The University of Public Administration for the State of North-Rhine Westphalia and the Bachelor of Arts in Global Governance of the University of Rome Tor Vergata present this year’s edition of a “Winter School” in the fields of Public law, Local Government and Political Institutions. The aim of the initiative is to foster the following elements: cooperation among the students, knowledge of respective legal and economic institutions, mutual understanding of the main features of Italian, German and European legal orders and political institutions.

Winter School 2016
Politics and Institutions in Germany and Italy: innovations and common trends

Monday February 29th
10.00 Inaugural Address by the Director of the B.A. in Global Governance Prof. Gustavo Piga
10.30 Presentation of the Program, Prof. Matthias Einmahl, Prof. Andrea Buratti
First Panel: Common Trends in Politics, Political Parties and Representative democracy
11.00 Political parties, populism and extremism in Italy, Germany and other EU member states. Presentations by Stefanie Löhrer, Jacopo Tramontano, Luisa Lorè
12.00 The role of the first Chamber of Parliament in Germany and Italy (Bundestag and Camera dei deputati) and the role of the European Parliament. Presentations by Benjamin Schmidt, Delfina Belli, Benedetta Mina
13.00 Discussion
13.30 Conclusion

Tuesday March 1st
Second Panel: Common trends in Federalism and local government
10.00 The role of the second Chamber of Parliament (Bundesrat and Senato). Presentations by Laura Wiese, Piermario Travagli
10.40 Federalism and regionalism: the role of Bundesländer and Regioni. Presentations by Jule Frankewitz, Ernesto Cifaldi
11.30 Coffee-break
12.00 Discussion
13.00 Conclusion

Wednesday March 2nd
Third Panel: Common trends in the protection of fundamental rights and constitutional adjudication
10.00 The role of the Constitutional Court in Germany and Italy and the role of the European Court of Justice. Presentations by Luca von Borzyskowski, Giulia Parenti, Federica Fabiano
11.00 The protection of human rights: national jurisdiction, European Court of Justice, European Court of human rights. Presentations by Johanna Schwolow, Gaia Renzi, Angelo De Lauro
12.00 Discussion
13.00 Lunch break
14.30 Freedom of religion: trends, legislation and jurisprudence in Germany, Italy and on the EU level. Presentations by Greta Albertari, Sara Capone
15.10 Homosexuality and Equality: trends, legislation and jurisprudence in Germany, Italy and on the EU level. Presentations by Andrea Fulgenzi, Beatrice Aureli
16.00 Discussion
16.30 Conclusive remarks