



NEWSLETTER

Call for Papers

- *The Journal of War and Culture Studies* has been at the forefront of the cultural turn in war studies from its first issue in 2008. Since then it has expanded beyond its original base in Modern Languages and twentieth-century European Studies to become truly global and to encompass research from the late eighteenth century to the present day from both the Arts and Humanities and the Social Sciences. We now invite postgraduate researchers and early career scholars (defined as those who have been awarded a doctorate since January 2016) to send their reflections on the topic War and Culture Studies - What Next? for a special to be published in 2023. There are no prescribed themes for this special issue. Instead, we invite authors to demonstrate how their own research specialism is establishing new ways of working in, and of understanding, the field. Website: https://think.taylorandfrancis.com/special_issues/journal-war-culture-studies/.
- *The postgraduate student journal Slovo*, which is based at School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES), University College London (UCL), is looking for papers for its upcoming autumn issue with a special theme on 'marginalized subjects'. As a department focusing on Slavonic and East European Studies, the recent tragedy in Ukraine urges us to de-colonize the previously Russia-focused research orientation, and we would like to use the Slovo journal to encourage and support research premised on formerly marginalized subjects. This issue will be mainly concerned with marginalised subjects, cultures, and positionalities in the region of our focus, i.e. Central, East and South East Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia. We welcome submissions which treat this theme from the vantage point of various academic disciplines — from history and politics to literature and anthropology. We deliberately leave this theme open-ended since we are open to the multifarious ways in which prospective authors interpret it. In addition to research papers (approximately 7000 words in length), we encourage book and film review submissions (approximately 700 words), translation of literature and scholarship unpublished in the English language, as well as original poetry inspired by both our theme and the region. The deadline for submission is **7 August 2022**. All submissions should be made via Slovo's website: <https://student-journals.ucl.ac.uk/slovo/submissions/>.
- *The Central Asia Research Cluster* seeks to bring together an interdisciplinary group of scholars to examine the *roots of knowledge production and preservation in Soviet and Post-Soviet Central Asia*, recontextualizing cultural heritage, histories, and memory that illuminate and complicate the many layers of center-periphery relations at local, national, and regional levels. This cluster aims not only to focus on "peripheral" stories and archives in a geographical sense, but also to engage with the diversity of genealogies of thinking, remembering, performing, and producing knowledge in Central Asia. The manuscripts created for this project can either be co-published, or submitted by individual researchers. Abstracts (250 words) with a short bio must be submitted by **August 11, 2022**, to the cluster organizers (centralasiaresearchcluster@gmail.com). In addition, please indicate the language you will be using to write the manuscript. In order to foster collaboration, we are accepting abstracts in English and Russian. We welcome submissions from authors based in any country. Those abstracts given the green light must be developed into papers by January 31, 2023. Each manuscript will be evaluated through the normal review processes of *Slavic Review* and *Slavic & East European Information Resources* to see whether it is acceptable for publication on its own merits. Articles not selected by *Slavic Review* and *Slavic & East European Information Resources* to be part of the cluster issues will undergo a separate review process performed by the Central Asia Research Cluster editorial board and upon selection, be published as part of a collective monograph. Website: https://sites.google.com/view/centralasiaresearchcluster/information-for-authors/call-for-proposals?fbclid=IwAR2G2ZoAANTlprkPviR_cwCKoj6XI0z1dOXGEi84sLD0TS4LTER8-oKeWSc.

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- **International Studies** now cordially invites articles for its Winter 2022 issue. In addition to papers within the broader thematic scope of the journal, the Winter 2022 issue includes a special thematic interest in the topic International Relations after 2022. International Studies is a double-blind peer-reviewed scholarly journal published by Libertas International University <<https://www.libertas.hr/en/>> (Zagreb, Croatia). The journal welcomes submissions within its thematic scope that includes international relations, foreign policy, international economics, and related fields such as the social sciences, humanities, political science, economics, history, philosophy, etc. The journal approaches international relations in a broader sense and encourages an interdisciplinary approach. Articles are accepted and published in either English or Croatian. The journal is published biannually in Platinum Open Access and does not charge any article submission or processing fees. International Studies is indexed in over 20 scholarly databases and services, including CEEOL, DOAJ, EBSCOhost, ERIH PLUS. Book reviews are also welcome. For more information, please consult our website: <https://hrcak.srce.hr/en/medunarodnestudije>.

Conference Calls

- **Summer Institute for the Study of East Central and Southeastern Europe 2022-23, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, 1-15 June 2023.** The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) invites applications for the Summer Institute for the Study of East Central and Southeastern Europe 2022-23 competition. In partnership with the Centre for Advanced Study Sofia (CAS), ACLS will convene leading scholars from Eastern Europe and North America for a two-week residency, hosted by the American University in Bulgaria, in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria from June 1 to June 15, 2023. SISECE will provide participating scholars with time to dedicate to their own research and writing in a collaborative and interdisciplinary setting. The program will cover travel, accommodation, and per diem expenses. Institute members will be expected to be in residence and to participate in all planned events for the duration of the institute. Learn More About Application and Eligibility Requirements: <https://acls.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=308a35b2c3e34e9b41bea422d&id=32050089f2&e=b466d45641>. In addition to conducting their own research, scholars will have the opportunity to participate in small group writing workshops, as well as a series of discussions on a key topic of shared academic interest. In 2023, we will explore 'Scholarly Writing in the Digital Age'. Applications must be submitted in English, but the written work produced by the fellow or grantee can be in any language. Work proposed must be in the humanities and interpretive social sciences <https://acls.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=308a35b2c3e34e9b41bea422d&id=4a8a194897&e=b466d45641> and must employ humanistic approaches and methods. Deadline: **December 1, 2022, 9 pm EST.**
- As a part of the **Jean Monnet Networking Linking to "Europe" at the Periphery (LEAP) project**, we are organizing a two-day workshop for scholars, early career researchers and doctoral students and experts—representing different fields of social sciences and humanities—to contribute the topic of how **"Europe" is contested at the periphery in the time of crisis**. The workshop includes a seminar by Professor Simon Usherwood (Open University/the UK) on "how emergent national eurosceptic movements benchmark against other countries". The workshop is organized by **Eskişehir Osmangazi University (Turkey)** and will take place in Eskişehir on **15th -16th October 2022**. There is no participation fee for this workshop. The organizers will also cover accommodation, lunch and coffee breaks for all the participants. There could possibly be a limited travel budget for selected early career researchers submitting the full papers and travelling outside of Eskişehir. Please, send a 250 word abstract in English to the following email: alionur.ozcelik@gmail.com until **20th August, 2022**. Decisions on submitted abstracts will be communicated by 25th August, 2022. Successful candidates should submit their full papers by 30th September, 2022. seminar on Euroscepticism as a transnational and pan-European phenomenon. Papers presented at the workshop will be compiled in a special issue in a high-impact academic journal. Website: <https://www.leapjmnetwork.com/activity/w3>.
- **Romanian Centre for Russian Studies from the University of Bucharest (Romania) in partnership with the Fridtjof Nansen Institute in Oslo (Norway) invite you to the international conference "Geopolitical challenges of the Russo-Ukrainian war, from the Black Sea to the Arctic Ocean" in November 3rd - 5th, 2022.** The conference will held in hybrid format: in-person meeting in Bucharest, and virtual meeting on specialized platform. We encourage, of course, in-person participation in the conference. As part of our endeavour to support early career researchers of Russian studies we offer to a limited number of participants financial support to cover accommodation (three days in three stars hotel) and travel (in the limit of 250 euros). Deadline, **September 25th, 2022**. Website: <https://www.leapjmnetwork.com/activity/w3>.
- **International Conference (online) Corruption and Clientelism: Exploring Recent Developments, 18-19 August 2022 (Babes-Bolyai University Cluj).** Many countries around the world, especially the new democracies and transitional societies, are plagued by clientelism and corruption. Its prevalence in many contexts raises questions about how it works and what are its consequences. Earlier research emphasizes their instrumental use for electoral manipulation and mobilization, the means through which political parties develop networks in society, and the multi-faceted conditions in which these linkages develop. The consequences of corruption and clientelism were studied mainly in relation to how benefits can enhance the trust and legitimacy of public authorities, the advantages brought by financial incentives to different types of candidates, and the broader effects for party politics and functioning of the political system. This conference aims to bring together works addressing, but not limited to, any of these points. The event will gather a group of 15-20 researchers working on these topics in order to facilitate the knowledge sharing and a better understanding of current events. The conference encourages contributions from all over the world, it does not have a particular geographic focus. The organizers strive for a balance between established academics and early career scholars (including PhD candidates). We encourage theoretical, empirical or methodological papers related to the topics of the conference. This is an online event. Authors should fill a brief application form (available here https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jhQb3xZM2ELK_JDd36s1GmMPpgzsyzyrqi-ks9b9Bs/edit) until 5 August 2022. The results of the selection process will be communicated on 7 August. Early applications are encouraged since they will be assessed on a rolling basis. More details about the conference are available at <https://clientro.granturi.ubbcluj.ro>

Calls for projects/Fellowships

- **Junior and Senior Core Fellowships 2023/24.** The Institute for Advanced Study at CEU (IAS CEU) is pleased to invite applications for its core junior and senior fellowship programs for the academic year 2023/24. Fellowships are available in all research areas of the social sciences and humanities, broadly defined. Fellowships run for the full 9-month period (October-June), for the 3-month short fall semester (October-December), the 5-month fall semester (October-February) or the 6-month spring semester (January-June). Young scholars with demonstrable promise of excellence will be considered; established senior scholars are expected to have solid records of first-rate scholarship. All disciplines within this remit are welcome. A primary criterion for selection is the expectation that each fellow's stay at the Institute will yield original and significant research results. Scholars at IAS CEU receive a monthly stipend and accommodation in the Raoul Wallenberg Guesthouse, located in the Castle district and in close proximity to the Campus. Fellows are expected to reside in Budapest during their fellowship year, participate in the intellectual life of the Institute, and pursue their research agenda. The deadline for application is **25 August, 2022**. Website: https://ias.ceu.edu/sites/ias.ceu.edu/files/attachment/basicpage/557/juniorandseniorcorefellowshipsatiasceu2023-2024fin_1.pdf.
- **ERC Starting Grants 2023.** The ERC Starting Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they are starting their own independent research team or programme. Principal Investigators must demonstrate the ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of their scientific proposal. Starting Grants may be awarded up to a maximum of EUR 1 500 000 for a period of 5 years. The maximum size of the grants is reduced pro rata temporis for projects of a shorter duration. (This does not apply to ongoing projects). Additional funding up to EUR 1 000 000 can be requested in the proposal to cover the following eligible costs when these are necessary to carry out the proposed work: (a) "start-up" costs for Principal Investigators moving to the EU or an Associated Country from elsewhere as a consequence of receiving the ERC grant, and/or (b) the purchase of major equipment, and/or (c) access to large facilities, and/or (d) other major experimental and field work costs, excluding personnel costs. Additional funding is not subject to pro rata temporis reduction for projects of shorter duration. All funding requested is assessed during evaluation. The Principal Investigators shall have successfully defended their first PhD at least 2 and up to 7 years prior to 1 January 2023. Cut-off dates: Successful defence of PhD between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2020 (inclusive). The ERC actions are open to researchers of any nationality who intend to conduct their research activity in any EU Member State or Associated Country (see Annex 3 of the ERC Work Programme 2023). Principal Investigators may be of any age and nationality and may reside in any country in the world at the time of the application. There are specific eligibility criteria for a Principal Investigator applying to the Starting Grants based on the date of the successful defence of their first PhD (or equivalent doctoral degree) as described in the ERC Work Programme 2023 (see also Annex 2 'ERC policy on PhD and equivalent doctoral degrees' and specific provisions for applicants holding a degree in medicine). All Principal Investigators funded through an ERC Starting Grant must spend a minimum of 50% of their working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country and a minimum of 50% of their working time on the ERC project. A competitive Starting Grant Principal Investigator must have already shown the potential for research independence and evidence of maturity, for example by having produced at least one important publication as main author or without the participation of their PhD supervisor. Applicant Principal Investigators should also be able to demonstrate a promising track record of early achievements appropriate to their research field and career stage, including, e.g. significant publications (as main author) in major international peer-reviewed multidisciplinary scientific journals, or significant publications in the leading international peer-reviewed journals of their respective field, or research monographs. They may also demonstrate a record of invited presentations in well-established international conferences, granted patents, awards, prizes, or any other scientific achievements they deem relevant in relation to their research field and project. Complete proposals must be submitted via the submission tool available through the Funding & Tenders Portal until the **25th of October 2022 17:00:00** Brussels time. Proposal submission and description:

§ The Administrative form Part A (including the Ethics Issues Table and the Budget Section) is available in the submission tool below. The budget table and the justification of the Resources are part of this online form Part A (Section 3 - Budget). For more details, please refer to section 2.3 of the ERC Information for Applicants.

§ Part B1, Part B2 and the Host Institution Binding Statement of Support templates are provided in the submission system as word-templates (they should be completed, uploaded and submitted via the submission tool as PDF files).

A complete proposal consists of the following elements (with the following page limits):

§ Extended Synopsis: 5 pages

§ Curriculum Vitae: 2 pages

§ Track Record: 2 pages

§ Scientific Proposal: 14 pages

§ Resources and Time Commitment: 2 pages

§ Host Institution Binding Statement of Support

§ Ethics Review Table

§ PhD record and supporting documentation for eligibility checking.

Website: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2023/wp_horizon-erc-2023_en.pdf.



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