

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

EUROPE MEETS CHINA

Europaburg
Neumarkt in der Steiermark | Austria

29 July to 2 August 2024



KONFUZIUS-INSTITUT
an der UNIVERSITÄT GRAZ
格拉茨大学孔子学院



Date: 29th July – 2nd August 2024

Participants: 35 young Chinese and European students

Application: Send your CV and a few sentences about your motivation to participate to office@global-young-leaders.com

Deadline: 30th June 2024

Included costs: Accommodation, meals, participation in seminars, leisure activities and local transfers (excl. costs of travel to/from Neumarkt); scholarships for travel costs are provided upon request (limited budget, maximum EUR 300 per participant)

Contents: Energy policy, mobility, internationalization, circular economy, values in China and Europe, global changes in the world, intercultural differences, leisure activities in the region

The European Union and China have a common interest in stable and constructive relations with respect for the rules-based international order. EYFON sees itself as a dialogue platform for young people and enables them to look at other cultures and continents while having in mind human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. This will be done by a common seminar with young Chinese students, coming from China and other countries. The topics will focus on differences and common aspects, values and approaches to ensure a better understanding and view on each other cultures and politics. Current challenges of Europe and the world in general and the relationship between the European Union and China in particular should also be in the foreground this week. Especially young Chinese and Europeans aged between 18 and 25 years are invited to learn, to discuss and to develop intercultural competences during this seminar week. The Confucius Institute Graz, the EYFON team and external speakers from relevant institutions as the Chinese embassy, various experts as well as journalists and economists enter into discussion with the seminar participants and are available with their specialist knowledge. A selected leisure program will strengthen team building and ensure conviviality and relaxation.”

DRAFT PROGRAM – “Europe meets China”

(Subject to changes)

When?	What?	Where?	Who?	How?
DAY 1 – Monday, 29th July 2024				
Morning	Arrival and check-in, allocation of rooms, exploring the castle	Castle Courtyard, Knights’ Hall	EYFON-team	Guided tour around the castle, house rules, safety instructions
Parallel	Welcome-Snack	Castle Courtyard	CATERING	
14:00	Get-together	Castle Courtyard	EYFON-team	Q&A-session, Group pictures
15:00	Contents: EYFON and Confucius Institute presentation, introduction to the program, Presentations of the participants	AudiMax	EYFON-team, Confucius Institute Graz, All	Team presentation, Q&A-session
18:00	“Do you speak Chinese?” Learn some basic words & phrases	AudiMax	Confucius Institute	Lesson
18:30	Dinner	Knights’ Hall	CATERING	
20:00	Get-to-know-each-other-activities	Seminar room	teamgeist	Teambuilding, icebreaker-games
DAY 2 – Tuesday, 30th July 2024				
08:00	Breakfast	Knights’ Hall	CATERING	
09:15	Energizer, Qigong		EYFON and Confucius Institute	
09:30	Contents: Young people and their view on the future of Europe and China	AudiMax	Dr. Claudia Weyringer, EYFON	Group work, Discussion

ca. 12:30	Lunch	Knights' Hall	CATERING	
14:00	"Do you speak Chinese?" Learn some basics words & phrases	AudiMax	Confucius Institute	Lesson
14:30	Contents: Chinas approach to Europe, goals and ideas of Chinas foreign politics	AudiMax	Dr. Wan Jie Chen, Confucius Institute Graz	Lecture / Workshop
16:30	Leisure Activity: Bridge Building – a domino challenge	Knights' Hall	teamgeist	Teambuilding, group activity
19:00	Dinner	Knights' Hall	CATERING	
20:00	Contents: Castle Talk „How to deal with making business in China“	AudiMax / Knights Hall	Dr. Wan Jie Chen and Julia Zotter, Dr. Christoph Leitl	discussion
DAY 3 – Wednesday, 31th July 2024				
08:00	Breakfast	Knights' Hall	CATERING	
09:15	Energizer, Qigong		EYFON and Confucius Institute	
09:30	Contents: "Crises in the world, how to ensure and achieve peace""	AudiMax / Knights' Hall	Mag. Dieter Bacher, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for consequences of war research tbc	Lecture / group work / discussion
12:00	"Do you speak Chinese?" Learn some basics words & phrases	AudiMax	Confucius Institute	Lesson
12:30	Lunch	Knights' Hall	CATERING	
13:30	Departure for Leisure Activity			BUS
14:00	Leisure Activity: Energy-tour in the region	Murau	Holzweltbotschafter	Guided tour / group activity
18:00	Arrival at the castle			BUS
18:30	Dinner	Knights' Hall	CATERING	
afterwards	Intercultural Evening and/or „New European Future Culture“	AudiMax / Knights Hall	EYFON team, Confucius Institute, FH Joanneum, Daniel Kennedy, future class	Lecture, games
DAY 4 – Thursday, 1st August 2024				
08:00	Breakfast	Knights' Hall	CATERING	
09:15	Energizer, Qigong		EYFON and Confucius Institute	
09:30	Contents: Energy policy, mobility, circular economy	AudiMax	Dr. Wan Jie Chen, NN.	Discussion
12:30	Lunch	Knights' Hall	CATERING	
13:30	"Do you speak Chinese?" Learn some basics words & phrases	AudiMax	Confucius Institute	Lesson

14:00	Leisure Activity: Tab Tour - Europe	Neumarkt	teamgeist	Group activity
18:00	Barbecue	Castle Courtyard	CATERING	
DAY 5 – Friday, 2nd August 2024				
08:00	Breakfast	Knights' Hall	CATERING	
09:00	"Do you speak Chinese?" Learn some basics words & phrases	AudiMax	Confucius Institute	Lesson
09:30	Contents: Calligraphy, Chinese cooking, Chinese sports	AudiMax	Confucius Institute	Lecture, workshop
12:00	Lunch	Knights' Hall	CATERING	
13:30	Contents: Lessons learned, evaluation, Awarding Ceremony / Certificates of participation, open discussion	AudiMax	EYFON-Team, Confucius Institute	Q&A, feedback sheets
15:00	Closing, Check-out and Departure	Castle Courtyard	ALL	

Important information:

Neumarkt in der Steiermark is at over 800m above sea level, it can be cold - especially at night.

Please bring suitable clothing. For leisure activities solid shoes, loose leisure clothing and - just in case - rainwear are required. Accommodation is in shared rooms (rooms for 2, 4 and 6 are available, bed linen and towels are provided). Culinary delights for the whole seminar week will be planned and delivered by our caterer. Please announce any intolerances and wishes regarding food (vegetarian / vegan) in advance so that the caterer can plan the meals accordingly.

Parking is available directly in front of the Europaburg, the address is Schloßleiten 6, 8820 Neumarkt in der Steiermark/Austria.

For further questions please contact konfuzius@uni-graz.at.