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Докторантски изследователски стипендии на Ориент-Институт, гр. Истанбул

Orient-Institut, Istanbul отпуска стипендии за докторанти за академичната 2017/2018 г. Насърчава се по-специално кандидатстването на докторанти, чиито дисертации са свързани с изследването на ръкописи. Отпускат се стипендии за подпомагане на изследователска работа в една от изследователските области на института, които включват следните кръгове:

1. Музикологично проучване за Османската империя и Турция
2. Наративни извори за Истанбул и късния период на Османската империя
3. Исторически и съвременни форми на религиозно изразяване в Анадола от XI в. насетне
4. Ръкописна култура в Османската империя и Иран
5. Хора, медицина и общество

Стипендиите се състоят от месечно възнаграждение от **€ 1 100** за **6-месечен период**. Поемат се и транспортните разходи до и от Турция.

Кандидатите трябва да притежават магистърска степен в някоя от свързаните научни дисциплини. Очаква се кандидатите да владеят добре турски или друг език на изворите, с които ще работят. Очаква се стипендиантите да взимат участие в организираните от института научни прояви, както и да изнесат публично представяне на собствения си научноизследователски проект. Изследователските престои извън Истанбул трябва да бъдат съгласувани с директора на института.

Срокът за подаване на документи е **9 януари 2017 г.**

Повече информация за процедурата и документите за кандидатстване може да намерите в обявата:

<https://tezhamburg.files.wordpress.com/2016/10/stipend-announcement-oi-2017.pdf>

<http://www.oiist.org/ausschreibungen/stipendien/>

CEU Department of History | Apply for PhD and MA Scholarships!

The Department of History at Central European University (CEU) offers students interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives on the history of Eurasia from the late medieval period to the present. It is recognized for its innovative approaches to research and teaching and as a center for outstanding research advancing comparative and transnational history on empirical and theoretical grounds. Our international faculty offers expertise that extends from the history of the Habsburg, Romanov, and Ottoman Empires to the comparative study of totalitarian regimes in the 20th century; from comparative religious studies to numerous aspects of cultural and intellectual history.

CEU is an English-language, graduate university located in Budapest and accredited both in Hungary and the United States. It is committed to attracting talented students and scholars from around the world and take prides in the fact that there is no dominant nationality on campus. Our student/faculty ratio is 6:1, allowing for small, discussion-based seminars and close guidance from faculty members.

Scholarships and Application Deadline

The vast majority of our students receive generous financial aid packages, including full scholarships with stipends. Research grants are also available for all students regardless of nationality. The deadline to apply for admission with financial aid for the 2017-18 academic year is February 1, 2017.

Programs Offered

- Master of Arts in Comparative History (One Year)
- Master of Arts in Comparative History: From 1500 to the Present (Two Years)
- Master of Arts in European Women's and Gender History [MATILDA] (Two Years)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative History
- Additional Certificates in Various Specializations

Eastern Mediterranean Studies, Jewish Studies, Political Thought, Religious Studies, Science Studies, and Archives and Evidentiary Practices (in collaboration with the Vera and Donald Blinken Open Society Archives).

Selected Areas of Research

- Comparative history of communism
- Comparative history of fascism
- Comparative history of Habsburg, Ottoman, and Russian empires
- Comparative religious studies
- Cultural history
- Digital humanities
- Early modern history
- Gender studies
- Intellectual history
- Labor history
- Nationalism studies

- Russian, Ukrainian, and Eurasian history
- Social history
- South and South-East Asian Studies
- Soviet and post-Soviet studies
- Transnational and global history
- Urban studies

Follow this link: <https://history.ceu.edu/howtoapply> or write to Adela Hincu (hincu_adela-gabriela@phd.ceu.edu) for further information.

The Faculty of Humanities at the University of Copenhagen

is inviting applications for 16 PhD scholarships starting 1 September 2017 for a period of up to three years.

Application deadline: **22 January, 2017** at 23.59 (11.59 pm) (CET).

The applicant's qualifications for the scholarship are evaluated by taking into account the applicants' general educational and academic background such as the applicants' grade average, thesis grade, language competencies, publications and other academic activities given by the curriculum vitae as well as the duration of study especially during the applicants' MA programme.

In addition, the proposed PhD project and study plan will be evaluated by taking the following into consideration; originality, choice of theory and method, disciplinary relevance, and prospects for completion within the required timeframe of 36 months.

Furthermore, applicants are encouraged to reflect on how their projects are related to the research activities and the academic profile of the department in which they wish to be affiliated with.

The PhD projects must be related to a research area in one of the following departments:

1. SAXO Institute
2. Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies
3. Department of Arts and Cultural Studies
4. Royal School of Library and Information Science (RSLIS)

A short description of the research areas and departments of the Faculty of Humanities is available at their [website](#).

Please note that applications which do not fall within the research areas of the above mentioned departments will not be taken into consideration for a PhD scholarship.

For further information please see the application procedure and be advised that the Faculty reserves the right to administratively dismiss applications which do not adhere to the formal requirements. Please note that the project proposal including the study plan, figures etc. must not exceed 12,000 characters.

Application deadline: **January 22, 2014** at 23.59 (CET).

Please note that all applications must be submitted via the PhD School's website by using an electronic application system.

To see the full version of the call and information on how to apply, please visit the PhD School's website: http://phd.humanities.ku.dk/how_to_apply/calls/

Part of the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU), and among Europe's top-ranking universities, the University of Copenhagen promotes research and teaching of the highest international standard. Rich in tradition and modern in outlook, the University gives students and staff the opportunity to cultivate their talent in an ambitious and informal environment. An effective organisation – with good working conditions and a collaborative work culture – creates the ideal framework for a successful academic career.

ПРОГРАМНА ДЕЙНОСТ

- ГРАНТОВЕ
- КОНКУРСИ
- ПРОГРАМИ

Подкрепа на международни научни форуми, провеждани в Република България

Фонд „Научни изследвания“ отправя покана за кандидатстване за „Подкрепа на международни научни форуми, провеждани в Република България“

Цел на процедурата:

Подпомагане провеждането на международни научни форуми на принципа на споделено финансиране с цел установяване и задълбочаване на сътрудничеството на българските учени с водещи учени от чужбина, популяризиране на техните научни резултати и публикуване на материалите в реферирани издания.

Допустими кандидати:

- Акредитирани висши училища по чл. 85 ал.1 т.7 (ЗВО Обн. ДВ. бр.112 от 27 Декември 1995г. изм. ДВ. бр. 107 от 24 Декември 2014г).
- Научни организации по чл. 47 ал. 1 на (ЗВО Обн. ДВ. бр.112 от 27 Декември 1995г. изм. ДВ. бр. 107 от 24 Декември 2014г).

Критерии за оценка:

- Събитието да се провежда на територията на Република България;
- Доказано международно участие;
- Проявата да съответства на целите в чл. 2, ал. 1 на ЗНИИ или да попада в приоритетните области на Националната стратегия за развитие на научните изследвания или на Иновационната стратегия за интелигентна специализация;
- Структурирана програма;
- Минимален брой участници - 50 души, с минимум 10% доказано участие на млади учени;
- Престиж на международните лектори;
- Бюджет на исканото съфинансиране от ФНИ, както и задължително посочване на финансовия принос от други и/или собствени източници. Средствата от ФНИ, могат да се разходват за организационни разходи и за разходи за настаняване на поканените лектори и настаняване и командировъчни разходи на млади учени, както и други разходи, посочени в описанието на Процедурата.

Представяне и подбор на предложенията:

Предложенията се представят в свободен формат с придружително писмо, като трябва да съдържат информация по всички посочени критерии. Проектните предложения ще бъдат разглеждани от Временна научно-експертна комисия за подбор на предложенията всяко тримесечие.

Срок за подаване на предложенията - безсрочно.

В рамките на една сесия могат да бъдат подкрепени до две предложения от научна организация.

Максимален размер на съфинансирането - до 7000 лв.

Предложенията се подават в деловодството на ФНИ, бул. „Ал. Стамболийски 239Б.

[Пълен текст на процедурата](#)

В съответствие с чл. 50 на Правилника на Фонда, кандидатите могат да поискат разяснения от Фонда по конкурсната документация на обявените конкурси до 10 дни преди изтичането на срока за подаване на проектните предложения. Въпросите ще бъдат приемани само по електронна поща на адрес: fni-konkursi@mon.bg

[Въпроси и отговори във връзка с Покана за кандидатстване ПОДКРЕПА НА МЕЖДУНАРОДНИ НАУЧНИ ФОРУМИ, ПРОВЕЖДАНИ В РЕПУБЛИКА БЪЛГАРИЯ](#)

Краен срок: **текущ**

Horizon 2020: Innovative Training Networks

Work Programme Part: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

[Call: H2020-MSCA-ITN-2017](#)

Objective:

The Innovative Training Networks (ITN) aim to train a new generation of creative, entrepreneurial and innovative early-stage researchers, able to face current and future challenges and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit.

ITN will raise excellence and structure research and doctoral training, extending the traditional academic research training setting, incorporating the elements of Open Science and equipping researchers with the right combination of research-related and transferable competences. It will provide enhanced career perspectives in both the academic and non-academic sectors through international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral mobility combined with an innovation-oriented mind-set.

Scope:

ITN supports competitively selected joint research training and/or doctoral programmes, implemented by partnerships of universities, research institutions, research infrastructures, businesses, SMEs, and other socio-economic actors from different countries across Europe and beyond.

Partnerships take the form of collaborative European Training Networks (ETN), European Industrial Doctorates (EID) or European Joint Doctorates (EJD).

Each programme should have a clearly identified supervisory board co-ordinating network-wide training and establishing active and continuous communication and exchange of best practice among the partners to maximise the benefits of the partnership.

The programme should exploit complementary competences of the participating organisations, and enable sharing of knowledge, networking activities, the organisation of workshops and conferences.

Training responds to well identified needs in defined research areas, with appropriate references to inter- and multidisciplinary fields and follows the [EU Principles for Innovative Doctoral Training](#). It should be primarily focused on scientific and technological knowledge through research on individual, personalised projects.

In order to increase the employability of the researchers, the research training should be complemented by the meaningful exposure of each researcher to the non-academic sector.

Secondments of the researcher to other beneficiaries and partner organisations are encouraged.

Substantial training modules, including digital ones, addressing key transferable skills common to all fields and fostering the culture of Open Science, innovation and entrepreneurship will be supported.

In order to reflect on the changing nature of research, training should prepare early-stage researchers for an increased research collaboration and information-sharing made possible by new technologies (e.g. collaborative tools, open access, raw data, etc.).

A Career Development Plan should be established jointly by the supervisor(s) and the early-stage researcher recruited by the selected network. In addition to research objectives, this plan comprises the researcher's training and career needs, including planning for publications and participation in conferences.

Attention is paid to the quality of supervision and mentoring arrangements as well as career guidance. Joint supervision of the researchers is mandatory for EJD and for EID, and encouraged in ETN. In EID, the joint supervision of the researcher must be ensured by at least one supervisor from the academic sector and one supervisor from the non-academic sector. These arrangements will be taken into account during the evaluation of the proposal.

In EID and EJD, fellowships offered to early-stage researchers should lead to a doctoral degree. EJD result in joint (a single diploma issued by at least two higher education institutions offering an integrated programme and recognised officially in the countries where the degree-awarding institutions are located), double or multiple doctoral degrees (two or more national diplomas issued by two or more higher

education institutions and recognised officially in the countries where the degree-awarding institutions are located), awarded by institutions from at least two different countries.

In EID and EJD, enrolment in a doctoral programme and the creation of a joint governance structure - with joint admission (EJD only), selection, supervision, monitoring and assessment procedures - is mandatory. These arrangements will be taken into account during the evaluation of the proposal.

Expected Impact:

At researcher level:

- Increased set of skills, both research-related and transferable ones, leading to improved employability and career prospects both in and outside academia (leading in the longer-term to more successful careers)
- Increase in higher impact R&I output and more knowledge and ideas converted into products and services
- Greater contribution to the knowledge-based economy and society

At organisation level:

- Enhanced cooperation and better transfer of knowledge between sectors and disciplines
- Improvement in the quality of training programmes and supervision arrangements
- Creation of new networks and enhanced quality of existing ones
- Boosting R&I capacity among participating organisations
- Increased internationalisation of participating organisations

At system level:

- Increase in international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral mobility of researchers in Europe
- More structured and innovative doctoral training, enhanced implementation of the European Charter and Code and the EU Principles for Innovative Doctoral Training
- Stronger links between the European Research Area (ERA) and the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), notably through supporting the knowledge triangle between research, innovation and education
- Improvement in the working and employment conditions for doctoral candidates in Europe
- Increased societal and economic relevance of European higher education
- Strengthening Europe's human capital base in R&I with a new generation of more entrepreneurial and highly-skilled early career researchers
- Increase in Europe's attractiveness as a leading research destination, accompanied by a rise in the numbers of talented researchers attracted and retained from abroad
- Better quality research and innovation contributing to Europe's competitiveness and growth

Deadline: 10 January 2017

ГРАНТОВЕ НА ШВЕЙЦАРСКАТА ПРОГРАМА SCOPES

Програмата SCOPES (Scientific co-operation between Eastern Europe and Switzerland) е програма на Швейцарския национален фонд за насърчаване на научните изследвания – SNFS и Швейцарската агенция за сътрудничество и развитие – SDC и е предназначена да насърчава сътрудничеството между изследователски групи и институции от Швейцария и страните от Централна и Източна Европа. Сегашната програмна фаза 2013-2016 е с бюджет 16 милиона швейцарски франка, предназначени за проекти в пет области, от които активни до края на 2016 г. са:

- Конферентни грантове. Те осигуряват финансирането на пътните разходи и настаняването на изследователите от държавите-партньори в Източна Европа, участващи в международни научни конференции, които се провеждат в Швейцария. Този инструмент е независим от Съвместните изследователски проекти и Институционалните партньорства. Заявленията се **подават до края на 2016 г.**
- Грантове за последващ мониторинг на изгълнени вече Съвместни научни проекти или Институционални партньорства. Заявленията могат да бъдат подавани **до 31.12.2016 г.**

В програмата могат да участват учени от Източна Европа (включително България), които работят в институции, които развиват научна дейност с некомерсиална цел. Българските организации могат да участват във всички направления, при условие, че се включат в консорциум с швейцарска организация и поне още една от друга държава от Източна Европа. Държавите, които са членки на Европейския съюз, могат също така да влизат в ролята на посредник между швейцарските партньори и останалите държави, имащи право да участват в програмата.

Повече информация можете да намерите на официалната страница на програмата [оттук](#).

ПРОГРАМА: „АМЕРИКА ЗА БЪЛГАРИЯ”

Програмата финансира дейности в следните области:

- Изкуство и култура;
- Земеделие и околна среда;
- Гражданско общество и демократични институции;
- Социална сфера;
- **Образование и библиотеки;**
- **Археология и културен туризъм.**

Сумата на финансиране зависи от проектните дейности.

БЕНЕФИЦИЕНТИ: Юридически лица от Р. България

Образование и библиотеки

В работата си с българските училища, университети и библиотеки Фондация „Америка за България“ се стреми да продължава най-добрите традиции на българското образование.

Фондацията подкрепя основно програми, които изграждат бъдещите бизнес лидери на страната като движещата сила за развитието на частния сектор.

Фондацията финансира също проекти за модернизирание на българските академични библиотеки и свързването им с библиотечни мрежи по света.

Археология и културен туризъм

Програмата подкрепя археологически проекти в България, които привличат повече местни и чуждестранни посетители, заинтересовани от богатите археологически съкровища на страната.

Отпускането на грантове предвижда съвместно планиране между Фондация „Америка за България” и бъдещите получатели на грантове. Фондацията съветва кандидатите за грант да не попълват формуляра за кандидатстване, а да изпратят кратко писмо, не по-дълго от две страници, което представя тяхната организация, намеренията, целите и продължителността на проекта, както и общата сума на необходимото финансиране. За улеснение се препоръчва електронният формуляр "Запитване", който се намира на посочената страница:

<http://www.americaforbulgaria.org/application>

Запитвания и предложения се разглеждат и одобряват целогодишно. Ако след разглеждане на подаденото „Запитване“ становището е положително, съответният програмен директор ще се свърже с кандидатите, за да обсъди по-подробно представените от тях идеи и да им съдейства за оформяне на цялостно предложение. Кандидатите могат да очакват да получат отговор в рамките на 1 месец дали техните проектни идеи ще бъдат придвижени по-нататък.

Ако се прецени, че предложението може да бъде развито в цялостен проект, то процесът на неговото одобрение, който включва проучване, срещи, посещения на място, преговори, юридически анализ и представяне за одобрение, обикновено отнема един месец, но може да продължи и по-дълго.

Моля, изпращайте Вашите писма, по електронен път, на applications@americaforbulgaria.org.

Краен срок: **текущ**

THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST (ICUB) FELLOWSHIPS FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS AND VISITING PROFESSORS

ICUB Fellowship for Young Researchers

ICUB offers each year a number of fellowships for young researchers (max. 5 years since their PhD) in all the areas covered by its four divisions (humanities, social sciences, life sciences and exact sciences). These scholarships are for a period which can vary between 3 and 12 months. There is **no deadline**, applications can be send throughout the year at office@icub.unibuc.ro. For more information see [here](#).

Fellowships for Visiting Professors

The Research Institute of the University of Bucharest (ICUB) offers each year a number of research fellowships for visiting professors to senior researchers with an outstanding track-record. The purpose of these fellowships is to foster scientific collaborations and to encourage the development of high quality

international collaborative projects. The ICUB fellowships for visiting professors are residential scholarships for a period that can vary between 14 days and 12 months. The purpose of these fellowships is to foster scientific collaborations and to encourage the development of high-quality international cooperative projects (conferences, courses, research seminars or exploratory workshops). Objectives The main objective of these fellowships is to facilitate building up research networks and international collaboration. The visiting professors are expected to contribute with their expertise to the formation and development of working research groups at the University of Bucharest. Their activity will be within one of the four research divisions of the ICUB (Exact Sciences, Life Environmental and Earth Sciences, Social-Sciences, and Humanities) and we expect it to stimulate a dynamic research environment within the institute and the University of Bucharest. The candidates must be senior researchers with a noteworthy international experience in their area of study, willing to conduct a research project under the auspices of the ICUB. The project can include organizing a scientific event (conferences, presentations, colloquia, workshops), writing applications (individual or collaborative), providing expertise, guidance for postdoctoral scholars or cooperation with fellows from the University of Bucharest on particular projects. For more details, please see [the information package](#) or click [here](#).

- ПОКАНИ ЗА УЧАСТИЕ

14TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OTTOMAN
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HISTORY (ICOSEH)
IN MEMORY OF PROF. DR. HALIL İNALCIK (1916-2016)
24-28 JULY, 2017, SOFIA (BULGARIA)

2nd Circular (Call for Papers)

It is our pleasure to announce that the 14th International Congress of Ottoman Social and Economic History (ICOSEH), dedicated to the memory of its founder, Prof. Dr. Halil İnalçık, will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria, on 24-28 July 2017. Arrangements for this meeting are being handled by the Faculty of History at the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski” under the auspices of International Association of Ottoman Social and Economic History (IAOSEH).

Papers are expected to be on aspects of the economic and social history of the Ottoman Empire with a special focus on the Ottoman Balkans. The Executive Committee of IAOSEH and the Organizing Committee invite the submission of pre-organized panels and workshops as well as individual papers. All abstracts should have a focused statement of thesis and indicate clearly the sources employed (if applicable).

Individual papers of maximum 20-minutes length will be organized into panels by the Organizing Committee. Abstracts for individual papers should not exceed 500 words.

Pre-organized panels should consist of three papers (20 min. each), plus an analysis of them by a discussant (or a designated chair) of ten minutes maximum length. The papers should center on a single theme or question, and the panel proposal should include an abstract (500 words maximum) for the entire panel explaining its theme and rationale and how the individual papers contribute to that theme, in addition to an individual abstract (500 words maximum) for each paper.

Also welcome are thematic workshops/roundtables organized by Chair(s) around specific problems or debates in the field. We encourage panels and workshops on any aspects of the Ottoman Balkans and the Mediterranean world. Workshops/roundtables should consist of short (10-minute) presentations by the Panelists/invited participants (four to six speakers), leaving a longer time for discussion of the problem or question. The proposal for a workshop should specify the problem or

debate being addressed and its significance, as well as a summary of each panelist's contribution to the discussion.

We are hoping to organize a workshop that will commemorate the important legacy that Professor Halil İnalçık has left us, one that will explore various aspects of his contributions (theoretical as well as archival) to the social and economic history of the Ottoman Empire. If you wish to join this workshop please send an abstract with the title, "İnalçık Legacy Workshop," to the organizers.

Applicants should supply the provisional paper titles and abstracts and/or the initial proposals and abstracts for pre-organized sessions and workshops by January 15, 2017 (icosehsofia@gmail.com). The proposals will go through a selection process by the Committees, and the applicants will be notified by March 15, 2017. Every participant can deliver no more than one presentation, either as an individual paper or as a participant in a pre-organized panels and workshops. Nevertheless, participants can serve as chairs or discussants to other panels/workshops as they wish. Attendees not presenting papers, including senior scholars who will not present individual papers but will only serve as discussants to pre-organized panels or workshops, are not liable to participation fee.

The conference languages are English and Turkish. Papers read in Turkish should be accompanied by a summary in English. The registration fee for the congress is 100 Euro payable by May 15, 2017. Only participants who contributed their participation fee prior to this date will be included by the organizers in the program of the congress. The fees will cover the expenses of coffee breaks including a cold buffet, lunches during the four congress days, city tours, and a reception. Accommodation and travel expenses will have to be paid by the participants.

Details on how to reach Sofia, public transportation, accommodation options (with prices) as well as the account number for payments will be provided by the end of January 2017 at the congress designated website (icosehsofia.org). Booking of rooms will be done directly with the different hotels, a list of which will be included on the website. Participants will be kindly asked to fill in an electronic form on the website where to indicate their preferences in participating in the social program of the congress (guided city tours, a daytrip to Plovdiv (Filibe), an organized visit to the Ottoman archive in the Bulgarian National Library, exhibition, book launch, etc.)

The Organizing Committee:

Program Committee: Fariba Zarinebaf (University of California at Riverside, USA), Claudia Römer (Vienna University, Austria), Oktay Özel (Bilkent University, Turkey), Mahmoud Yazbak (University of Haifa, Israel), Ivan Parvev (University of Sofia, Bulgaria), Orlin Sabev (Institute of Balkan Studies, Bulgaria), Gergana Georgieva (University of Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria)

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ANCIENT THRACE: MYTH AND REALITY 13TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THRACOLOGY, KAZANLAK 2017

The congress will be held in the town of Kazanlak, Bulgaria, from September 3 to September 7, 2017.

Further details: <http://www.thracology2017.com/en/>

ANCIENT THRACE: MYTH AND REALITY

Contributions concerning any aspects of and approaches to Thracian antiquity are welcome. Thracian and related history, archaeology, art, culture, language, religion, numismatics, epigraphy and interdisciplinary studies will be among the fields and topics discussed, in a time-span ranging from the Bronze Age to Late Antiquity. The congress languages will be English, German and French.

The congress venue has been selected in a town housing an archaeological museum rich in valuable Thracian antiquities, surrounded by important archaeological sites, and possessing an adequate infrastructure (hotels, conference halls, restaurants) for an event of this kind and scope. Situated in a fabulous location on the upper Tundja (Tonzos) river, between the Stara Planina (Balkan or Haemus Mountain) and the Sredna Gora, in what is known as The Valley of Roses, Kazanlak houses a Thracian tomb famous for its mural paintings and placed on the UNESCO world heritage list; the ancient city of Seuthopolis (now submerged under an artificial lake) lay once in its close vicinity. Some of the most spectacular Thracian tombs excavated in recent times are to be found in the neighbourhood.

Congress participants should arrange to arrive in Kazanlak on September 3, a welcoming reception being planned in the evening. The congress program will include three working days on the 4th, 5th and 6th of September, organized in several sections and including breaks for short trips to local points of interest including the Kazanlak tomb, the Iskra Museum and some of the Thracian tombs in the vicinity of the town. The last day (September 7) will be devoted to a full-day trip to archaeological sites and museums to be chosen among several options.

Registration is open online on the congress website (<http://www.thracology2017.com/en/index.php/2016-06-02-14-41-44/upload-your-abstract>) and should be accomplished by December 31, 2016. It includes, besides a registration form, a brief summary of the proposed communications in one of the congress languages.

The congress participation will entail a congress fee of 50 Euro if paid by March 31, 2017, or 75 Euro if paid later. A reduced congress fee of 30 Euro before and 45 Euro after March 31 will be expected from young scientists who would not have completed 35 years of age by September 2017. The modes of payment of these fees as well as details of travel and accommodation possibilities will be published on the website of the congress.

The Organizing Committee: Prof. Peter Delev (University of Sofia); Prof. Totko Stoyanov (University of Sofia); Prof. Svetlana Yanakieva (Centre of Thracology); Assoc. Prof. Hristo Popov (National Archaeological Institute); Assoc. Prof. Anelia Bozkova (National Archaeological Institute); Assoc. Prof. Maya Vassileva (New Bulgarian University); Momchil Marinov (Historical Museum Iskra, Kazanlak)

SEMINAR FOR EARLY CAREER SCHOLARS MONTREAL, 11-15 SEPTEMBER 2017

The International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ISECS) is pleased to announce the 2017 International Seminar for Early-Career Eighteenth-Century Scholars. Colleagues from all fields of eighteenth-century studies are invited to submit abstracts for this one-week event.

The seminar will be held from Monday, September 11 to Friday, September 15, 2017 in Montreal, under the direction of Pascal Bastien (History, UQAM), Marc André Bernier (Literature, UQTR), Sébastien Charles (Philosophy, UQTR), Benjamin Deruelle (History, UQAM), Peggy Davis (Art History, UQAM), Geneviève Lafrance (Literature, UQAM), Laurent Turcot (History, UQTR).

This year, the theme of the seminar will be:

Cities and Citizenship in the Enlightenment

A detailed description of this theme is available on line at the following address:

https://oraprdnt.uqtr.quebec.ca/pls/public/docs/GSC304/F601238892_2017_ISECS_International_Seminar.pdf

Submission of Proposals

The seminar is limited to 15 participants. The proposals (approx. 2 pages, single spaced) should be based on an original research project (e.g. a doctoral dissertation) which addresses one of the aspects mentioned above. Because this is a seminar rather than a conference, each participant will be given approximately one hour to present the texts and questions that will then form the basis of a group discussion.

Preference will be given to scholars who are at the beginning of their academic career (PhD or equivalent for less than six years). The official languages are French and English.

Applications should include the following information:

- _ a brief curriculum vitae with date of PhD (or equivalent);
- _ a list of principal publications and scholarly presentations;
- _ a brief description of the proposed paper (approx. 2 pages, single-spaced);
- _ one letter of recommendation.

Deadlines

Colleagues are invited to submit proposals by **January 30, 2017**.

Please send abstracts by e-mail to Pascal Bastien: bastien.pascal@uqam.ca

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
A NEW ROUTE FOR PARTICIPATION: DEMOCRATIC INNOVATIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE
11-12 MAY 2017, SÖDERTÖRN UNIVERSITY, STOCKHOLM (SWEDEN)

In recent decades the process of political representation faces several challenges and problems, while citizens have become increasingly discontent and gradually abandoned the traditional modes of involvement: electoral turnout is in decline, party membership shrinks, and the amount of loyal voters decreases. Scholars and citizens pin their hopes on participatory innovations as a means to cure democratic malaise. Several governments at both national and local levels have gone down the participatory route and implemented various kinds of democratic innovations that allow citizens to make their voices heard. Such innovations range from direct democracy (e.g. referendums, agenda initiatives, recall) to deliberative practices (e.g. deliberative polling, consultative mini-publics, participatory budgeting etc.) in offline and online settings. To better understand the complexity of this picture, a close look at the forms, functioning and effects of these democratic innovations is necessary. Along these lines, the workshop aims to bring together researchers discussing developments in Eastern Europe, either with an emphasis on single-case studies or with a comparative perspective. The workshop will provide the space for an academic debate in which scholars can present the most recent findings of their research. The event will be interdisciplinary and addresses scholars from Political Science, Sociology, History and European Studies. Accordingly, a variety of perspectives and approaches will be encouraged.

Target Group and Workshop Structure: The workshop will seek to attract a mix of established scholars, early-career researchers, and PhD students conducting research on Eastern Europe (including the Baltic countries). To increase the exchange of ideas, each paper giver (in total 15-17 participants) will serve as discussant for another paper. This mix of participants will be beneficial for the scholars and students at our university. The workshop will be organized for two days (11 and 12 May) and each presenter will be allocated 45 minutes: 20 minutes to present the paper, 10 minutes for the discussant and 15 minutes for general discussion.

Planned outcomes: Depending on the homogeneity of the papers, a special issue in a peer-reviewed journal or an edited book may be feasible. This was done in 2015 (in East European Politics), based on a similar workshop.

Costs: The organizers cover the accommodation costs (for 2 nights, 10 and 11 May), meals and local transport for all participants. Participants are expected to cover their travel costs to and from Stockholm. There is no conference fee.

Organizers:

Joakim Ekman, Professor of Political Science, Södertörn University
Sergiu Gherghina, Lecturer in Political Science, University of Glasgow
Olena Podolian, PhD candidate, Södertörn University

Application procedure: Please submit an abstract of max. 200 words together with your academic affiliation to Olena Podolian at olena.podolian@sh.se until **15 February 2017**. Early applications are strongly encouraged, while submissions after the deadline will not be considered.