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# Specialization Course Democracy & Leadership *“Inclusive and Sustainable Democracy”*

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## Democracy & Leadership

### *“Inclusive and Sustainable Democracy”*

#### **Description:**

This Specialization Course: “Democracy & Leadership: Inclusive and Sustainable Democracy” stems from the collaboration between the European Institute of International Studies (EIIIS) and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) in the framework of a Mechanism of Joint Action “Towards Sustainable, Equal & Inclusive Democratic Societies”. As an academic program, it is based on a clear commitment to freedom and human rights, and as its name suggests, seeks to promote sustainable, equal and inclusive democratic systems, with the conviction that by promoting and implementing such systems healthier and stronger democratic societies are created.

The course has been developed by the Chair of International Relations and Diplomacy at the European Institute of International Studies based largely on publications produced by International IDEA.

#### **Goals:**

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Learn about the strategic framework that encompasses sustainable, equal and inclusive democracies.
- ✓ Be able to assess the quality of democracy and its significance.
- ✓ Understand the importance of rule of law and its implications for stability.
- ✓ Promote equality across different scopes: gender, social, racial.
- ✓ Be familiar with the concepts of accountability and transparency.
- ✓ Map the relationship between democracy and human rights.
- ✓ Comprehend the importance of representation and its different types.
- ✓ Understand the role technology is playing in contemporary democratic affairs.
- ✓ Assess the economic consequences of an inclusive democracy.

Such important concepts are to be understood firstly with an academic approach to the universal values that underpin democracy, as well as in the light of case studies from countries which have faced democratic challenges, in order to learn from real experience.

The course is held online; the duration is three months (12 weeks) and is divided into two parts: theory and practice. The theoretical part includes 6 modules and the practical one comprises one module (Final Work/Monograph).

#### **Target Audience:**

The course is mainly aimed at government officials, diplomats and members of international organizations, but it is also open to executives and business entrepreneurs and officials from

foundations and non-governmental organizations. University students may apply for admission to the course if they demonstrate a prior knowledge about the subject of the specialization course.

**Eligibility criteria:**

Applicants should have a university degree (Bachelor's degree recognized by the applicant's country of origin) and present a curriculum vitae, an ID or passport copy and a letter of intent and submit the application online. The course has a limited number of places and admission is based on merit, both academic and professional, which will be evaluated by the Academic Staff of the Institute. Those accepted will receive a letter which formalizes their enrollment in the course.

**Program:**

Module 1: An Introduction to Democracy

Module 2: Democracy and its Institutions (I): Presidentialism, Parliamentarism and the Rule of Law

Module 3: Democracy and its Institutions (II): Political Parties and Electoral Systems

Module 4: Democracy in a Divided Society: Creating Dialogue in Multicultural Societies

Module 5: Democracy & Gender Equality

Module 6: Good Governance and Risks in Democracy: Transparency and Accountability as Tools to avoid Illicit Networks in Politics

Module 7: Final Work

**Duration:**

3 months

**Language:**

English

**Application for admission:**

October 15, 2018 to January 8, 2019.

**Registration:**

January 14 to 25, 2019.

Registration includes reading materials and tutoring, and those who complete it satisfactorily will eventually receive a Diploma.

**Start date:**

March 25, 2019.

**End date:**

June 14, 2019.

**Fees:** € 2000

**Online Application**

<http://www.ieeiweb.eu/request-form-for-admission-and-pre-registration/>