A Tale of Two Cities:  
**Debrecen**, the Calvinist Rome and **Eger**, the Stronghold of Christian Europe  
2–15 August 2015  
60 classes, 6 ETCS credits

**Course Description:**

This course is designed as a unique *travelling summer programme* and offered for those people who are interested in Central European and particularly Hungarian history from an all-European perspective. While the idea is to revive and understand the events—the Turkish invasion of Europe and the spreading of the Reformation—that changed the course of life and development in this part of the world, students of the course will have ample opportunities to visit historic sites in both Debrecen and Eger and to experience the living heritage of the past in an interactive way.

**Week 1: Debrecen, the Calvinist Rome (30 classes)**

The Debrecen part of the course will focus on the role that Calvinism played in shaping Hungarian culture in general and the culture of the city in particular. Calvinism will be presented not only as a denomination of Christianity but also as an attitude, a mentality and culture. The morning lectures/seminars will focus on the historical context in which Debrecen should be seen, the main features of Calvinism and some major figures of Hungarian literature with a Calvinist background. The afternoon sessions will introduce the students to the church architecture of Debrecen (from medieval times to the present), the main historic sites of the Calvinist College, the collection of Déri Museum and that of Medgyessy Museum.

**Week 2: Eger, the Stronghold of Christian Europe (30 classes)**

This summer course focuses primarily on Medieval Eger – a tumultuous age which, saw the town besieged by Ottoman forces on two occasions; the first, in 1552, inspired one of Hungary’s best-loved books; the second, led to an Ottoman occupation for almost a century. After the town was liberated, Eger’s ‘Golden Age’ can be said to have begun, framed by the beautiful Baroque townscape. Course participants will have the opportunity to investigate this period from a historical, literary and musical perspective, including an interactive introduction to medieval clothing, armaments and the culinary arts. Furthermore, the programme will shine a light on the disparate elements that make Eger what it is today, a cultural stronghold of European values and an exciting urban space: its Turkish heritage (including the Turkish Bath, the Valide Sultana Bath and the Minaret), the symbols of Catholicism (The Castle, the Basilica and the Lyceum), its flourishing wine industry and the vibrant arts and cultural scene.

**Major topics:**

Hungary and the Reformation in Europe; Debrecen and the Reformed College; international relations in the 16th centuries; the influence of the Reformation on everyday life, politics, the arts and education; Hungary and the Turkish invasion; battles against the Turks; the Siege of Eger; Gárdonyi and the Stars of Eger (the cultural heritage in music, literature and the visual arts; Turkish influences in Hungary
Structure of the Course:
- 2 blocks of classes (2 x 90 min) and 1 block (90 min) of site visit a day
- examination offered at the end of the course (ECTS credits)

Cultural Activities:
- Hungarian folk night and gastronomy
- film screening
- open-air events
- weekend excursion

Dates & Reminders:
- Debrecen programme: 2 – 7 August
- Eger programme: 8 – 15 August
- registration: 2 August (Sunday), 14.00–18.00
- excursion to Eger: 8 August (Saturday)
- check-out time: 15 August (Saturday), before 10.00

Accommodation and Meals:
- on-campus accommodation
- upon request, we will send you a list of other accommodation facilities in Debrecen
- full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- other dining options: lunch and dinner at nearby restaurants

Course Fees*:

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<td>On-campus accommodation:</td>
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*All bank charges must be paid by the remitter. (Our banks charges are 10,00 EUR if you pay in Euro).

Application Deadline: 31 May 2015

To apply, please send us a completed application form together with two passport photos and proof of payment of the 60 EUR registration fee.

*Please note that launching thematic courses will require the registration of at least 6 participants.