

# **STUDY TRIP TO SARAJEVO**

## **19th - 24th JANUARY 2019**

### **KEY CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION EVALUATION**

If more students sign up for the trip than there is available space, rather than hold a lottery, participants will be selected through an application process. The director of the CCSDD, Professor Justin Frosini, will evaluate the one-page *Participant Information & Application Form* posted on the CCSDD web site. Deadline for application is November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The core selection criteria are elaborated upon below.

#### **MOTIVATION**

Students must demonstrate sound motivation for coming on the trip. This will vary considerably and unfortunately must be looked at on a case-by-case basis. In general the motivation must be significant enough to indicate that the student will dedicate the time needed to prepare for the trip: attending info meetings, lectures, and completing reading “assignments”. It is the organizer’s goal to ease the burden of logistics as much as possible from the students so that they will have the time and energy to focus on the “fun” parts – learning about Bosnia’s history, current dynamics and major challenges facing the country in its process of healing and rebuilding.

#### **PRIOR KNOWLEDGE / EXPERIENCE IN THE REGION**

People who have already had considerable experience in the region might not find this trip very interesting. Students with little or no knowledge of the region and/or international organization work would benefit the most from this trip, though this lack of knowledge should not correlate with lack of interest. Those who know a good amount about the region, but demonstrate great interest and motivation in going would provide a valuable balance to the group of participants.

It is expected that students will be prepared before the trip with basic information about the organizations and their operations so that the meetings can be interesting and more in-depth. See *motivation* above.

#### **CONCENTRATION AT SAIS (Applicable to SAIS Europe students only)**

The Study Trip will be more interesting for those concentrating in Conflict Management, International Law & Organizations and International Development. The student’s concentration is not a definitive criterion for going on the trip, but rather it indicates what kind of use the student might get from the trip in terms of academic and career goals. Something to keep in mind: this is not a career trip, but rather a chance to get a closer look at organizations in a post-conflict country working on several different levels to improve conditions there.

Gender balance and balance between students’ countries of origin will be taken into consideration as well.