



# ÖRHK-SUMMER SCHOOL 2017

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Duration:

28<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017

### Venues:

Graz, Austria

### Short description:

After four successful events in Austria (Raabs in Lower Austria, 2013 and 2015) and Russia (Moscow 2014 and Ekaterinburg 2016), the ÖRHK Summer School returns this year to Austria. Originated from the EU-financed project „Cultural Landscapes and Identities along the Czech-Austrian Border“, this Summer School addresses young scholars of the field of History and International Relations from the CIS and the EU. At the heart of the Summer School stands the scientific exchange of thoughts, aimed at generating a better understanding of each other’s scientific traditions, research agendas but also culture, which should help to reduce mutual prejudices.

### Proposed meta-topic: „Cultural exchanges between Central and Eastern Europe“:

Even before Sigmund of Herberstein’s first trip to Russia in 1526, there already existed some contacts between Eastern and Central/Western Europe. But Herberstein’s journeys and his report increased the interest in Central/Western Europe on Russia dramatically. Political, economic and cultural ties became more manifold and closer from then onwards, a first “peak” was reached during the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, when Csar Peter the Great enhanced relations to the “West”.

In addition to political, economic and scientific relations, also manifold forms of cultural exchanges developed and co-shaped relations between Western Europe and Russia. The Summer School 2017 will focus on how these exchanges evolved, what exchanges took place and how they influenced both the full-scale of international relations and the countries involved. The meta-topic of the Summer School is not mandatory – papers dealing with other topics not connected to the meta-topic are also welcome.

**Goals of the Summer School:**

- opportunity for young researchers to present their research topics;
- possibility to discuss the own research with international scholars
- discussion of the research topics of young scientists;
- commentary of senior scientists on the research projects of young scientists;
- scientific discussion of the general theme „Cultural exchanges between Central and Eastern Europe“;
- international networking of young scientists;
- potential conceptualization of future international research projects.

All the sessions and discussions will be held in **English**.

**Workshops:**

- Every participating young scientist is asked to present his/her research project or research topic in a speech of about 25 minutes. Besides an introduction to the topic, the presentations should put special emphasis on sources used and methods applied. The form of the speeches can be chosen freely; beamer will be provided. The general theme “Cultural exchanges between Central and Eastern Europe” should, but does not have to be reflected in the presentations.
- Every presentation will be shortly commented upon by a senior scientist and then discussed by the fellow participants of the workshop. Again, especially the sources analyzed and the methods applied should be in the focus of discussion.
- In the course of the workshops, individual senior scientists will be asked to give short presentations of approximately 25 minutes with methodological/source-critic content or regarding the general theme “Cultural exchanges between Central and Eastern Europe”.
- Furthermore, cooperation in future research projects should be discussed and planned during the course of the workshops.

**Lodging/field trips:**

- Students will be lodged during the workshops in the JUFA in Graz, only a few minutes from the city center. The JUFA will provide breakfast. Lunch and drinks/snacks during the coffee breaks will also be provided. Dinner and individual drinks are not covered.
- After the workshops, the participants are free to discover Graz and its surroundings or to participate in common leisure time activities.
- A scientific/cultural supporting program will be organized, especially a trip to the historical sites of the city, an excursion to the castle Herberstein in South-Eastern Styria and the visit of the “Grazer Zeughaus”, one of the biggest and oldest existing armories of the world.
- On Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> of May, all participants of the Summer School are invited to the conference “Sigismund von Herberstein und seine Reisen nach Moskau vor 500 Jahren” at the University of Graz.
- The supporting program should foster the informal networking and getting to know among the scientists.

**Useful links:**

JUFA Graz: [www.jufa.eu/hotel/graz](http://www.jufa.eu/hotel/graz)

University of Graz: [www.uni-graz.at](http://www.uni-graz.at)

Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on Consequences of War: [www.bik.ac.at](http://www.bik.ac.at)

**Queries:**

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## TENTATIVE TIMETABLE – SUMMER SCHOOL GRAZ 2017

### Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017

- Arrival of the participants at Graz main station.
- Pickup and Transfer to the JUFA by public transport (only a few minutes trip).
- Individual arrival of the fellow participants at the Place of the venue.

### Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017

- Day 1 of the Summer School: Opening of the Summer School at the university of Graz, first presentations and discussion
- Arrival of the remaining participants of the Summer School
- Evening: trip to the historical sites of the city of Graz

### Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017

- Participation of the Summer School participants at the conference “Sigismund von Herberstein und seine Reisen nach Moskau vor 500 Jahren”
- Evening: reception at the castle in Graz

### Wednesday, 31st May 2017

- Excursion to the castle Herberstein in South-Eastern Styria (transfer by bus)
- Evening: reception at the city hall

### Thursday, 1st of June 2017

- Day 2 of the Summer School: Presentations and discussion
- Late afternoon: Visit of the “Grazer Zeughaus” (one of the biggest and oldest armories existing in the world)
- Evening : free time for personal use

### Friday, 2nd of June 2017

- Day 3 of the Summer School: Presentations and discussion, closing session
- Evening : Joint dinner at the city center

### Saturday, 3rd of June 2017

- Transfer of the participants from the JUFA to Graz central station.
- Departure of the participants from Graz main station.