



### **Summer School: Chess in Primary Education**

Girona, Spain 2-6 July 2018

What is research telling us about the benefits of chess and the best ways of teaching it? How can chess help to improve learning motivation and develop a growth mindset in your students? How can you apply mini games, chess variants and puzzles to promote mathematical, logical and metacognitive skills? These are core themes of the Summer School “Chess in Primary Education” to be held on 2-6 July 2018 at the University Girona in Spain.

The first ever international post-graduate course on scholastic chess is part of the CHAMPS Erasmus Plus project which was launched during the London Chess Conference in December 2017. The Summer School will bring together teachers and teacher trainers from across Europe for an intensive week of advanced professional development under the lead of Professors Fernand Gobet (Cognitive Psychology), Barry Hymer (Educational Psychology) and Jorge Nuno Silva (Mathematics and Games). Methods and materials developed in the CHAMPS are part of the course. John Foley (ECU Education Commission) and Stefan Löffler (CHAMPS) will also be presenting along with experts from the Chess Laboratory at the University of Girona.

Attendees will receive a certificate and 3 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System).

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Applicants should have experience of teaching chess in schools and be qualified school teachers or have a relevant degree. Applications are also welcome from those who train teachers, develop school chess materials, evaluate school chess projects or plan to do research in the field.

The reduced course fee of €300 is available until 5 May 2018 (€350 thereafter). It includes course materials and refreshments. Thanks to a grant from the ECU, ten applicants can participate without paying the course fee subject to a means test.

Girona is a beautiful ancient town known for its excellent restaurants. Girona is half an hour drive from the Costa Brava and an hour to Barcelona. Accommodation in a modern student house with personal bathroom, kitchenette and wifi is available for €27 in single and €19 double per person and night.

Registration Girona Summer School: <http://www.fundacioudg.org/ca/chess-summer-school.html>

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