

CALL FOR APPLICATION



International Autumn School 2026 in Yerevan

Contested Spaces, Fragmented Orders: International Law and Politics in the South Caucasus

30 September –
10 October 2026

The Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) in Regensburg and the Faculty of Law at Yerevan State University (YSU) invite applications for the International Autumn School 2026 in Yerevan.

The Autumn School is organised within the DAAD-funded project “*Contested Spaces, Fragmented Orders: International Law and Politics in the South Caucasus*” under the programme “*East–West Dialogue*”, funded by the German Federal Foreign Office.

KEY INFORMATION

Location: Yerevan State University, Armenia
Target group: Students from Armenia and Germany
Language of instruction: English
Participation fee: None
Funding: DAAD Programme “*East–West Dialogue*”
Application deadline: 20 June 2026

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The programme offers an intensive interdisciplinary learning environment for students from Armenia and Germany, examining how international law and international politics operate in contexts shaped by conflict, contested sovereignty, authoritarian governance, and political transformation. **Bringing together up to 12 students from Armenia and up to 10 students from Germany**, the Autumn School fosters international academic exchange and collaborative learning. Particular attention is given to the South Caucasus as a region of overlapping legal, political, and geopolitical contestation.

The Autumn School combines perspectives from international law, political science, international relations, and area studies. Core topics include:

- international law in conflict and post-conflict settings;
- contested sovereignty and territorial disputes;
- dispute settlement and international adjudication;
- international courts and arbitration;
- interactions between domestic and international law;
- authoritarian legal strategies and lawfare;
- hybrid conflict and geopolitical competition;
- human rights, accountability, and transitional justice;
- legal and political developments in Armenia and the South Caucasus.

The ten-day programme combines different teaching and learning formats, including:

- expert lectures and thematic seminars;
- interactive workshops and group discussions;
- simulation exercises and case-study analysis;
- student presentations and collaborative project work;
- field visits and meetings with practitioners, researchers, and civil society representatives.

Participants who successfully complete the programme will receive a certificate of participation. There is no participation fee.

For participating students from Armenia, meals provided during the programme and conference activities will be covered by the organisers.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be enrolled at a recognised higher education institution in Armenia and be studying at an advanced BA, MA or PhD level. Candidates should have a relevant academic background in one or more of the following fields:

- law or international law;
- international relations;
- political science;

- sociology;
- anthropology;
- history.

APPLICATION

Applicants are requested to submit the following documents in English:

- a CV (max. 2 pages), including language proficiency;
- a motivation letter (max. 2 pages);
- academic transcripts and language certificates.

Motivation Letter

In the motivation letter, applicants should address the following points:

- their interest in international law and politics in the South Caucasus and its relevance to their current studies or research;
- how participation in the Autumn School would contribute to their academic, professional, and personal development;
- which themes, topics, or questions of the Autumn School are of particular interest to them;
- how the programme themes relate to developments or experiences in Armenia;
- what perspectives, experiences, or skills they would contribute to the group;
- what they hope to gain from participating in an international and interdisciplinary programme with students from different academic and cultural backgrounds.

Application Procedure

Applications should be submitted as a single PDF document to: daad26@ios-regensburg.de

Please use the following subject line for your application email: **Application – International Autumn School 2026, Yerevan (Armenia Group)**

Application deadline: **20 June 2026**

Up to 12 students from Armenia will be selected to participate in the Autumn School alongside a group of up to 10 students from Germany.

Only selected candidates will be notified.

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