Selection and Awarding

Topics submitted until 7 October 2017 will receive feedback until 10 October 2017.

The best Bachelor's or Master's thesis will be awarded with € 2000 in summer semester 2018. Acknowledgements between € 500 and € 1000 for further, also short papers are planned. Good manuscripts can be published as a flash paper or a working paper of the PCC, which offers the possibility to quote it as a scientific source. A submission in other working paper series or as a journal contribution is not prevented.

Please send us your application until 7 October 2017 by email to: Anna Kanduth anna.kanduth@querdenkereuropa.at and Karl Aiginger karl.aiginger@querdenkereuropa.at, both are also available for questions.

