



CfP: 28th Conference of junior scholars in the field of East European studies

The annual conference of junior scholars in East European studies (JOE) will take place from September 30 – October 2, 2021 in Zurich. The conference provides an overview of current research projects on Eastern Europe in the German-speaking area. It enables interdisciplinary exchange regarding Eastern Europe and networking among young scholars. The conference aims to bring together scholars from various disciplines focusing on Eastern Europe (including Central and Southeastern Europe), namely advanced students, Ph.D. candidates, and young scholars who have already completed their doctoral research. Moreover, the conference encourages all participants to present and discuss their research projects with other prospective scholars and qualified professionals.

Since last year the conference was postponed to 2021 due to the pandemic, some speakers from last year's application process have already been determined. Even if the conference always takes place without the main topic, it still offers some free places on the following topics:

- Making space: architecture, society, the state.
- State and civil society in the post-Soviet space.
- Intertextuality: Eastern European literature in a European context.
- Foreign policy and economic issues.
- Multi-ethnic empires? National and religious minorities in the 18th and 19th centuries.
- Civil society structures and protest movements.
- Social and Health Policy in Eastern Europe.
- Self-perception and external perception of migration.

In addition, proposals for panels consisting of three contributions could be suggested. The language of the conference is German, although contributions may be submitted and presented in English.

The conference will take place in attendance under the health requirements of the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH). If the conference couldn't take place due to COVID-19, it will be organized digitally.

The conference is organized by the German Association for East European Studies (DGO), the Research Centre for East European Studies (FSO) at the University of Bremen, and the host institution Center for Eastern European Studies (CEES) at the University of Zurich. The costs for accommodation and catering are covered by the organizers. If not otherwise granted (e.g. by the home institution) travel expenses will be refunded by the CEES but the expected maximum amount granted is 100 Euro.

Suggestions for individual projects:

- An abstract of maximum 500 words which relates to the research question, findings, theoretical approach and method (intended for publication in the conference reader).
- Information about the status of the research project and institutional affiliation.

Suggestions for panels

- Summary of maximum 200 words with the title, topic, and target of the panel.
- Abstracts and information on the individual texts (see below).
- A panel should consist of three speakers and represent at least two different institutions.

We kindly ask you to provide your application as one single document in PDF.

Please send your abstract by 28 June to joe-tagung@uni-bremen.de.

Selection decisions will be communicated by the end of June 2021.

In the case of acceptance to the conference, you have to submit a German or English-language paper (max. 3,000 words) by August 15, 2021. It will be made accessible to the other participants prior to the conference.