NOI?SE ADVANCED EUROPEAN SUMMER SCHOOL IN WOMEN'S STUDIES FROM MULTICULTURAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES

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Diasporic Identities and Medi@ted Cultures: Gender, Power, Representations

THE ORGANISATION

The NOI?SE European Summer School, a two-week intensive course, is by now a well-established event, which has been organised annually since 1994, hosted by different NOI?SE partner universities, with the participation of a broad range of students and teachers from all over Europe and beyond.

The NOI?SE Summer School 2002 will be coordinated and hosted by Utrecht University. Utrecht University is one of the oldest universities in the Netherlands. In 2001 Utrecht University has been in existence for 365 years. Over these three and a half centuries the University has grown out into a modern, authoritative institution in education and research. With more than 21,000 students, 14 Faculties and nearly 7000 staff members Utrecht University is one of the largest universities in the country.

AIMS

This years' Summer School offers a varied and integrated programme in Women's Studies from multicultural and interdisciplinary perspectives. The school consists of two clusters, focusing on themes around the notions of 'diasporic identities' and 'medi@ted cultures'.

The notion of *'identities'* stands central in this course. It is defined as a dynamic and contested notion, which will be approached from a number of comparative European angles. Issues related to ethnocentrism and the critique of racism will be raised within the various clusters of the summer school. The very idea of *'European identity'* will be discussed from a social scientific, humanities and cultural studies framework. Issues of inclusion, exclusion, and therefore of access and participating in the making of European identities will also be addressed in a gender perspective.

The NOI?SE Summer School 2002 will deal with these issues in the context of the global media phenomenon, from telecommunication to the Internet and the electronic frontier. The displacement of identities through advanced technologies is therefore the central concern of the Summer

School, as is the reflection on the various forms of cultural mediation and critique that are available within gender and Women's Studies today.

TARGET GROUP

The NOI?SE Summer School aims at advanced final-year undergraduate students, as well as postgraduate and PhD students. Applicants should have a background in the field of Women's Studies. Special tutorials will be organised for MA students in Women's Studies, and for PhD students who want to discuss their research. Therefore, those groups of students are especially invited to apply.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: max. 50

CREDITS: 9 ECTS

After fulfilment of all requirements (preparation of assignments and reading, active participation and final essay of 10 - 15 pages), participants receive the NOI?SE Certificate from Utrecht University for 240 hours of work.

TUITION FEES

Tuition fee for the course is 500 EURO including reading materials. NOI?SE grants are available for a number of students from NOI?SE partner universities, see list below. NOI?SE organises inexpensive accommodation for all participants (not included in tuition fee). Participants have to make their own travel and visa arrangements. They also have to take care of proper medical, travel and damage insurrance coverage.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

Applications should arrive in Utrecht before 15 May 2002. The selected participants will receive a letter of acceptance before 15 June 2002. Registration of selected students is official after payment of 500 Euro before 1 July 2002.

WHAT MORE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

- Working language will be English. Participants should be proficient in English.
- Preparation: the participants are required to prepare the readings and the assignments sent to them in advance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION:

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