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A B O U T E U R O P A S T

In close collaboration with the Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History (ZZF) in Potsdam, the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology (Lund University), and the Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C²DH, University of Luxembourg), the Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University, is leading a three-year Horizon Twinning project "Facing the Past. Public History for a Stronger Europe". The project aims to explore the theory and practice of engaging citizens in the co-production and communication of the past in the digital age.

Through an effective combination of training, networking, research, and communication activities, the project will establish an interdisciplinary research network, which will contribute to the democratization of historical practices through inclusion, empowerment, and engagement of citizens in critical debates about the past.

The EUROPAST training programme, led by the C²DH, envisions the organization of three Summer Schools.

The final Summer School, focusing on aspects of research integrity, career pathways and research communication, will take place at the Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History (ZZF) and across different heritage sites in Berlin.

All members associated with one of the four partners can apply.

BERLIN-POTSDAM SUMMER SCHOOL

23-27 June 2025

Competition and/or co-existence? Designing sites of multiple narratives and overlapping victimhood and perpetratorship

The Europast Summer Schools are designed to offer theoretical and methodological training, whilst placing a strong emphasis on supporting the development of early-career researchers in their chosen fields, promoting research integrity, conduct, and communication.

The 2025 Summer School will take place at the Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History (ZZF) in Potsdam and across various heritage sites in Berlin. It aims to gather early career researchers and provide insights into research integrity, career pathways and research communication by focusing on the practice of several local memorial institutions. The Summer School will run from the 23 to the 27 of June 2025, with a daily timetable divided into four modules:

- Conversations keynote presentations followed by a discussion
- Workshops Conducting biographical and life history interviews; Archival pedagogy and education
- Presentations 10-minute lightning talks by ECRs on their work
- Guided Tours Leistikowstrasse Memorial in Potsdam; Berlin Wall Memorial; Berlin's Monuments; Exhibition of the Stasi Records Archive; Stasi Museum; Tours of Potsdam

To apply for the Summer School, please email a biography written in the third person (400-500 characters, including spaces) and a motivation letter (maximum 250 words) explaining your interest in attending.

All applications must be submitted by **Monday 31 March** by sending the required documents to your designated EUROPAST coordinator. Please find the contact details for your EUROPAST coordinator below:

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PROGRAMME

23 MONDAY

@ Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History (ZZF), Am Neuen Markt 9D, 14467 Potsdam		
from 14:45	Arrival and Registration	
15:00	INTRODUCTION TO THE EUROPAST SUMMER SCHOOL Juliane Fürst (ZZF), Corinna Kuhr-Korolev (ZZF) & Thomas Cauvin (C²DH)	
17:00	WELCOME ADDRESS AND GUIDED TOUR Welcome to Potsdam guided tour Frank Bösch (Director of the ZZF)	
19:00	Dinner	

24 TUESDAY

@ Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History (ZZF), Am Neuen Markt 9D, 14467 Potsdam

09:15-10:45	CONVERSATION WITH IRMGARD ZÜNDORF Germany's culture of remembrance
10:45-11:15	PRESENTATIONS 10-minute lightning talks by ECRs
11:15-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	PRESENTATIONS 10-minute lightning talks by ECRs
13:00-14:30	Lunch Break

14:30-16:30

GUIDED TOUR Leistikowstrasse Memorial

from 17:00

CONVERSATION WITH JOSEPHINE ECKERT August 23rd - A European Day of Remembrance?

25 WEDNESDAY

@ Berlin Wall Memorial Foundation (SBM), Bernauer Strasse 111, 13355 Berlin

09:30-10:30	WELCOME ADDRESS Mission, goals and memorial sites of the Foundation Representative of the SBM (TBC)
10:30-12:00	GUIDED TOUR The Berlin Wall Memorial
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break
13:00-14:30	CONVERSATION WITH SARAH BORNHORST Contemporary Witness Work and Oral History at the Berlin Memorial Foundation
14:30-14:45	Coffee Break
14:45-16:45	HANDS-ON WORKSHOP How to conduct biographical and life history interviews Sarah Bornhorst (SBM)
from 17:00	GUIDED TOUR Berlin's Monuments and "Warnuments" Dora Komnenovic (ZZF/ C²DH)

26 THURSDAY

@ Stasi-Zentrale. Campus für Demokratie, Normannenstraße 21a, 10365 Berlin

09:00-11:00	WELCOME ADDRESS AND GUIDED TOUR Tour of the Campus (former HQ of the East German Ministry for State Security)
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:30	CONVERSATION WITH THE PR AND EDUCATION TEAMS of the Stasi Records Archive
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-14:45	GUIDED TOUR Archival exhibition "Access to Secrecy" in House 7
14:45-15:00	Coffee Break
15:00-16:30	HANDS-ON WORKSHOP Archival pedagogy and education Education Team of the Stasi Records Archive
from 16:30	VISIT (optional) Stasi Museum

27 FRIDAY

@ Besucherzentrum Neues Palais, Am Neuen Palais 10, 14469 Potsdam

 09:30-11:15
 GUIDED TOUR
Postcolonial Potsdam
Annette Steyn (ZZF)

 11:15-12:00
 CLOSING DISCUSSION

 from 12:00
 Lunch (optional)





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