



GESCHICHTSWERKSTATT EUROPA

CALL FOR APPLICATION

Institution: Global and European Studies Institute, University of Leipzig
Date: 14–19 September 2010
Location: Vilnius, Lithuania
Deadline: 31 May 2010

The Global and European Studies Institute at the University of Leipzig and the Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future” are offering up to 50 travel grants that will enable participants to attend the International Forum on “Vilnius between the wars – Jewish culture, Lithuanian society, the Polish state and the Belarusian minority”.

The International Forum 2010

The International Forum is part of the History Workshop Europe programme (Geschichtswerkstatt Europa) operated by the Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future”. This year, the Forum is being held in Vilnius from 14 to 19 September.

The one-week event includes seminars, lectures, city tours and exhibition visits. Scholars from many European countries who are working on a wide range of themes will explore current forms of remembrance in Europe. The International Forum is being organised by historians Matthias Middell and Stefan Troebst from Leipzig and three partner organisations in Vilnius: The Lithuanian Institute of History, the Centre for Studies of the Culture and History of East European Jews, and the Vilnius Yiddish Institute at the University of Vilnius.

The aim of the Forum is to highlight the conflicting recollections of events in 20th century Europe and to present the results of recent research into collective and cultural memory.

The International Forum also celebrates the multilayered history of Vilnius/Wilno/Vil'na/Wilna. The many names by which the city is known are indicative of its cultural and religious diversity. Lithuanians, Poles and Belarusians have all at one time made claims on the city, shaped its development and made it what it is today.

The various facets of Jewish life in Vilnius between the two world wars and the Soviet occupation in 1940 left their mark on the city's history and architecture. These two periods as well as the cultural heritage of the “old” Vilnius are extensively documented in the local museums and memorial sites. Following the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, Vilnius was occupied by the Soviet Union in 1939. One month later it was given back to Lithuania. In summer 1940, Vilnius and Lithuania were once again occupied by the Soviet Union.

The majority of lectures at the International Forum will be held in English; those held in Lithuanian will be interpreted into English. We therefore recommend that participants have a reasonable command of the English language.

Grants

Participants to the conference can apply for grants and daily allowances towards the costs of travel and accommodation (in double rooms). The exact amounts will depend on the costs incurred and local regulations. In accordance with the purpose of the Foundation, such

support is primarily provided to applicants from Central and Eastern Europe. Applicants should be between 18 and 35 years of age.

We are currently accepting applications for participation in the conference. Applicants must submit a CV, including details of any previous experience in this field, and a letter of motivation (between 600 and 1000 words maximum) detailing the applicant's personal interest in this year's topic of the International Forum. Please send your application to the address below by 31 May 2010. We will review the applications by 11 July and notify applicants immediately thereafter.

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