**Title of BIP:** Interdisciplinary perspectives on youth identities and political- social participation

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| **General information** |
| **Objectives and Description:**The Interdisciplinary perspectives on youth identities and political-social participation Blended Intensive Program seeks to create a learning context for students that will enhance their awareness of challenges and opportunities of social and political participation of youth with a special focus on marginalized youth and processes of identity building. As a byproduct of the program, we expect to create a network of interested researchers, practitioners, students and young people focusing on youth related issues within or connected to the UNITA European consortium, as well as beyond.  |
| **Methods and outcomes:** **Learning outcomes:** * Participants will gain an overview over the interdisciplinary field of youth studies, on the political and social participation of youth in the European Union today with a special focus on marginalized youth.
* Participants will learn how to work with young people to foster active, dialogic learning and youth social and political participation.
* Participants will gain an overview over contexts of youth participation (NGOs, youth centers, social centers) and the present challenges and opportunities these contexts face.

Methods:* The BIP seeks to create an active learning context that will embed experiential, exploratory, collaborative and reflective learning activities with ‘classic’ lectures.
* Field visits to local NGOs and other social actors (socio-educational centers, etc.) will be a key part of activities. These will be complemented with informative lectures that will seek to give an overview of the situation of youth in Europe and globally.
* Young people will engage in project based learning through working collaboratively in mixed teams on a common message encouraging/about young people’s social and political participation. They will create a common product (podcast, poster, video) that will be used to voice their message.
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| **Field of Education:** This is an interdisciplinary program loosely based in the field of youth studies, it is combining insights from educational sciences, sociology, political science, psychology and computer science among other disciplines.  |
| **Target audience / Participants profile:*** The program is open to BA, MA and PhD level students with an interest in youth studies.
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| **No of ECTS issued:** 6 ECTS |
| **Language of instruction and requirements:*** Good command of the English language
* Interest in youth studies
* Media editing skills are an advantage but not a prerequisite
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| **Dates for physical activity:** ~~10-14.06.2024~~ (activity days); ~~8/9.06-15/16.06~~ (travel dates)postponed to July 2024 |
| **Location of physical activity:** Timișoara, Romania |
| **Dates for virtual component:** May- July 2024 |
| **Virtual Component Description:** * One introductory webinar will take place vis videoconferencing software (google meet OR Zoom) in May/ early June. The program’s expected outcomes, aims, faculty and curriculum will be introduced. Students will get a chance to introduce themselves and have a short collaborative task in breakout rooms. At this webinar preparatory tasks and readings will be discussed. These will then be uploaded to a common course platform (Google Classroom, GDrive or Microsoft Teams).
* During the physical activity teams will be formed of students working together on a common project. This work will continue in June/July and be concluded through a team presentation in the final project webinar at the end of July 2024.
* After the program, students will have the opportunity to evaluate the program through google forms or mentimeter administered online.
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| **Detailed programme** |
| 1. **Planned activities during virtual component:**

Introductory webinar & Final webinar + student team meetings to finalize group projects. 1. **Planned activities during physical component:**

1st day: - Official opening; - Introductory session (getting to know each other, exploring expectations and group rules);- Introduction to Youth Studies: contemporary interdisciplinary research approaches - Lecture: Research ethics in research with young people - Guided tour of Timișoara from the perspective of (youth) identities2nd day:* Youth, migration, social – educational mobility and marginalization: lectures + reflective exercises
* Field visits to NGOs and social services working with migrant young people and/or young people who have parents working abroad

3rd day: * Youth and political participation: lectures + reflective exercises
* European Identity and youth political participation (Lecture 1)
* Computational linguistics perspectives for studying populism and artificial intelligence (Lecture 2)
* Field visit to local NGOs working to increase the political participation and promote civic education of young people

4th day: * New and old narratives of youth identities: lecture 1 + reflective exercise
* Identity building and youth: social and clinical psychological perspectives: lectures (1:2) + reflective exercises

5th day: * Youth led participatory action research and other frameworks for encouraging youth participation and dialogic learning
* Group work and mentoring activities: what message of social/political participation would you like to send to young people and in which way (poster, podcast, video etc.)
* Final feedback
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