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Call for Erasmus Internship at the University Center Laudato si' for Christian Responsibility and Care for All Creation at the Catholic University of Croatia (Zagreb, Croatia)

We are looking for two motivated and socially engaged students who have the possibility of funding from the Erasmus+ program and who want to improve their knowledge through a concrete contribution to projects with a positive social and ecological impact:

- one student from the field of **communication sciences** who will be involved in working on the Center's visibility, media production and designing messages for the public and
- one student from the field of **social sciences and/or humanities** who will be part of the research team, working on analyses, data collection and data interpretation.

Suppose you are interested in how science, media, faith and environmental responsibility can be connected. In that case, this is an ideal opportunity to see how your academic skills can impact society!

We're not looking for "perfect candidates," but rather students who:

- have a genuine interest in topics such as climate change, social justice, and sustainable lifestyles,
- want to learn what it's like to work in a multidisciplinary and regional context,
- are open to teamwork where personal initiative and creative thinking are valued and
- seek proper mentorship and want their work to leave a meaningful mark on real projects.

General information

Organization: Laudato si' University Center for Christian Responsibility and Care for All Creation

Institution: Catholic University of Croatia

Location: Zagreb, Croatia

Duration: 2-6 months per internship (rotational model*)

Duty: 25-30 hours per week (flexible)

Start date: 1.9.2025. First cycle (negotiable)

Language of work: English (B1) and/or Italian (not a requirement)

Number of positions: 2

Application deadline: 15.8.2025. first cycle

(*The rotational model means that two interns will be available at any time until 31.8.2026, and after their period of work (2-6 months), a new competition for the next cycle will be announced.)

Description:

The Laudato Si' University Center for Christian Responsibility and Care for All Creation is a professional research and educational unit dedicated to scientific inquiry and professional work in theology, ecological ethics, climate justice, and the promotion of sustainable development in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Located at the Catholic University of Croatia in Zagreb, the Center brings together scientists, pastoral workers, lay believers, and social stakeholders. Its mission is to build ecological communities of believers, promote a new lifestyle, and create a network of collaboration aimed at the preservation of creation.

Activities of the Center:

- designing, organizing and implementing educational workshops, seminars and professional development programs,
- creating and maintaining the Center's website, disseminating research results and educational content to the general public and
- other activities are for the Center's purpose, as the Center's director ordered.

What do we expect from students in the field of communication sciences?

- participation in the development and management of communication campaigns,
- preparing content for the Center's social media and website,
- designing and creating promotional materials (posters, brochures, newsletters),
- organizing public events, educational workshops, and roundtables and
- communicating with partners

Competencies and skills the student will acquire:

- digital and visual literacy,
- learning how to communicate sensitive topics (e.g. ecology, religion, social justice),
- understanding the role of media in shaping public awareness of climate and ecological issues,
- developing sensitivity in targeting different audiences (scientific, religious, institutional, general public),
- writing and editing texts,
- video or photo documentation of events,
- critical thinking,
- public communication and networking with institutions,
- applying principles of ethical, inclusive, and sustainable communication and
- understanding work within the civil, academic, and public sectors.

What do we expect from students in social and/or humanistic sciences?

- participation in the development and implementation of research,
- studying documents, articles, and data,
- collecting and analyzing data,
- drafting reports and analyses,
- preparing professional texts and assisting with publications and
- participating in projects and collaborations with partner institutions.

Competencies and skills to be acquired:

- development of research skills in the context of social ecology and faith communities,
- developing sensitivity and applying ethical principles in research,
- presenting research results,
- participation in projects and team-based scientific work,
- basics of project applications and work on EU/scientific projects,
- using tools such as SPSS and Excel,
- understanding the relationship between social structures and ecological problems and
- becoming familiar with the work of civil society and church communities.

What do we offer?

You will work in a small but dynamic team at the Catholic University of Croatia in Zagreb. You can expect:

- a great working atmosphere,
- flexible work arrangements,
- your workspace in our office,
- support and mentorship from experts in the fields of social, theological, and communication sciences,
- an opportunity to learn about research ethics, data analysis, and public message creation related to the environment and society and
- the chance to participate in the preparation of events, workshops, and publications.

Your contribution will be significant and important, and everything you learn here will be applicable to future professional and academic challenges – whether your path leads to media, the public or private sector, academia, or institutions focused on sustainable development.

Financial Compensation:

There is **no financial compensation**. Students must apply through the **Erasmus+ program** by sending their application to: centarlaudatosi@unicath.hr with the subject: **Application for Internship – Laudato si'**