

## **Human Migration and Social Integration in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century European Societies**

### **International and Interdisciplinary Summer School of the Herder Institute, Marburg, August 19-25, 2012**

Human migration – caused by war, but also by economic hardships and political decisions – has molded the social, economic and political development of numerous (East-Central) European states, especially in the 19th and 20th centuries. Key examples include the migration of Jews following the pogroms in the late 19th century Russian Empire, the migration of labourers from East Prussia to the Ruhr district, and the population transfers, flights or rather expulsions which were the consequence of both World War I and, particularly, World War II. These migrations, which mostly took place in several waves, influenced not only the identity of the immigrants, but also – to varying degrees – that of the societies which absorbed them, and which had to come to terms with them and the collective memory of their communities.

The summer academy of the Herder Institute aims at a critical analysis of current paradigms in migration research. It will focus on the causes of migration, on the role and impact of national, confessional and linguistic experiences of human migration, and on the attempts made at social integration, both for individuals and for the societies as a whole.

We invite any projects which carry out a theoretical or methodical approach to historical migration research or research on migration and integration (and related issues), as well as e.g. regional, local or biographical micro- and case-studies. The placing of focus on specific regions, topics or time-periods was intentionally left open for the particular projects, but in general the summer school will focus on various human migrations in East-Central Europe in the 19th and 20th centuries. Therefore, we are looking forward to receiving contributions on East-Central Europe as well as on other European areas, or even on regions beyond Europe, as well contributions focusing on to earlier eras. This will allow for diverse and comparative discussions on different epochs and regions.

The summer school adopts an interdisciplinary approach, but its main emphasis will be on cultural studies and history. It will include coursework on theoretical and empirical texts (a reader will be provided approximately four weeks before the summer academy starts) as well as the presentation of the participants' projects. In addition, renowned and recognised scholars will provide a reflection on the state of current research and on different paradigms in a number of keynote speeches.

We can provide a total of up to 20 places for qualified junior scholars (especially PhD students), from Germany as well as from abroad. Half of the vacancies will be assigned to persons from abroad. Travel and accommodation expenses, as well as a part of the food and refreshments, will be provided by the Herder Institute. We ask those participants coming from outside of Europe for their understanding that we might only be able to cover a portion of their travel expenses.

Presentations can be given in German or English, however participants should be able to comprehend both languages. A reader will be provided for all participants prior to the beginning of the summer academy. It is expected that all attendees will actively participate in the whole summer school [Arrival on 19.08.2012, start of the summer school on 20.08.2012 (9 o'clock), Departure on 25.08.2012 (in the afternoon)].

**The summer school will be chaired by:**

**Prof. Dr. Christian Kleinschmidt** (University of Marburg) studied history, social science and philosophy in Bochum (first state examination 1988); received the doctor's degree and the post-doctoral lecturer qualification at the University of Bochum in 2000; assistant professor at the WHU in Vallendar, interim professor in Münster, Mainz and Dortmund; 2007-2009 professor of modern history with an emphasis on contemporary history at the University of Paderborn; since 2009 professor for modern history with an emphasis on economic and social history at the University of Marburg. Current projects: Economic Relations between Germany and Turkey from 1945 to 1980. Focus of research: Economic and business history; history of marketing and consumption.

**Dr. Heidi Hein-Kircher** (Herder Institute): studied East-Central European and modern history, political science and Yiddish from 1989 to 1994 and conducted her doctorate from 1995 to 2000 at the University of Düsseldorf; from 2003 research fellow at the Herder Institute Marburg, since 2009 in charge of the 'Wissenschaftsforum' ['Scientific Forum']. Current project: Municipal Administration and National Movement in a Multi-Ethnic City: Lemberg in the 19th Century; a central focus of her research is on the question of minorities in East-Central Europe.

Dr. Heidi Hein-Kircher (heidi.hein-kircher@herder-institut.de or forum@herder-institut.de) will be happy to answer your questions regarding the summer school.

The programme of the summer school will be announced on all relevant forums.

Applications, including a 1-2 page abstract and a curriculum vitae, should be submitted (preferably electronically), by 31.03.2012 to:

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