

PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ACADEMY CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

You are a graduate student or a young professional? You are interested in progressive politics?
You are politically active or an active member of civil society?

Then you should apply for the next Progressive Youth Academy (PYA) taking place on the island of Spetses from Friday, October 19th until Sunday, October 21st 2018.

PYA is organized by the Athens office of the [Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung](#) (FES) in cooperation with the [Tsatsos Foundation](#). It is aimed at young Greeks who want to actively take part in and contribute to political opinion- and decision-making processes in Greece and who want to implement their own political ideas and visions. PYA will bring together young professionals and graduate students from different backgrounds: civil servants, political activists, journalists, young entrepreneurs and students.

WHAT DOES PYA OFFER?

Politics in theory and practice

We will discuss the foundations of Social Democracy as a political ideology. We will explore why its values are now more relevant than ever and how they can help us to overcome the political struggles of our day and age: the rise of populism, widening inequalities in and between European countries, and the challenges of globalization. We will debate how progressive politics can put its ideals into practice against the backdrop of these developments.

Space to develop and discuss you own ideas

Rather than just being on the receiving end, you will have the chance to develop your own perspectives and arguments on the different topics, exchange them with your peers and discuss them with our speakers. Each thematic session includes an “Idea Lab”, where we will work in small groups. In the final session of the program we will develop a strong political statement: the “Spetses Program”, a memorandum containing our ideas for a solidary, free and equal society.

Forming strong networks

Our goal is to create a strong network among the participants and the future alumni of PYA. You will have the chance to keep in touch with the experts who teach at the academy and you will also get in touch with some of the partners of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.

For more information you can also have a look at the current program attached to this email/post.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Graduate students and young professionals up to 30 years who:

- Are highly interested in national, regional and European politics
- Are willing to contribute to political and social reform
- Demonstrate experience from political or civil society engagement and voluntary work
- Can work and debate in English (Conference language is English!)
- Are open, respectful and tolerant towards people with different backgrounds

FES is strongly committed to promoting gender equality in public and political life. Therefore, PYA aims at an equal share of men and women among the participants.

HOW TO APPLY?

Interested? Then submit a personal application consisting of the following documents in English:

- The application form (attached to this email/post)
- Your CV in English
- A letter of motivation in English no longer than one page, in which you explain your motives for participating in PYA and how you think PYA will help you to advance your civic engagement and professional career.

Application deadline is Friday, September 14th, 2018

Please send your application as a PDF-attachment to info@fes-athens.org. The subject line should read “PYA-Application 2018/3 – Surname, Name”

After we have reviewed all applications, suitable applicants will be invited for a personal interview to the FES Athens office on Thursday, September 20th 2018, Friday, September 21st 2018, and Monday, September 24th 2018.

Please note that participation of PYA is free of charge and that FES will also cover your accommodation as well as your travel cost from Athens to Spetses and back. If you require further information on PYA or on the selection process, do not hesitate to contact us by email at info@fes-athens.org.