

I Edition European Summer School 2024

"Pour l'Europe."

Monastery La Vid, Aranda del Duero, Spain

Sunday July 7th to Saturday 13th, 2024

35 FULL SCHOLARSHIPS (COVERING TUITION FEES AND ACCOMMODATION COST) FOR ALL WHO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS.

DEADLINE FOR SUBSCRIPCION: June 30th.

MODULES OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL:

1. *"Pour l'Europe."* The Catholic Church in Europe's Origins and Outcomes.
2. "Europe, be yourself." Ecclesia in Europa. Topic: The thought of John Paul II on the relationship between the Church and Europe.
3. "Europe: Roots, Identity, and Mission". Benedict XVI's Teaching on Europe. The Two Lungs of Europe: Eastern Europe/Western Europe.
4. "Europe in the World".

SOME OF SPEAKERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS ARE:

Monsignor Carlos Osoro, Cardinal Priest of Santa Maria in Trastevere. Archbishop Emeritus of Madrid.

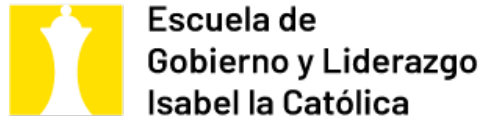
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1. Background.

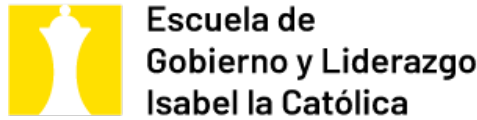
The International Academy of Catholic Leaders is an international training center in the Social Doctrine of the Church with over 18 years of experience and presence in 40 dioceses across 14 countries in America and Europe. Its mission is to form leaders from a Catholic perspective, rooted in the faith of the Church, to transform the social, political, and economic world in light of the Church's Social Doctrine.

It is governed by a Board of Directors under the guidance of Cardinals Carlos Aguiar, Archbishop Primate of Mexico; Carlos Osoro, Archbishop Emeritus of Madrid; and Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States.

The Faculty of Law, Business, and Government at Francisco de Vitoria University is an open ecosystem of multidisciplinary innovation. In collaboration with numerous public and private institutions, it seeks to understand the complex and constantly changing world we live in, helping individuals and organizations to address it while promoting the common good. The faculty integrates undergraduate, master's, and executive education programs, a Research Center for Global Common Good, and a School of Government and Leadership Isabel la Católica.

The International Academy of Catholic Leaders, together with the School of Government and Leadership at Francisco de Vitoria University, and with the support of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, COMECE, and IFCU, invite you to the First Edition of the European Summer School. In its inaugural year, this program will analyze the origin and development of the European Union in relation to the Christian faith and the Social Doctrine of the Church. By understanding the Christian roots of Europe, an agenda will be proposed for authentic integral human development, looking towards the future of the Union.

The summer school is aimed at social, religious, and political leaders, academics, young leaders, bishops, priests and religious who have concerns or responsibilities in social, political, and economic areas. Participants will be previously selected by the organizing institutions based on their academic and professional career, as well as their career in universities and social and ecclesiastical institutions.



2. OBJECTIVES:

The main objective of the European Summer School is to generate a community composed of exceptionally gifted young individuals and leading European figures from the political, economic, business, social and academic domains, that will spend a week analyzing together the great challenges facing Europe in the domestic and global contexts from the perspective of Christian Social Thought and Doctrine in order to gain a better understanding of those challenges and to think together about possible solutions. The methodology followed will enable participants to further develop the competences and skills needed to implement changes in the real world. A further objective is to ensure that the community remains connected after the summer school has finished, enabling its members to develop a long-lasting friendship.

3. CURRICULUM.

THE CURRICULUM is structured in 6 modules:

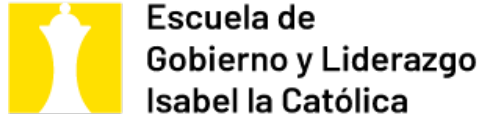
Module 1: "Pour l'Europe": this module will explore the essence of the European Union project as an act of faith. It will, through the lenses of Catholic Social Thought, reflect on the role of political action as an essential driver to achieve and maintain peace in Europe, to develop a political structure that ensures democracy, fundamental rights, and the rule of law, and a vision for the future of the European Union that is capable of dealing with all the challenges that are part of the epochal change in which we live.

Module 2: "Europe, be yourself": this module will reflect on the personal nature of the call to contribute to the construction of Europe, with a particular focus on the youth, using as conceptual lenses the magisterium and work of Saint John Paul II.

Module 3: "Europe. Roots, identity, and mission": this module will approach the study of the origin, present and future of Europe by looking closely to the magisterium and writings of Pope Benedict XVI's on Europe.

Module 4: "Europe in the World". This module will explore the responsibility of Europe towards the world, and to do so will build particularly on the writings of Pope Francis urging for a Europe that revises its foundational elements to move towards the future from fraternity, unity, building a community open to transcendence, and as an entity organized in service to the world.

Module 5: "Workshops for European construction and building". This module will explore particular challenges facing Europe today from the perspective of the key building pillars of Pope Francis thought on politics.



- Time is superior to space: Europe, rediscover yourself, revive your roots.
- Unity is superior to conflict: no peace without justice, no justice without forgiveness. Rebuilding the community.
- Reality is more important than the idea: human dignity against ideologies.
- The whole is greater than the part: unity in diversity against nationalisms and the call for universal fraternity.
- European identity and mission.
- European originality. Dialogue with the emerging new world.
- Relations between Europe and Africa / Europe and Latin America / Europe and Asia / Europe and North America. Paving new paths in the realm of relations.

Module 6: "Meeting Spaces". This module will encourage participants to discover the value of fraternity and community through the arts, music, sports, and the common celebration of the sacraments. The module will include cultural gatherings, daily optional Mass, a peace prayer vigil, and a historical cultural tour of the nearby city.

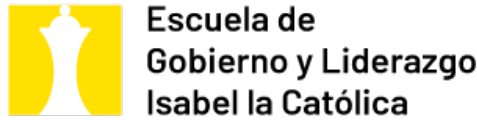
4. METHODOLOGY.

The Master's conferences, workshops, and Panel discussions will take place at the Monastery of Santa María de la Vid, Aranda de Duero, Spain.

The program begins on Sunday, July 7th, with a welcome lunch at 14:15 and concludes on Saturday, July 13th, with the graduation ceremony and lunch at 14:30.

The program schedule will be as follows:

1. Mass: 8:00 am
2. Sessions from Monday to Friday: 10:00 am to 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm.
3. The visit to the city of Burgos will be on Friday, July 12th, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Lunch will be in the city.
4. The graduation ceremony will take place on Saturday, July 13th, at 12:00 pm.



5. After dinner, there will be informal gatherings and conversations among the participants.

Meal times will be:

6. Breakfast: 9:00 am to 10:00 am.
7. Lunch: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm.
8. Dinner: 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

5. CONTENT OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

A. Keynote lectures:

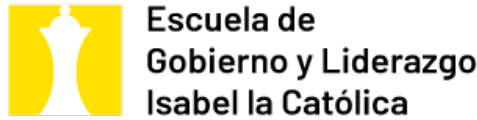
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- Fratelli Tutti and other writings of Pope Francis.

B. Pannel discussions:

- *“Pour l’Europe.”* Robert Schuman's Political Vision Regarding the European Project.
- "Europe: Roots, Identity, and Mission". The Unity of Christians.
- The Relationship between the Church and European Institutions.
- Fratelli Tutti and other writings of Pope Francis. Integral ecology and human ecology.

C. Workshops:

- *“Pour l’Europe.”* Time is superior to space: Europe, return to yourself, rekindle your roots. Christianity in a pluralistic society.
- European identity and mission

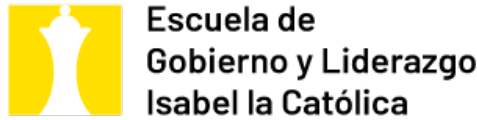


- Unity is Superior to Conflict: There is no peace without justice, no justice without forgiveness. Before and after the fall of the Berlin Wall and the reunification of Europe.
 - Young perspectives on Europe: What should Europe be? What is its identity? Which policy areas should it be responsible for? How should it be organized?
- D. Encounter and Friendship.
- Campfire Gathering/Conversation.
 - Sharing & Sports.
 - Cultural Visits.

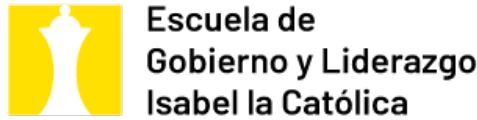
6. SPEAKERS.

The faculty is composed of highly esteemed experts with international recognition. Some of our main speakers and instructors include:

1. Cardinal Carlos Osoro, Cardinal Priest of Santa Maria in Trastevere. Archbishop Emeritus of Madrid.
2. Monsignor Luis J. Argüello, President of the Spanish Episcopal Conference. Archbishop of Valladolid.
3. Fr. Andrés Ramos, Deputy Secretary General of the Ecclesiastical Province of Madrid.
4. Fr. Robert Tyrała, Rector of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow.
5. Mr. Rocco Buttiglione, Member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, former Minister for the European Union (Italy).
6. Mr. Rodrigo Guerra, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Latin America. Member of the Board of Directors of the International Academy of Catholic Leaders.



7. Mr. Javier de Cendra de Larragán, Executive Director of the International Academy of Catholic Leaders Europe. Dean of the Faculty of Law, Business, and Government at Francisco de Vitoria University.
8. Ms. María Ángeles Muñoz, Executive Director of the School of Government and Leadership "Isabel la Católica".
9. Ms. Paola Binetti, Former Senator of the Italian Republic.
10. Ms. Flaminia Giovanelli, Former Undersecretary of the Dicastery for Integral Human Development.
11. Mr. Luis Alfredo Díaz, Spanish singer and composer.
12. Mr. Francisco Ribeirinho Pereira, Vice President of the Amaro da Costa Institute (Portugal).
13. Prof. Dr. Christian Koecke, Konrad Adenauer Foundation.
14. Prof. Dr. Martín Reuber, Konrad Adenauer Foundation.
15. Mr. Phillipe Lamberts, Co-president Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance.
16. Mr. Brando Benifei, Member of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament.
17. Mr. Pierre Larrourou, Member of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament.
18. Cardinal José Tolentino de Mendonça, Prefect of the Dicastery for Culture and Education. *



19. Cardinal Walter Kasper, Emeritus President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. *

20. Ms. Sophia Opatska, Vice-Rector of the Catholic University of Ukraine. *

21. Father Manuel Barrios, General Secretary of COMECE. *

22. Ms. Sophia Kuby, Director of Strategic Relations and Training at ADF International.

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*** Pending Confirmation.**

7. COST.

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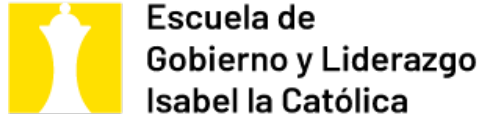
Tuition fees: 546 euros.

The tuition includes materials, official program certification, and transportation to the city of Burgos for a visit. This fee does not cover any accommodation or food expenses.

Accommodation costs: 703 euros.

The stay includes accommodation and meals in a shared room (2 beds per room) at the Monastery of Santa María de la Vid, from lunch on Sunday, July 7th, until lunch on July 13th. It also includes the meal during the visit to the city of Burgos.

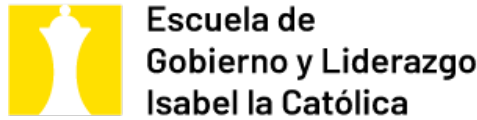
Buses will depart from Madrid to transport participants to the program venue.



8. REGISTRATION, ADMISSION, AND ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

There are **35 available spots**. Registration for the program is open from **May 16th** until **June 30th** . The registration process has three steps:

1. You need to include all necessary personal information and the requested materials by filling in the registration form: <https://form.jotform.com/241366446474058> in this form you can also apply for a scholarship (for the different scholarships available please see the next section).
2. In the form you will need to attach the following documentation:
 - A letter of motivation explaining the reasons why the applicant should be admitted to the program and how the program will be of help in developing further the knowledge and skills required to be a transformational servant leader.
 - A letter of recommendation written by a person who knows well the candidate on an academic or professional basis and who can attest to the qualities and motivations of the applicant.
 - An updated CV.
 - Proof of English proficiency (at least C1 or equivalent certificate). This requirement can be satisfied by providing evidence of having been admitted at program taught in English at a higher education institution or of using English as the ordinary professional language.
3. The selection committee will evaluate the documentation included in the registration form and will decide on the admission and on the scholarship awarded. You will receive an email within 72 hours after the complete registration has been made. The email will include the decision on admission and on the scholarship awarded and will include the details for the payment of the tuition fees



(in case the scholarship does not cover all the tuition fees) and the accommodation costs.

4. You need to make the payment within 72 hours after the communication of the admission or your spot will be cancelled.

9. PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS AND DISCOUNTS

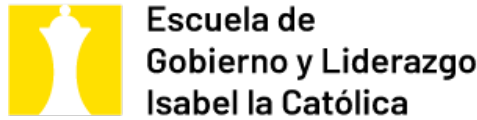
The following scholarships are available:

100% of tuition fees for any individuals that can present a letter of recommendation signed by any Catholic Bishop. To apply for this scholarship, a signed recommendation letter from a Bishop must be included in the registration form or sent within 48 hours following admission to the program, to the following email address: gobiernoyliderazgo@ufv.es. There is a limit of 5 recommendations letters per Bishop. Applicants that are granted this scholarship must confirm their participation by paying the accommodation costs within 72 hours following the concession of the scholarship.

90% Scholarship for Alumni of the Academy of Catholic Leaders. To apply, applicants must request the scholarship in the registration form by indicating the name of the course and the year it was completed.

100% Scholarships for Special Cases: the Scholarships Committee offers 100% scholarships for exceptional individuals with a distinguished record of public leadership and socio-economic circumstances that justify it. For these cases, individuals should contact the Director of the Program at gobiernoyliderazgo@ufv.es explaining their situation in detail.

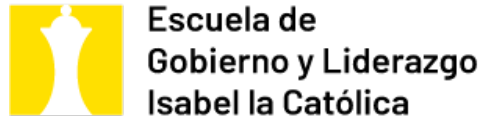
80% scholarship for:



- For presidents of civil society associations duly constituted in accordance with the law, whose statutes include the promotion of the common good clearly aligned with this Program.
- For presidents of youth political associations formally affiliated with political parties, endorsed by the party's president at either the national, regional, or provincial level.
- For presidents of university associations whose statutes align with the objectives of this program.
- For leaders of NGOs whose statutes align with the objectives of this program.
- For individuals endorsed by presidents of political parties. To apply for the scholarship, a recommendation letter signed by the president of the Political Party must be submitted.

50% scholarship for:

- For members of boards of directors of civil society associations duly constituted in accordance with the law, whose statutes include the promotion of the common good clearly aligned with this Program.
- For members of boards of directors of youth political associations formally affiliated with political parties, endorsed by the party's president at either the national, regional, or provincial level.
- For members of boards of directors of university associations whose statutes align with the objectives of this program.
- For members of boards of directors of NGOs whose statutes align with the objectives of this program.



10. CONTACT INFORMATION

For any inquiries regarding the program, you can contact us at:

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