

CALL: The Academy of the Political Responsibility 2016

Boris Divkovic Foundation calls for the application for the Academy of Political Responsibility 2016

Application deadline: November 10, 2016

After successful realization of the two generations of the Academy (in 2014 and 2015), Boris Divkovic Foundation calls for the application for the third generation of Boris Divkovic Political Academy, whose educational programme is intended for the young politicians, students of political and other social sciences and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations which deal with the political perception of the youth and the responsible politics in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The goal of the Political Academy is to provide education that will prepare the young adults for the political act, while promoting the idea of dialogue, ethical and responsible politics.

The title of the Academy is *The Academy of the Political Responsibility* which will be introduced through the concept of Weltethos, founded in Germany, as the idea of the German theologian Hans Kung on the correlation of religion towards the different segments of the social interaction, which, also, gives the grounds for the new regional political culture. This Academy is a part of the educational program of Boris Divkovic Foundation, and its goals are to promote the responsible political interaction and to gather the young adults from various BH political parties and NGOs, who wish to contribute to the establishment of the functional political institutions and democratic society.

The goals of the Academy of the Political Responsibility are:

The problems that BH society and young adults who wish to be, or already are, active in politics are facing are the problems of the ethnic division, and we believe that these problems are not minutely analyzed or spoken about, nor have the proper solutions for these problems been offered. Moreover, the problems of the ethnic division are the causes of numerous problems in dysfunctional political system in B&H, as, for example, ethnic discrimination, human rights, rights of the minorities and sensitive society groups, the role of the secular state i.e. the relation of the dominant religious communities towards the state institutions and the political act. All these issues are the relevant topics on BH political scene that have not been analyzed at the political academies held across B&H, and which are not represented in the political engagement of the youth. For this reason, we wish to discuss these neglected topics that relate to the different segments of the BH society and are part of the responsible approach to the political activity and establishment of the new political culture in B&H.

The new political culture is an unavoidable condition for the effective functioning of the political structure and peaceful coexistence in B&H. Without the new political culture, it will be impossible to overcome the acute political crisis in B&H, including the constitutional-territorial structure and post war-transitional traumas which reflect in various segments of the society. With the education of youth who will represent the new generation of politicians and with the discussions on topics which are currently not present on BH political scene, we can make impact and introduce positive examples to BH political scene.

The Academy of the Political Responsibility is intended for:

- Young politicians from various BH political parties
- Young members of the various political structures of a country (parliaments, ministries, governments, etc.)
- Youth from the various NGOs which mainly deal with politics
- Young journalists who mainly deal with the analysis and presentation of the country's political processes

The Academies:

The Academy of the Political Responsibility lasts three days. It covers the topics that relate to the political culture, the dominant paradigm of the regional political culture, the relation of politics, civil society and education, the politics of remembering and post-war trauma, the definition of media as the space for the manifestation and figuration of the political culture, the relation of religion and economy in the political context, the global political portrait and the relation of politics and gender equality.

Academy time and venue:

The Academy will take place at Franjevacaki samostan sv. Bonaventure in Visoko, December 9-11, 2016.

Academy expenses:

The organizers cover the travel, accommodation, food, refreshment and Academy participation expenses.

How to apply for the Academy?

If you are member/part of the above-listed target groups and you wish to participate at the Academy, we kindly ask you to submit your application by November 10, 2016 via email at office@bdf.ba.

The application (word or PDF document) should include:

- A brief biography (up to two pages),
- A short motivation letter (up to two pages), with the brief review on the topics that will be introduced at the Academy and the information how you intend to use the knowledge and acquaintances acquired.

The application must contain personal contact number, email address and the information for which party/NGO/press house you are applying for, as well as the information whether you are positioned at any of the legislative or executive authority of the canton, entity or state, NGO or press house.

The Academy plans to be held for 20 participants.

In the case greater number of applications is received, the organizers will elect the participants based on the gender, political party, NGO or press, as well as regional representation. The elected participants will be notified by November 21, 2016.

The Academy of the Political Responsibility organizes:

Boris Divkovic Foundation is established in 2013 with the aim to improve the political science and political practices in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Foundation promotes the responsible politics that serves all citizens and acts on the principles of equality, coexistence and solidarity.

The vision of Boris Divkovic Foundation has tendency to harmonize the political activity with the basic moral principles, which is what Boris Divkovic has committed for during his engagement. Wide dispersal of the idea that the relationship between moral and politics is impossible is a consequence of the decades of governance of the irresponsible politics. Boris Divkovic Foundation values the assumption that it is possible and it is necessary to carry out the ideological decontamination of the term of politics in the public space, which then makes the basics for the involvement of the honest and responsible people in the BH political processes.