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CALL FOR PAPERS

Since 2015, every year at the end of summer, in Pula we organise a workshop for PhD students in history and related fields. Last year and now again, the theme is connected to the research project *Microstructures of Yugoslav Socialism: Croatia 1970–1990 (Microsocialism)*, which is financed by Croatian Science Foundation, and focuses on social, cultural, political and economic processes in Yugoslav late socialism on the microlevel. Last year the theme had a narrower time span, but now it includes the period from 1920s to 2020s, a hundred years of socialism and postsocialism, from the beginnings of the Soviet Union to the present, in the European and global context. We welcome papers on individuals, groups and communities, women and men, youth and elderly, urban and rural environments, factories, cooperatives and other collectives, work and leisure, local self-government and socio-political organizations, culture and media. We are also interested in connecting micro- and macrohistory, bottom-up and top-down approach, directives and practices, case studies placed between key events and the *longue durée* structures. Research on the *Microsocialism* project will thus be compared with a much broader context, different insights and interpretations. Lecturers will be the researchers on the project and other experts.

So far, the Workshop has focused on various topics in contemporary history, history of socialist Yugoslavia and the wider European context: *The History of Everyday Life in Socialist Yugoslavia*; *Yugoslav Socialism: Similarities and Exceptionalities*; *A New Man for the Socialist Society*; *Yugoslavia and the Global 1968: Contexts, Perspectives, Echoes*; *Industrial Societies of Late Socialism: European Comparisons*; *Cooperation, Exchange and Solidarity in Europe 1945–1990*; *Microhistories of Socialism*. 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 (Belgrade, Berlin, Birmingham, Bologna, Budapest, Cologne, Cork, Durham, Florence, Ghent, Giessen, Glasgow, Graz, Hamburg, Iași, Konstanz, Koper, Ljubljana, Montreal, Munich, North Carolina – Chapel Hill, Nottingham, Oxford, Paris, Potsdam, Prague, Princeton, Regensburg, San Diego, Sarajevo, Skopje, Sofia, Split, Vienna, Warsaw, Warwick, Zagreb and Pula). Information on past workshops is available on our website.

We hope the workshop will again attract PhD students in the field of history, as well as in other fields of humanities and social sciences. Our objective is to enable exchange of knowledge and ideas, as well as participation in motivating discussions. We would like to enhance networking and exchange among young researchers and map new research trends, especially at the level of PhD studies.

The filled application form needs to be sent to tinafilipovic.pu@gmail.com by May 15, 2022. The form includes the abstract (max. 200 words) and a short biographical note (max. 200 words). By July 15 the elected applicants are expected to send a paper (max. 1,800 words), based on their dissertation or another research, to the same address. The workshop languages for both the application form and the paper are English, Croatian, Serbian, Bosnian, Montenegrin, Slovene or Macedonian. Based on the paper, each presentation at the workshop should last up to 15 minutes. It will be followed by a 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 24, when the workshop starts. The programme ends by noon on Saturday. The workshop venue is the Student Dorm/Studentski dom (Preradović Street). Our goal is to have an in-person event, but if necessary, we are also ready to adjust to the hybrid or online mode.

As organisers, for around ten participants we are able to cover the cost of the first dinner (Wednesday) and two lunches (Thursday, Friday), as well as the accommodation (three nights) at the new student dorm in the city centre. The participants are expected to organise the travel to Pula and cover its cost, hopefully with the support of their universities or other sources.

The application form and all information are available at the website:
https://www.unipu.hr/ckpis/en/doctoral_workshop/2022.

We are looking forward to your applications!

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