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CALL FOR PAPERS

Oriented towards PhD students in history, as well as in other fields of the humanities and social sciences, this year's annual summer workshop will explore the diverse systems of governance that were envisioned from the early 19th century and have shaped societies throughout the 20th century and up to the present day. Our focus is both on Europe and global developments. The workshop will address the theory and practice of governance at various levels – from intellectuals and party ideologies to state institutions, social movements, companies and corporations, offering both top-down perspectives and views from a range of local and everyday practices. Participants are encouraged to examine themes such as democracy, authoritarianism, totalitarianism, utopian socialism and state communist systems, colonial and postcolonial governance, as well as destatisation, Yugoslav self-management and direct democracy. The impact of different forms of governance on social, cultural and economic life will also be considered, highlighting interactions between ruling structures on one side and local communities or the workplace on the other. By focusing on the dynamics of historical processes, we are interested in all stages of different systems of governance: from initial ideas to implementation, including possible crises, reforms, transitions and dissolutions.

Among the expected four keynote speakers are MIKE TYLDESLEY (Manchester Metropolitan University), ANA KLADNIK (University of Graz), MARKO ZAJC (Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana) and IGOR DUDA as one of the organisers.

So far, the Workshop has focused on various topics in contemporary history, the history of socialist Yugoslavia and wider European context: *The History of Everyday Life in Socialist Yugoslavia* (2015); *Yugoslav Socialism: Similarities and Exceptionalities* (2016); *A New Man for the Socialist Society* (2017); *Yugoslavia and the Global 1968: Contexts, Perspectives, Echoes* (2018); *Industrial Societies of Late Socialism: European Comparisons* (2019); *Cooperation, Exchange and Solidarity in Europe 1945-1990* (2020); *Microhistories of Socialism* (2021); *Microhistories of Socialism and Postsocialism* (2022); *What Was Europe? Perception, Division and Integration, 1940s-2010s* (2023); *Why Socialism Matters? Approaches to Research of the Political Idea and the Historical Period* (2024). The themes were often connected to the research projects at CKPIS or with the cooperation network around the Chair for South-East European History at the Humboldt University of Berlin. Over the past years, the Workshop has received an excellent response, with PhD students and lecturers coming from various universities and other institutions (Basel, Belgrade, Berlin, Bielefeld, Birmingham, Bochum, Bologna, Budapest, Cologne, Cork, Duisburg-Essen, Durham, Florence, Frankfurt, Genoa, Ghent, Giessen, Glasgow, Graz, Halle, Hamburg, Iași, Konstanz, Koper, Lisbon, Ljubljana, Montreal, Munich, North Carolina – Chapel Hill, Nottingham, Oxford, Paris, Potsdam, Prague, Princeton, Regensburg, Rome, San Diego, Sarajevo, Skopje, Sofia, Split, Tübingen, Turku, Vienna, Warsaw, Warwick, Zadar, Zagreb and Pula). Information on past workshops is available on our website.

Our objective is to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and ideas among PhD students, as well as foster participation in stimulating discussions. We aim to enhance networking and collaboration among young researchers and identify emerging research trends, particularly at the doctoral level.

Please, submit the online application form by May 15, 2025. The form includes the abstract (max. 200 words) and a short biographical note (max. 200 words). Acceptance notification will follow by the end of May. By July 10 the elected applicants are expected to send a short paper (max. 1,800 words), based on their dissertation or another research. The workshop language is English. Based on the paper, each presentation should last up to 15 minutes and will be followed by an immediate discussion. A certificate will be issued to PhD students confirming their participation and the value of 2 ECTS credits.

Participants are expected to arrive by late afternoon of Wednesday, August 27, when the workshop starts. The programme ends by noon on Saturday. The workshop venue is the University campus in Aldo Negri Street 6.

The participation fee is 130€. Payment information will follow after the selection process. As organisers, we will be able to cover accommodation (three nights with breakfast, single rooms in a hotel close to the venue), a meal per day and coffee breaks. The participants should organise their travel to Pula and cover its cost, hopefully with the support of their universities or other sources.

The online application form and all information are available on the website:

https://www.unipu.hr/ckpis/en/doctoral_workshop/2025

For any questions, please contact Tina at tinafilipovic.pu@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to your applications!

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