



# FU-CE

SUMMER SCHOOL

# EUROPEAN HUMANISM in the Making

European  
Humanism in the  
Making of Peace



June 29<sup>th</sup> - July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026



Université Catholique  
de Lille, France



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# WHAT IS THE EUROPEAN HUMANISM IN THE MAKING SUMMER SCHOOL?

2026 marks the seventh edition of the summer school of the FUCE, the European Federation of Catholic Universities. Up till now 145 bachelor students from about 35 member universities participated in this international exchange, reflecting with their peers from Lebanon, the EU and wider Europe, on the cultural, religious and philosophical foundations of the European project as a basis to rethink its future. The idea for this project was born from the concern that students' sense of belonging to Europe is more than diffuse. Euroscepticism and amnesia of the history of European integration and the values that forge European identity requires us to clarify what makes the specificity of the European spirit. To re-boost Europhilia as an antidote against widespread Europhobia, Europeans have to reconsider anew those structural ingredients and conquests that have been the driving pillars of European life, one such pillar being humanism.

The core focus is on identifying the 'roots and routes' of the European project and investigating how to valorize them in the contemporary globalized context. This involves a questioning of historical contexts, cultural canon, scientific approach, institution building and citizenship from a wider comparative and international perspective.



## The programme consists of five courses structured in two parts: 3 ECTS

### **PART I – Historical and Cultural Roots: Implications for Europe Today**

- I. Contribution of History to European Consciousness
- II. Literature, the Arts, Translation and European Identity
- III. European Enlightenment and the Islamic Heritage

### **PART II – Social and Political Construction: Implications for the Future of Europe**

- IV. European Social Humanism
- V. Creative Leadership & Civic Engagement in Action

Each year a specific theme is put to the fore and presented in the public opening lecture by an invited keynote speaker. This year's theme is on the kind of humanism that is required, in these current troubled times, not merely to preserve peace, but to make it. This requires imagination, solidarity and hope, as the Schuman declaration reminds us: "World peace cannot be safeguarded without the making of creative efforts proportionate to the dangers which threaten it". With the moral architecture of peace again under strain, peace requires a work of culture and conscience.





## WHEN ?

The summer school will take place between June 29th and July 3rd 2026. Participants are expected to arrive on June 28th and to leave on July 4th. Students are also expected to join the online component preceding the summer school that will take place on Wednesday afternoon, May 27th.



## WHERE ?

Home to the Université Catholique de Lille since 1875, Lille is a vibrant and dynamic university city at the centre of Western Europe. With swift connections to Brussels, Paris, and London, Lille is perfect for students planning to visit and study Europe. And there is always much to see and do in Lille itself – a welcoming multicultural haven.

## APPLICATION



If you want to apply for our summer school, please contact the international relations office at your home university. Each university will pre-select 2 to 3 candidates before the deadline of February 2nd. The candidates will then be required to fill in a form and upload their resumes and motivation letter. Candidates should be bachelor students (year 2 or 3) and have a good command of English. The coordinators team then screens the curricula and motivation letters on quality and investigates the motivation of students applying, in light of composing a balanced group in terms of affiliation, background, gender, interdisciplinarity and engagement with the subject matter (since peer learning is part of the process during the summer school). If your application is selected, you will be required to commit by paying an advance of 100€ which will be deducted from the final price of accommodation.



## ACCOMMODATION

Twin hotel rooms are booked for you in a hotel close to the Université Catholique de Lille. You will be sharing your room with another student from the summer school. The price of the accommodation is covered by the Erasmus+ or other grant you will receive (around 50€/ night/person).



## FUNDING



Depending on your situation (coming from a university part of the Erasmus+ program or not), the costs for your stay will be covered either by FUCE or by the Blended Intensive Program Erasmus+ grant via the International Relations office of your university. You should obtain around 553€ (79€ x 7 days) which will help you to pay for accommodation and meals. Travel costs are to be covered by your home university either way. Additional costs are at your charge.

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Monday June 29	Tuesday June 30	Wednesday July 1	Thursday July 2	Friday July 3	
Course I Contribution of History to European Consciousness	Course II Literature, the Arts, Translation & European Identity	Course III European Enlightenment and the Islamic Heritage	Course IV European Social Humanism	Course V Civic Engagement in Action	
9h00	STUDENT FEEDBACK SESSIONS				
	INTRODUCTION SESSION course coordinators	FEED BACK SESSION Sarah Durelle-Marc & Peter Hanenberg	STORY WRITING SESSION Fernando Ariza University CEU San Pablo, Madrid	FEED BACK SESSION Ali Mostfa & Paolo Monti	WORK SESSION Finalize story
10h30	Coffee Break				
10h45	COURSE PART I				
	INTRO AND PRESENTATION Sarah Durelle-Marc Université Catholique de Lille	INTRO AND PRESENTATION Peter Hanenberg, Catholic University of Portugal, Lisbon	INTRO AND PRESENTATION Ali Mostfa, Catholic University of Lyon	INTRO AND PRESENTATION Michael Shortall St.-Patrick's Pontifical University Maynooth College	SIMULATION GAME
11h45	Coffee Break				
12h00	COURSE PART II				
	PRESENTATION to be confirmed	PRESENTATION Fernando Ariza University CEU San Pablo, Madrid	PRESENTATION Paolo Monti University of Milan-Bicocca & Catholic University of the Sacred Heart	PRESENTATION to be confirmed	SIMULATION GAME
13h00	Lunch				
14h00	INDIVIDUAL WORK				
	COURSE I GROUP REFLECTION ASSIGNMENT	COURSE II GROUP REFLECTION ASSIGNMENT	COURSE III GROUP REFLECTION ASSIGNMENT	VISIT FLANDERS FIELDS YPRES	Finalize personal travelogue & concrete output collaborative work
15h30 - 17h00	CITY WALK		COURSE IV GROUP REFLECTION ASSIGNMENT		Performing europe presentation of group work & stories by students
	PUBLIC LECTURES				
19h00 - 20h30		PUBLIC OPENING LECTURE	PUBLIC PANEL MYEUROPE moderated by Peter Hanenberg (UCP)		FAREWELL DINNER

This schedule might be subject to minor changes