

BROKERS AND GUARDIANS OF PEACE

THE LEGACY AND FUTURE OF PEACEBUILDING BEYOND NATIONS AND EMPIRES



28 INTERNATIONAL
TH SUMMER
UNIVERSITY
2023 JUNE 25TH – JUNE 30TH, 2023
AT IASK IN KŐSZEG, HUNGARY



unesco
Chair



28 INTERNATIONAL SUMMER TH UNIVERSITY 2023

Organised by: iASK, the University of Pannonia, and the ISES Foundation

The 28th International Summer University is an unparalleled opportunity to connect with leading scholars and professionals from prestigious institutions, including the UN, UNESCO, and esteemed universities from across the globe. This event provides a unique platform to gain exclusive insights into the inner workings of international organizations and their strategies for addressing global issues, such as armed conflicts, human security crises, migration, and the rapid development of artificial intelligence. Don't miss out on this unparalleled opportunity to expand your knowledge and broaden your professional network.





unesco

Chair

The designations employed and the presentation of material throughout this publication do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of UNESCO concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries.

ABOUT iASK

Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg is a synergy platform that brings together social sciences, arts, humanities and natural sciences to provide answers to the most pressing issues of the contemporary world. We focus on creative and innovative thinking, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research and education for tomorrow. Located in the quaint city of Kőszeg in Western Hungary, we believe that the best ideas come from the peripheries. Our researchers work together to build bridges between fields and offer ground-breaking solutions for sustainable, resilient and better futures.

The UNESCO Chair in Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainability in Kőszeg was established at the Institute of Social and European Studies in 2011 and became part of iASK in 2017 linked to the Kőszeg campus of the University of Pannonia. The head of the UNESCO Chair is Professor Dr. Ferenc Miszlivetz.

The UNESCO Chair in Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainability promotes UNESCO's values and perspectives on cultural heritage and sustainability. The dedicated team fosters international dialogue through innovative, multidisciplinary research as well as through educational and academic exchanges. The goal is to develop ground-breaking methodologies that exploit the knowledge of social and natural scientists, and professionals in the field of humanities and arts.

The task and responsibility of iASK is to help navigate through the complexities and uncertainties of this age, contributing to the formulation of answers to pressing issues that require more complex and interdisciplinary thinking.



BE A PART OF IASK INNOVATION

We think differently. iASK strives to foster dialogue between the disciplines and goes beyond the rigid borders of environmental science, economy, history, philosophy, anthropology, psychology, physics, visual arts and music to offer a new perspective on sustainable development, preservation of cultural heritage and understanding of the increasingly complex societies. The key iASK innovations include our signature Kraft program that revolutionized the idea of regional development and cultural heritage management and sustainability together with our concept of the Synergy Campus that fosters interdisciplinary knowledge for the future.

We invite you to be involved in our interdisciplinary dialogue about the future of the United Nations, global peace and world heritage.



ABOUT KŐSZEG

Jewellery Box of Hungary: Kőszeg

Surrounded by natural reserves abundant with greenery and wildlife, Kőszeg is a tranquil small town on the border with Austria and at the foot of the Alps. It is naturally shielded by forests and mountain ranges which gives it a unique landscape, as well as a feeling of peace and safety. The town is well connected with the bustling cities of Budapest, Vienna, Bratislava, Prague, Warsaw, and many others, and yet it is remote and quiet, quite different from all other places in the region.

Happy, Healthy, Stimulative Environment

With the highest happiness index in Hungary, Kőszeg is stimulative and invigorating, offering optimal conditions for intellectual work. It is blessed with great weather and plenty of sunshine. Summers are comfortable as temperatures rarely exceed 25 degrees Celsius while winters are mostly cool and dry. It is a year-round destination for studying and research work because the combination of climate, natural surroundings and superb facilities continuously attracts scholars to this quaint town. Unlike any big city, Kőszeg doesn't provide many distractions, even though there are plenty of things to do when you want to relax and unwind, including hiking, fine dining, or wine tasting.

Jewellery Box of Hungary

Since it has never been destroyed by wars, Kőszeg has preserved its authentic beauty that is carefully restored and maintained. The vibrant and colourful city centre is considered Hungary's best-kept secret because it is packed with postcard-worthy historic buildings. The impressive Sacred Heart Church on the main square and Jurisics Castle on the north-western corner define the cityscape which is populated by numerous smaller jewel-like properties. Thanks to the KRAFT program, many historic buildings of Kőszeg were lovingly restored and international researchers have the opportunity to work and socialise in the inspirational interiors of the legendary Festetics Palace, Sgraffito House, Szemző House and many others.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

28th International Summer University 2023

At iASK in Kőszeg, Hungary

June 25th – June 30th, 2023

Taking place in the picturesque city of Kőszeg on the border with Austria, the 28th International Summer University is an unparalleled opportunity to connect with leading scholars and professionals from prestigious institutions, including the UN, UNESCO, and esteemed universities from across the globe. This event provides a unique platform to gain exclusive insights into the inner workings of international organizations and their strategies for addressing global issues, such as armed conflicts, human security crises, migration, and the rapid development of artificial intelligence. Don't miss out on this unmatched opportunity to expand your knowledge and broaden your professional network.

Brokers and Guardians of Peace

The Legacy and Future of Peacebuilding Beyond Nations and Empires

As new geopolitical realities are producing multiple security threats and fears of new armed conflicts throughout the world, collaboration on other global problems that pose existential threats to humanity are increasingly challenging. There is a war again in Europe. The organisation that was created to prevent such bloody conflicts is helpless, like it has proven to be so many times before. A few years ago, we have seen a similar catastrophe in Syria, earlier we have seen it on the territories of the former Yugoslavia, and we can mention the war in Vietnam, or the Palestinian conflict having remained unsolved for the past 80 years. There have been repeated violations of the UN charter – possibly more than the respect thereof – by its member states: the US in Guatemala in 1953, the Soviet Union in Hungary in 1956, or the Warsaw pact troops in Czechoslovakia in 1968 are just a few of the many examples. The list could go on. Is it a problem of the charter or the organisation? Is it the structure or the application of basic principles? Is the international community keeping alive an obsolete conglomerate or is it missing out on a grand opportunity? Is there or could there be an alternative to the UN, or does need radical reforms to become capable of accomplishing its mission? What role can the EU, the US, and other nation states assume in the efforts to reformulate their political communities and maintain a culture of peace in the face of violence? What possibilities are open for civil organisations in the struggle for peace? As for the European community, will it be realistic for it to maintain its positions of soft-power without the exercise of hard-power? What are the aspirations of the EU as to its migration and integration policies?

The 28th International Summer University, organised by the Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg, ISES Foundation, and the University of Pannonia focuses on war, armed conflicts and the role of the United Nations in dealing with such conflicts. The discussion of war, and the prevention, resolution of armed conflicts, as well as the practices of reconciliation will point to the responsibility, agency, and limitations of the UN, the most unique supra-national organization ever brought to life, and raises the question of the role of other organisations, civil or otherwise, as well as nation states and their alliances in the formulation of the new order and status quo.

Topics we will cover are as follows:

- Russia and the new global peace order
- War and polycrisis
- the global context where the UN was born: anti-colonial struggles, human rights and neo-colonialism in the second half of the twentieth century
- International law and the efficiency of supranational organisations
- The past and future of the UN: to reform or to replace?
- Peacekeeping victories and fiascos: the widely-known failures and lesser-known success stories of the UN
- Dealing with local conflicts, human security and migrations in diverse geopolitical contexts
- Human rights and international aid organisations: The UN Refugee Agency and The Red Cross
- Non-violent movements and civil resistance in Belarus and Russia
- Narratives of AI and its civilisational impact: information wars, killer robots, algorithms & democracy



SUNDAY

JUNE 25TH

14:30 – 15:30 Introduction and Welcome

15:30 – 17:00 Panel Russia, Europe and the New Global Peace Order

The “special military operation” that the Russian President Vladimir Putin started in Ukraine on February 24, 2022, is reshaping the world order in political, economic, and security terms. The views on this armed conflict vary across political and business circles and elites, dramatically effecting not only Ukraine but also the European Union and Russia. While new division lines between variously perceived political and economic interests become acute, some major questions remain unanswered: what is Putin’s endgame? What are the short-term and long-term impacts of the war on Ukraine, Europe, and Russia? Panelists will discuss these and related questions.

17:00 - 18:30 Panel War and Policrisis

The war in Ukraine has highlighted and exacerbated economic, energy, humanitarian and food crisis not only in Ukraine, but unevenly across the global north and south as well. These crises are interlinked and need to be accounted for by the international community and also by the UN and all of its member states. These are crises that expose moral prerogatives besides political measures. How do crises relate to one another? What effects have sanctions had on them in the centre of the conflict and elsewhere? Experts will address this complex set of issues, and wherever answers are not found, they will raise necessary questions.

18:30 Musical performance

19:00 Reception

MONDAY

JUNE 26TH

Registration and login: 9:30 – 10:00

MORNING SESSION: 10:00-12:00

International Law and the Efficiency of Supranational Organisations

The Hague Peace Conference of 1899 and the later agreements, institutions and contracts could not avoid international conflicts developing into wars. What is the difference between the legal status of the UN and of the previous institutions from the Vienna Conference through the League of Nations to different transnational cooperation? Where are the limits of the legal authority of the UN and what kind of inbuilt contradictions avoid that it could properly function? What can be done for creating a really effective organization?

12:00-14:00 Lunch break



14:00 – 16:00 AFTERNOON SESSION 1 (group activity):

Topic: The UN: To Reform or to Replace?

The “United Nations” was a synonym for those nations that were fighting against fascism, starting 80 years ago. The Charter and the foundation of the organization is nearly the same old, meanwhile the world has changed enormously after that. What were the reforms that shaped and reshaped the UN in its history and what could be the scenarios for an effectively working global organization? Is the UN reformable or should it be replaced? What do think tanks suggest and what is the interest of the real decision makers? How does the next generation look at the UN, is it a dinosaur or a spaceship?

AFTERNOON SESSION 2 (group activity):

Topic: Non-violent movements and Civil Resistance in Belarus and Russia

How are civilians, and civil activists fighting for peaceful resolution? What are they doing? How successful are they on the ground in Belarus and Russia? What space of action do they have in the face of their governments and their militant politics? These are the questions that we may wonder but cannot get answers to in the media. This session will show you an invisible side of war.

18:00 Wine tasting and Food Pairing Event

TUESDAY

JUNE 27TH

Day trip to the UN Headquarters and to the Diplomatiche Academie in Vienna

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 28TH

Registration & Login: 9:30

MORNING SESSION: 10:00-12:00

Peacekeeping Victories and Fiascos: The Widely-Known Failures and Hardly-known Success Stories of the UN

From the unresolved Palestinian issue through the Korean war, the failures dealing with the Soviet invasion in Hungary in 1956 and with that of the Warsaw Pact in Czechoslovakia in 1968, through the tragedy in Rwanda, in Yugoslavia, in Iraq, in Syria and currently in Ukraine dramatically raises the question of the troubleshooting capacity of the UN. What are the analogies between these tragedies, what are the lessons to learn and why was the UN inactive? What is the responsibility of the Charter in these failures and what is the share of the great powers of sabotaging the work of the organization once they created? On the other hand, several peacekeeping operations were and are executed in different parts of the world, in conflict zones, in front lines dividing warrior groups, in disputed areas with growing tensions that we do not read in the papers about, unlike those cases when wars start. How effective are these endeavors? What is it like to be deployed in a conflict zone? What are the controversies, achievements, and conclusions of these operations, when seen through the eyes of a participant?

12:30-14:00 Lunch break



14:00 – 16:00 AFTERNOON SESSION: Thematic Working Groups

Topic: Dealing with Local Conflicts, Human Security and Migrations in Diverse Geopolitical Contexts

Case studies from the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, the 1968 conflict in Czechoslovakia, Yugoslav War of the 1990s, the genocide in Rwanda, the war in Iraq in 2000s, the civil war in Yemen, the Syrian conflict, the war of Russian on Ukraine will be discussed in small groups. The discussions employ historical, political and ethnographical (social) and civilisational perspectives as well.

Free afternoon

THURSDAY

JUNE 29TH

Registration & login: 9:30

MORNING SESSION: 10:00-12:00

Human Rights and International Aid Organisations: The UN Refugee Agency, UNICEF and The Red Cross

How do different organisations of the UN and other supranational organisations work? What are their main missions? How are they organised and divide tasks among their units? How effective UN conventions are? These are the questions, and topics on which experts from UN-HCR, UNICEF, and The Red Cross (to mention but a few) will provide important insights.

12:30-14:00 Lunch break



AFTERNOON SESSION: 14:00 – 18:00 Film screening and Thematic Working Groups

Topic: The War Machine

The film screening, followed by a Q & A session will discuss the topic of automation and the increasing role of AI in warfare, and its adverse impact on human security. We will discuss the dangers of killer robots, distant operators, and other elements of cyber-warfare.

20:00 Farewell Party

FRIDAY JUNE 30TH

Registration & login: 9:30

MORNING SESSION: 10:00-12:00

Human Agency in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: The Role of International Organisations in Regulating Disruptive Technologies

With increased reliance on AI for labour, education and everyday life, humanity could be facing a rapid advancement of machine agency. This panel questions the future of human agency and the role of international organisations in regulating disruptive technologies that are radically transforming the societies at a fast pace. Is it possible to regulate AI to ensure it is being used responsibly worldwide? What kind of global cooperation is required to tackle these pressing issues and how international organizations can work towards safeguarding human values and ethical principles.

12:00 – 12:30 Wrap-up and Closing remarks

Farewell



ADMISSION & FEES

Attend our 28th International Summer University and receive two certificates and 5 ECTS credits. We offer 4 different packages for attending the Summer School:

PACKAGE A

The full fee is 280€ and it includes the following:

- Registration fee
- 6-day catering (lunch + coffee and refreshments, sandwiches for Vienna trip)
- Free use of iASK facilities (including the library)
- Admission to cultural events
- Planned excursions to the UN headquarters and Diplomatic Academy in Vienna
- Hotel accommodation in Koszeg, Hotel Harangtorony (<http://harangtoronyszallo.hu/>)
- Double room with breakfast

PACKAGE B

The full fee is 380€ and it includes the following:

- Registration fee
- 6-day catering (lunch + coffee and refreshments, sandwiches for Vienna trip)
- Free use of iASK facilities (including the library)
- Admission to cultural events
- Planned excursions to the UN headquarters and Diplomatic Academy in Vienna
- Hotel accommodation in Koszeg, Hotel Harangtorony (<http://harangtoronyszallo.hu/>)
- Single room with breakfast



ADMISSION & FEES

PACKAGE C

The full fee is 310€ and it includes the following:

- Registration fee
- 6-day catering (lunch + coffee and refreshments, sandwiches for Vienna trip)
- Free use of iASK facilities (including the library)
- Admission to cultural events
- Planned excursions to the UN headquarters and Diplomatic Academy in Vienna
- Hotel accommodation in Koszeg, Hotel Írottkö (<https://www.irottko.hu/>)
- Double room with breakfast

PACKAGE D

The full fee is 430€ and it includes the following:

- Registration fee
- 6-day catering (lunch + coffee and refreshments, sandwiches for Vienna trip)
- Free use of iASK facilities (including the library)
- Admission to cultural events
- Planned excursions to the UN headquarters and Diplomatic Academy in Vienna
- Hotel accommodation in Koszeg, Hotel Írottkö (<https://www.irottko.hu/>)
- Double room with breakfast



ADMISSION & FEES

Day Pass

You can purchase a single-day pass or pay for as many days you wish to attend. (except for the excursion day to Vienna, because of the limited number of seats on the bus). The price of the daily pass is 25 €. We are unable to issue certificates to those who do not complete the full 6-day program.

Online participants

The registration fee for online participants is 100 €. We will issue the certificates to those who complete the full 6-day program. (Day Pass-20 €)

Application

The application process has 2 steps:

Step 1: Applicants send the following application documents to isu@iask.hu:

The deadline for applications: June 5th, 2023

- A completed Application Form downloadable at www.iask.hu
- CV

Step 2: Having been registered, applicants receive payment guidelines for the registration fee

The deadline for payment: June 10, 2023

Eligibility

Advanced MA and PhD students and young researchers, as well as social entrepreneurs, who have a keen academic or professional interest in the topics.

CULTURAL PROGRAM

Excursions & Cultural Experiences
Visit to UN Headquarters in Vienna
Visit to the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna
Wine Tasting & Food Pairing
Musical Performances



SERVICE & FACILITIES

Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg features premium research facilities located in breathtaking historic buildings. We have a newly refurbished library located in the heart of the city at Jurisics Square along with three breath-taking office buildings: Europe House, Festetics Palace and Szemzo House in the tranquil Chernel Street which connects the stunning Sacred Heart church and the famous Jurisics castle. The Institute also services the premisses of the iconic Zwinger tower dating from the 13th century where we will host the 27th International Summer University. Our Synergy Campus with state-of-the-art labs is currently under construction.

During your stay, you will have exclusive access to our premium facilities, including the library where you will be able to print and download books and articles from subscription-based journals and digital archives. You will also be able to enjoy coffee and refreshments in all 5 buildings located in the centre of the city.

iASK is collaborating with the University of Pannonia, offering an MA program in International Relations. We also offer research fellowships on a rolling basis.
