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Highlights of evaluation

Students' evaluation

- ✓ the Academy is indeed unique and one of a kind - there is nothing similar not only in this region but wider
- ✓ unique platform for intellectual exploration, cultural submersion, and personal growth
- ✓ structurally very well-presented and comprehensive lectures with high coherency; good references, descriptions, and explanations, combined theories, examples, and art perspectives
- ✓ aroused criticism, created space for critical thinking, entailed quality discussions, provided space for questions and discussions, interactive, tailored interdisciplinary space
- ✓ ignited a vibrant discourse on the intricate interplay between theology, politics, and societal transformation
- ✓ dynamic nexus between theology and politics, state and migrations, gender and transition, and media; transdisciplinary nature
- ✓ brought recognition of the great relevance of the problem in our region
- ✓ successfully situated the participants into the context
- ✓ led us to delve deeper into the complexities of religious dynamics in the post-Yugoslav context and their profound implications for the region's broader socio-political landscape
- ✓ exceeded expectations related to the wealth of knowledge shared
- ✓ beneficial new lens provided by the history, politics, and religions of the "Balkans"; brought recognition of the great relevance of the problem in the region
- ✓ opened up perspectives and issues of gender ideology; relevant for existing own work (ex. MA thesis)
- ✓ unique platform for networking and forging connections with fellow students from other countries and scholars who share a passion for exploring the intersection of theology, politics, and societal context in the Balkans
- ✓ the pursuit of political liberation emerged as a shared objective, one that unites us in a collective exploration of theological paradigms and their capacity to effect meaningful change
- ✓ encouraging theologians to have a voice in the public space, be active in politics, education, and civil society
- ✓ valuable knowledge shaping the future personal way of exploring theology and politics
- ✓ grateful and motivated to apply insights and affect changes in my community and wider
- ✓ great hospitality, smooth organization, warm and welcoming staff, comfortable and clean accommodation, well-handled coverage and refund of travel expenses; good restaurant, sufficient meals
- ✓ allowed easy and pleasant stay in Šibenik, a historically and culturally rich city
- ✓ alongside the opportunity to visit the FALIŠ festival- added value
- ✓ memories and friendships created; connections with the group of diverse backgrounds fostered the spirit of openness and cultural exchange, expanded horizons, dismantled stereotypes, and deepened appreciation for the beauty of diversity
- ✓ I wish the Academy would continue nurturing these high standards set in its Version 1



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Lecturers' evaluation

- ✓ never had an opportunity to discuss these phenomena with the local public and/or academia. This is even more strange if we have in mind the vast role religion plays in the political life of the post-communist societies
- ✓ it is precisely the Institute for Theology and Politics that offered me for the first time a platform for these discussions
- ✓ Curiously, during my studies in the Communist Yugoslavia in the early 80's, there were even more discussions on this topic – “Theology of Liberation” – than today.
- ✓ I am happy to have participated in the summer school of The Institute and have enjoyed the discussions with the students and colleagues
- ✓ full-heartedly support this unique and essential project. We finally have - in the Region and beyond - what was missing for too long
- ✓ experience was beyond expectation as it concerns the involvement of the students
- ✓ a group of young intellectuals ready to think "out of the box," with the courage to question the theoretical platforms and epistemic certainties of the disciplines, eager to debate, confront, and speak out
- ✓ the debate was polite, inspirational, challenging, and politically open
- ✓ the school was a two-way learning path
- ✓ I never anticipated that this would be so important for my scholarly interest
- ✓ rarely experienced the intellectual push of this kind
- ✓ looking for ways to expand our collaboration within other networks in which I participate /coordinate in the region
- ✓ the Academy fulfills in full its intellectual mission and ambition: to engage participants, students and lecturers alike, in building transnational and transdisciplinary dialogue; to commit new generations of scholars to search for social innovation and solutions, ready to tackle uncertainties of our time and pave the paths to democratic development in the region
- ✓ the organization was highly professional and friendly at the same time – a highly valuable component that promotes the core mission of our scholarly work: to be responsive, respectable, and reputable
- ✓ excellent in both the organization and intellectual ambition
- ✓ the organization was excellent - the communication with the staff was timely, the accommodation arrangements were perfect, and I felt very welcome during my whole stay
- ✓ the topics of lectures were very relevant to today's socio-political challenges, and the lecturers were all experts in their fields
- ✓ most importantly, the participants were involved in lectures, asked questions, gave insightful comments, and generally were very interested
- ✓ the discussion was relevant and thought-provoking regardless of their academic and ideological backgrounds
- ✓ hope that the Academy will continue to grow in future years as it is definitely a project that should be further supported
- ✓ the Academy is an inspiring place for nourishing students' interests and their knowledge of different recent social phenomena and boosting their debate and discussion skills among their colleagues.
- ✓ the Academy covers various topics of post-modernity transitions and easily hosts migration themes as one of the essential recent socio-cultural, demographic, economic, and political processes.



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✓ I would be honored to see myself as a lecturer at this important academy in the future.