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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:

## INU INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SEMINAR FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP AND PEACE 2025 @ HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY, JAPAN

Dear students,

We are currently accepting applications for the annual International Student Seminar for Global Citizenship & Peace 2025. This year's theme is:

### **Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation**

*The International Student Seminar for Global Citizenship and Peace is a unique immersion program which is hosted by Hiroshima University in Japan. Since 2006, the seminar welcomes students from around the world from INU member universities and is structured around the August 6<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.*

*The 10-day program includes lectures, case studies and small group discussions. The program also offers field trips to local attractions and cultural learning experiences, and culminates in a United Nations role play where groups of students represent different countries, and negotiate to pass a draft resolution. The program also includes attendance of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony on 6th August.*

### **Seminar theme 2025: 'Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation'**

The year 2025 will mark the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. These bombings killed hundreds of thousands of people, most of whom were civilians, and remain the only use of nuclear weapons in an armed conflict. The long-term consequences of their use are catastrophic for humans and nature. Therefore, their use should be banned.

In response to growing international concern toward nuclear weapons the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was created in 1957 as an autonomous organization within the United Nations system. The IAEA serves as an intergovernmental forum for scientific and technical cooperation on the peaceful use of nuclear technology and nuclear power worldwide.

To ban nuclear weapons the international community has agreed on international treaties, especially the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) of 1970 and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) of 2021. Whereby the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons seeks to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, to promote peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to move towards nuclear disarmament, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons aims to their total elimination. But not all states are legally bound by these treaties.

Complex global and regional geopolitics make it more challenging to achieve peace in the world. Ongoing conflicts require that states communicate and coordinate to promote a common understanding that nuclear disarmament is necessary for global peace. It is above all the responsibility of the nuclear powers to disarm and avoid the proliferation and use of nuclear weapons worldwide.

The seminar will consider the role of international organisations, especially the United Nations, in the field of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation and examine how effective and influential international organisations can be in achieving this purpose.

The aims of this year's seminar are to explore the causes, effects and consequences of the proliferation of nuclear technology on various areas and to discuss the peaceful use of nuclear technology and power as the only form of use that should be allowed.

- Participants will receive the Viadrina INU scholarship of approximately ~600€ and are eligible to the Japanese JASSO scholarship of further 80.000¥

**Practical Information:**

When: 1. – 10. August 2025

Where: Hiroshima University, Japan

Eligibility: Enrolled Bachelor and Master Students at Viadrina

Application: Please send an e-mail to [outgoing@europa-uni.de](mailto:outgoing@europa-uni.de) including the following documents, **in a single PDF**, referring to Ms. Claudia Casiano:

- Letter of Intent; Please mention the relevance of the topic, in connection with personal and academic background, as well as the expectations for the seminar.
- CV
- English Proficiency Language Certificate; min. of B2
- Transcript of Records; a min. of 2,5 GPA is required
- Enrollment Certificate at Viadrina

**Deadline:** 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025, 23:59

Note: All applications are to be submitted in English.

Applications received past deadline will **not** be considered.

For any inquiries regarding the program, please contact Ms. Claudia Casiano; +4933555342863 or [outgoing@europa-uni.de](mailto:outgoing@europa-uni.de)