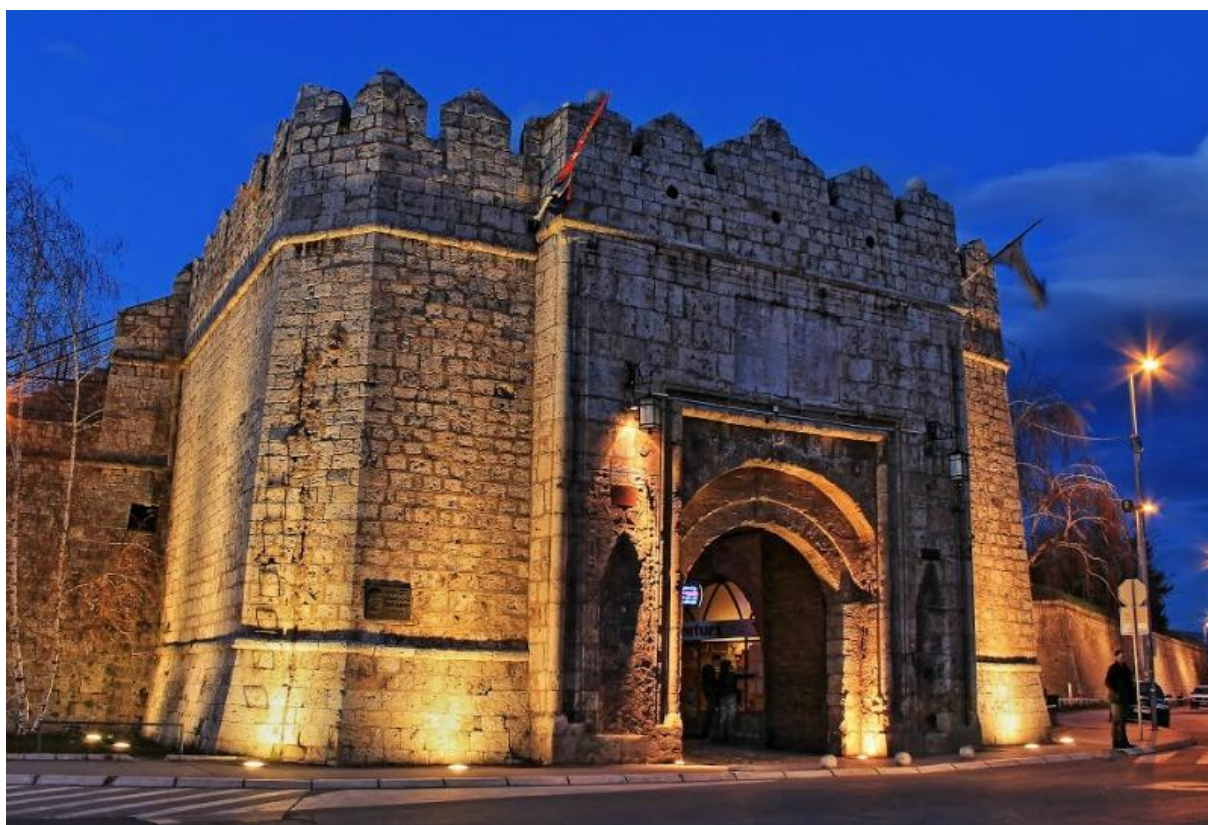




*International Coimbra Group Summer School on European Multilingualism*

Faculty of Philosophy, University of Niš, June 24th - 28th, 2024

***Niš – the birthplace of Constantine the Great***



**Niš Fortress**

The Coimbra Group and the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Niš (Serbia) are delighted to invite you to take part at the ***International Summer School on European Multilingualism*** that will take place at the **University of Niš (Serbia)** from June 24<sup>th</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

With the support of the CG universities, as well as the Erasmus+ KA131 program, the teachers from the University of Coimbra (Portugal), the University of Graz (Austria), the University of Jena (Germany), the University of Salamanca (Spain), and the University of Poitiers (project coordinator), all Coimbra Group members, will propose, in collaboration with the teachers from the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Niš, an intensive short program on *European Multilingualism and Cultural Mediation Studies* with the aim of sharing innovative approaches to teaching and learning languages.



The intensive short program offers the courses of translation and language application in several small tandem groups:

- Bulgarian
- English
- German
- French
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish

The Summer School teaching program proposes also *the Language Discovering Workshop* permitting all participants to learn about the **Less Widely Used and Lesser Taught** languages (**LWULT**) and their important role in keeping language diversity and the world's multilingual heritage. The intensive short program offers two **LWULT** workshops:

- Serbian
- Turkish

The ***International Summer School on European Multilingualism*** that will take place at the **University of Niš (Serbia) from June 24<sup>th</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024** is a great opportunity to discover the very dynamic city of Niš and its cultural assets. It is famous for being the birth place of Constantine the Great. However, throughout history, the territory on which today's city stands was inhabited by the Dardanians, Thracians, Illyrians, Celts, Romans, Huns, Avars, and later Byzantines, Serbs, Bulgarians, and Ottomans. Hungarians and Austrians have also occupied the city on multiple occasions. With its multicultural heritage, Niš becomes an attractive place to start intercultural dialogue and share the history and values from this part of Europe.

One of the most interesting cultural sights in Niš is the Skull Tower (Ćele kula) built from the skulls of Serbian rebels who died in the Battle of Čegar, where they bravely fought against the Ottoman forces. The skulls of the fallen rebels were embedded in the tower as a macabre warning to deter future rebellions against Ottoman rule. The Skull Tower represents the unique monument of this kind in the world.

***The sightseeing of the most attractive locations and monuments in Niš is proposed as cultural program of the International Summer School on European Multilingualism.***

**The International Summer School students will be awarded 3 ECTS.**



## Who can apply?

Students from Serbian, Western and Eastern Balkans universities, students from Coimbra Group universities.

## What are the students' levels?

Bachelor, Master or PhD students at minimum B levels (B1 or B2) in one of the proposed European languages (except Portuguese, Spanish and discovering language groups, where the applicants can attend with no previous knowledge).

## What are the fields of studies?

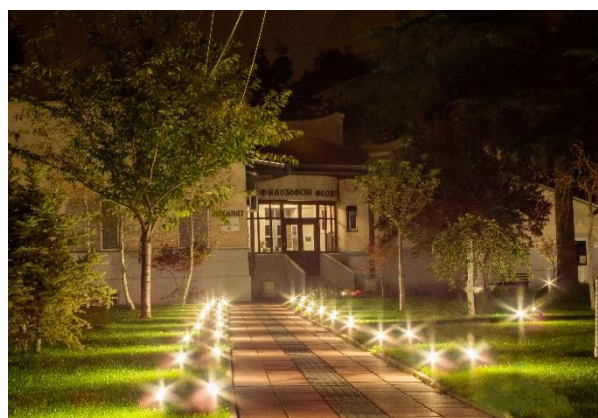
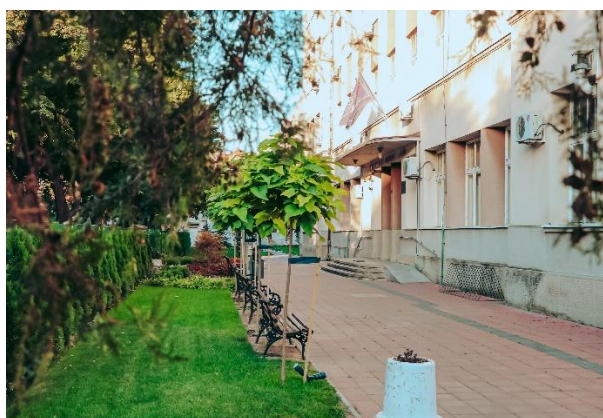
Languages, Cultural studies, Humanities

## How to apply?

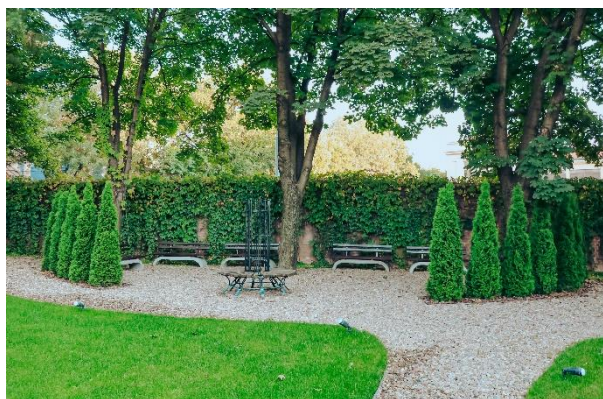
**Registration form** to be filled out between **April 22<sup>th</sup>** and **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024** and to be sent to the University of Niš, Faculty of Philosophy to [ivan.jovanovic@filfak.ni.ac.rs](mailto:ivan.jovanovic@filfak.ni.ac.rs)

## Tuition Fees:

To support the policy of European multilingualism, the University of Niš has decided to **make access to the Coimbra Group Summer School free of charge for all participants**. However, in order for your application to be taken into account, it is necessary to send your registration form to the following address: [ivan.jovanovic@filfak.ni.ac.rs](mailto:ivan.jovanovic@filfak.ni.ac.rs)



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## Practical information:

**Accommodation:** to be arranged by the participants themselves (advised arrival one day before the school starts; advised departure one day after the school ends, i.e. **23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2024**)

*\*The list of suggested hotels, hostels and Airbnb accommodation, as well as the restaurants is to be sent as a separate document.*

### **Cultural program** (sightseeing tours):

Free of charge: Niš Fortress, Christogram Monument, The Liberators of Niš Monument, King Milan Square, Stevan Sremac and Kalča monument, Tinkers Alley;

For a fee (not obligatory): The Skull Tower, Mediana Archeological Site.

### **Useful organizations:**

[Tourist Organization of Niš](#)

