

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – International Academic Week 2021

Memory Cultures since 1945: German-Southeast European Entangled History



Date: 4 – 8 October 2021

Venue: Akademie für Politische Bildung in Tutzing

The International Academic Week is the Southeast Europe Association's (Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft – SOG) annual key event to bring together early-career researchers (MA/ PhD/ Post-Doc levels) and experienced scholars from all over Europe and beyond to present and discuss their research on the region. As always, it will take place in cooperation with the *Akademie für Politische Bildung* at the beautiful Lake Starnberg in Tutzing and in parts online from 4- 8 October 2021. The conference language will be English.

This year's conference is hosted by Prof. Dr. Christian Voss (Berlin), Dr. Sabina Ferhadbegović (Jena), and A/Prof. Dr. Kateřina Králová (Prag/Berlin) and will focus on the topic of Memory Cultures since 1945. Early career researchers with an academic background in history, geography, social sciences and humanities in general who are focusing in their present research on Memory Cultures are cordially invited to apply for active participation with either an own paper or poster presentation. A limited number of places will also be available for participants without a paper or poster. This is the draft list of panels you may apply to, including also the confirmed senior speakers:

OPENING PANEL

Sabina Ferhadbegović (Jena), Kateřina Králová (Prag/Berlin), Christian Voss (Berlin)

Keynote: Ljiljana Radonić (Wien)

PANEL “MEMORY CULTURES DURING THE COLD WAR”

The dealing with the World War II past has been influenced in the aftermath by the East-West polarization during the Cold War and the inclusion of Southeast Europe into the communist social experiment. The focus on the 1950s-1980s shall carve out the discursive predispositions in different socialist countries (case studies from Albania, Russia/Ukraine, and Romania) that influenced bi- and international agreements as well as textbook policy and national cultures of remembrance.

- Zoltán Tibori-Szabó (Cluj)
- Artan Puto (Tirana)
- Jan Claas Behrends (Potsdam)

PANEL “WORLD WAR II: THE YUGOSLAV LEGACY”

In the communists’ founding myth, the Yugoslav people rose not only against the occupiers during World War II. They also overturned the “bourgeois system” and carried out a revolution. Two dominant narratives of Socialist Yugoslavia - the image of “Brotherhood and Unity” of the Yugoslav population and the narrative of the “people’s liberation movement” – have their origin in World War II. In this panel, we intend to discuss how the remembrance of World War II was used to enforce and legitimize social and political developments in Yugoslavia.

- Jelena Batinić (Stanford)
- Tea Sindbaek Andersen (Kopenhagen)
- Heike Karge (Regensburg)
- Marija Vulesica (Berlin)

PANEL “THE HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDES”

When in 1944 Raphael Lemkin introduced the term genocide in his book on the Axis powers in Europe, he was also thinking about Armenia in 1915. The term’s definition soon became part of the UN Genocide Convention. Often disputed academically but also widespread outside of historical research and Holocaust studies, in this panel we will discuss genocide not only theoretically but also interpreted within case studies on contested perpetrators and in the context of the Holocaust aftermath.

- Emil Kerenji (Washington)
- Nadège Ragaru (Paris)
- Annette Becker (Paris)

PANEL “COLLABORATION AND RESISTANCE”

The question of collaboration and complicity with the Axis powers, on the one hand, and the resistance against the occupation in the respective Southeast European societies on the other hand is highly disputed until today. Often collaboration with occupying powers and local fascist organizations is glorified and exterritorialized without looking at the antisemitic, nationalist, or ideological origins in the respective states and their consequences. In this panel, we intend to discuss which developments and local premises led to which kind of collaboration with occupying powers and where resistance movements were established.

- Franziska Zaugg (Bern)
- Alexander Korb (Leicester)
- Spyros Tsoutsoumpis (Bukarest)

PANEL “CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, REPARATIONS, LUSTRATION”

Dealing with the crimes of the Second World War established both new legal frameworks and new discursive approaches. The subsequent disputes in the Cold War context and beyond will be the focus of this panel.

We will discuss not only international and bilateral political agreements but also their local implications in Southeastern Europe.

- Sabina Ferhadbegović (Jena)
- Kateřina Králová (Prag/Berlin)
- Florian Jeßberger (Berlin)

PANEL “CURRENT RIGHT-WING POPULISM AND CULTURES OF REMEMBRANCE”

In this round-table session, the panelists will compare similarities and differences of top-down approaches of political actors across East and Southeast Europe. They will discuss how civil society and academia face these challenges towards liberal democracy.

- Barbara Törnquist-Plewa (Lund)
- Ferenc Laczo (Maastricht)



Deadline for application: 4 July 2021

You may apply for three different options of participation:

- Participation with paper (abstract and short CV required)
- Participation with poster (abstract/description and short CV required)
- Participation without own contribution (short CV required)

The abstract should include your presentation's/ poster's title and summarize the main issues and research questions you are going to address. Your CV should outline your academic status and offer information on the project your paper or poster is derived from (e.g. Master thesis, PhD, etc.). **Please register on our website for your preferred option and upload the necessary documents:** <https://www.sogde.org/de/formulare/hsw-2021-call-for-applications/>

For all applicants accepted for active participation the Southeast Europe Association will cover travel expenses, boarding and lodging. We expect you to participate in the entire conference (4 – 8 October 2021) in Tutzing (close to Munich, see <https://www.apb-tutzing.de/english/>).

Travel expenses can be usually covered up to the amount of a 2nd class train ticket to/from Tutzing. In cases of lacking accessibility with train or bus we will check options for travel with alternative means, including flight connections.

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