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Invitation to the International Summer Academy 2017

Dear members of the Politeia Community,

It is our pleasure to officially invite you to the International Summer Academy (ISA) 2017 in Mexico.

This year's conference will reflect on the subject: "Mexico and Latin America facing the world". It will take place from the 23rd to the 30th July in Mexico City.

Within the context of the eight days event, we will try to cover the subject and stimulate a critical conversation around five specific topics. Different formats ranging from panel discussions with experts, conferences, to workshops will help guarantee a varied and diverse perspective on each of the topics.

In this manner, the participants of the ISA 2017 will gain a comprehensive overview of the complex situation of the region.

The program (page 3) was thought to be engaging and enjoyable. It also takes into account the importance of socializing and sharing different perspectives between the delegations participating. The program also provides a prominent proposal of sightseeing activities and cultural events to enrich the understanding of the city hosting this year's event. In this sense, Sunday the 22nd will work as an introductory day for the Politeia organizations

attending. Apart from this, the evening of Friday the 28th, Saturday the 29th and Sunday the 30th will be used to jointly discover Mexico City in a diverse, surprising and vivid way.

The participation fee of 150€ per person covers the cost for accommodation, transport within the city, to and from the airport, and to the cultural activities as well as a translation service for the speakers who might need it. Unfortunately, air travel expenses cannot be compensated.

In order to ensure an optimum development of the event, each delegation participating must not have more than five participants. The deadline for registration is Saturday 6th June 2017. Shortly after the deadline, all participants will receive a detailed information package, which will be followed by a welcoming package delivered by the welcome committee at the airport.

We would like to thank in advance all the international agents for passing on this invitation to the members of your organizations.

We will be delighted to welcome you as our guests in Mexico City.

Sincerely yours,
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ISA 2017: Mexico and Latin America facing the world

The following is the program for the International Summer Academy 2017 in Mexico City. It is composed of three cultural days, five days devoted to conferences and panels of discussion and an introductory day. Every conference day will start between 9:00 and 10:00 am and will finish around 16:00pm with a lunch break in between. Every day will have a cultural activity or dinner, as well as free time for the participants to plan some personal sightseeing. Everyday will have a different emblematic venue with the aim to change areas in the city and cover most of it.

SATURDAY 22ND JULY: ARRIVAL DAY

We will provide transport from the airport to your accommodation downtown thanks to our Welcome Committee.

SUNDAY 23RD JULY: POLITEÍA ENCOUNTER SESSION

We will be having our introductory session at Los Pinos, the Presidential Official Residence, where we'll have the opportunity to get to know each other, share our experiences in our own organizations and further discuss our expectations of the weeklong event. A cultural/ gastronomical activity will accompany the occasion.

Venue: Los Pinos, Presidential Official Residence

DAY 1. MONDAY 24TH JULY: An approach to the context of Latin America

The first day will open the door to the problematic of the region from the geopolitics of several selected countries. It will also present some of the shared challenges such as corruption, migration, drug trafficking and national security.

Venue: Secretariat of Foreign Affairs

DAY 2. THURSDAY 25TH JULY: The dilemma for Mexico in the XXI century

Thanks to a panel format we will hear speakers from different political and ideological stands on topics as inequality, political plurality and the concept of a new citizenry through civic participation.

Venue: Senate of the Republic

DAY 3. WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY: Sustainable Development

The third day will expose a globally shared challenge and explore in depth the conversations around global warming and biodiversity in a comparative of several selected countries in Latin America. We will finally have a panel where speakers from NGO's will exchange their views on the matter with speakers from intergovernmental organizations.

Venue: Casa Lamm Cultural Center

DAY 4. TUESDAY 27TH JULY: The humanitarian crisis of the region

The fourth day will reflect on the topic of the human rights crisis. First of all, it will study the topic in the perspective of democracy and state crimes, in a comparative between Venezuela, Cuba and Mexico. Afterwards, it will center on the Mexican case to further understand the situation of crime, the violence, the feminicides and the struggle for equality.

Venue: MUAC University Museum of Contemporary Art

DAY 5. FRIDAY 28TH JULY: The construct of a national identity

This day will cover topics surrounding the Latin-American identity. From the angle of multiculturalism, the richness of the cultural heritage to the challenges of the social and political inclusion of Mexico's indigenous population. This day will also welcome a practitioner's perspective, as we will hear from artists and creators who will give their own view on the construction of a Latin-American identity, as well as an approach to soft power strategies in international relations.

Venue: Cultural Center Jesús Reyes Heróles

SATURDAY 29TH JULY: CULTURAL DAY

On this day we will all visit the Pyramids of Teotihuacan alongside an archeologist who will accompany us on the discovery of this historical place just outside Mexico City.

SUNDAY 30TH JULY: CULTURAL DAY

On this last day we will propose several visit routes for museums and emblematic places in the city to finally get together one last time in a Farewell party, preceded by a small private concert of Mexican traditional music.

