

NZ European Union Centres Network



Thank you for your interest in the EUCN Weekend Graduate School for 2009.

### Programme

The programme for the weekend will consist of skills workshops, presentations and group activities. There are limited entries for the weekend, ensuring this is an opportunity for students from around the country who are working in similar areas to get to know one another, learn new skills, practice presentations and receive feedback from top academics in a supportive environment. The provisional programme includes the following:

- Workshops on “Organising your research project, publication and dissemination”, “How to write a successful grant application?” and others to be announced.
- Presentation of students’ work
- Team building exercises (fun we promise).

### What you need to do in preparation

All students who participate in the Graduate School will make a short preparation on their research. You can choose from four options.

- I. Students who are at a relatively early stage in their projects can make a short presentation of about **5 to 10 minutes** on their proposed topic. In your presentation you should outline your research questions, your methodology, and your sources. We would particularly like you to discuss any major issues that are facing you (whether methodological or content-related).
- II. Students who are further along in their research can make formal presentations of about **15 minutes**. Your presentation should focus mainly on the research you have undertaken, and your preliminary findings. You can present on your topic as a whole, a chapter of your thesis, a particular issue or use this as a practice run for a future conference.
- III. Students could alternatively choose to produce an A2 size poster displaying their research topic or an issue related to their research. The poster can include images as well as text. You are free to present your ideas as you wish on the poster but please include the title of your research and your research question. You will be expected to give a short presentation to explain your poster and answer questions for approximately **5-10 minutes**.
- IV. Students can opt to produce a **5-10 minute** interactive media production, such as a short film. This can highlight an issue related to your research topic, focus on an aspect of your methodology or some initial findings. You

will be expected to discuss and answer questions about your presentation for approximately **5-10 minutes**.

You will be asked to indicate which option you wish to present on your registration form. You will be able to change this up to two weeks before the Graduate School.

A laptop, data-projector, OHP and flip chart will be available for presentations.

### **UC Field Station at Kaikoura**

The University of Canterbury Field Station is situated on the Esplanade in Kaikoura, not far from the centre of the town, with amazing views of the stunning coastal scenery. Accommodation is in bunkrooms and all meals will be provided.



### **Travel to Kaikoura**

Participants will assemble at the NCRE, University of Canterbury on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May and the group will travel up to Kaikoura by mini-van leaving at 2pm. Students will be dropped back at the University of Canterbury or Christchurch airport on Sunday evening. If students wish to make their own way to Kaikoura they are welcome to do so but will have to fund this travel themselves and advise the organisers of this at registration.

For students from further a field than Christchurch, travel grants of up to \$300 can be applied for. Please do not book travel such as airfares without first talking to the EUCN Project Coordinator.

### **Registration**

Registrations are now open for this 2008 Graduate Weekend. Registration is \$25 per student and covers your accommodation, all meals and activities. Registration forms are available on the EUCN website [www.eucnetwork.org.nz](http://www.eucnetwork.org.nz)

or by emailing [sarah.coleman@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:sarah.coleman@canterbury.ac.nz)

Registrations close on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**. Please register early as places are limited. Priority will go to students who have not attended a EUCN Weekend School previously but all students are welcome to apply. Registrations will be confirmed by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to get in contact as we are happy to help. You can email me at [sarah.coleman@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:sarah.coleman@canterbury.ac.nz) or phone on 03 3643477

**We look forward to seeing you in May!**