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Welcome to the MA.SEES

Welcome to the Joint Master's Programme in Southeast European Studies (MA.SEES) of the University of Graz's Centre for Southeast European Studies (CSEES) and the Department of Southeast European History and Anthropology (SEEHA).

You belong to the fifteenth generation of the MA.SEES which so far has welcomed over a hundred students from dozens of different countries. Your studies at the CSEES/SEEHA will provide you with the unique opportunity to learn about Southeast Europe from various disciplinary angles. Beyond our MA course programme, the CSEES/SEEHA offer regular lecture series, Brownbag seminars, workshops, and conferences, enabling you to delve into a broad range of research questions and connect yourself to scholars from all over the world.

In two years, you will have defended your original research - your M.A. thesis -, have gained the required skills to analyse and understand current events, have obtained a broad understanding of the processes that are driving Southeast Europe (and beyond), have learned to work in an interdisciplinary context, and be prepared to take your next career step. Some of you might decide to stay with us to pursue your PhD in Graz.

We take great pride in creating a stimulating and exciting environment for your studies and count on your active participation and engagement in the programme. This handbook provides you with basic information on your studies, the University of Graz, and the CSEES/SEEHA. Of course, we are all available in person to answer any further questions and help you during your two years in the Master's programme.

We wish you a successful start to the MA.SEES as well as two informative and exciting years!

Florian Bieber



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1 Introduction

We are delighted to welcome you as a part of the Joint MA.SEES between the University of Graz and the University of Belgrade. You chose a MA programme that will provide you with a high-quality and interdisciplinary training with a regional focus on Southeast Europe. The MA.SEES will prepare you for a broad range of careers, e.g. in academia, international organisations, public administration, the non-governmental sector, journalism, political consultancy, and think tanks.

The course programme of the MA.SEES is structured in **two tracks: Southeast European History and Law & Politics in Southeast Europe**. In the **first year** of your studies at the University of Graz, you will attend **compulsory core courses** and select **elective courses** according to your chosen track. In the **second year** of your studies, you will continue your specialisation during your **mobility semester** at one of our **partner universities**. In the winter term 2027-28, after you will have completed your mobility semester, we will convene our **annual winter school**. There you will have the opportunity to present and discuss your **Master thesis' proposal** and develop your research skills. The **final semester** of the MA.SEES is dedicated to the completion of your **Master thesis**.

The MA programme is entirely taught in **English**. You are, however, free (especially within the framework of the electives) to choose courses in German or in the language of your mobility university. Language acquisition is an important part of the MA.SEES. You will need to complete at least **3 ECTS** in courses on either one of the languages of the Southeast European region and/or German.

Once you have completed the MA.SEES, you will be awarded the academic degree “Master of Arts” (MA) by the University of Graz.

How to use this handbook

This handbook contains information on the MA.SEES, the University of Graz, CSEES, and SEEHA for the period 2026-27, such as dates and deadlines, points of contact, programme structure, resources for organising your studies, and for getting involved at the CSEES and SEEHA.

Please bear in mind that some information may change in the course of the academic year. You should, therefore, make sure to cross-check important dates, deadlines, and the curriculum, which are regularly updated online. Feel free also to reach out to the designated points of contact at the **CSEES**, **SEEHA**, and the **Office of International Relations**.

Dates & deadlines

Welcome events at the CSEES/SEEHA	1 st week of October* * You will receive additional information in the course of this summer.
Welcome Weeks of the Office of International Relations	Beginning and mid-September* *The Welcome Weeks are organised for international exchange students. However, you may also attend the first sessions as they will be useful for your studies at the University of Graz. You can find further information here: Welcome Center - University of Graz - Welcome Center
Orientation session of the Joint Programmes' Team (Office of International Relations)	end of September / beginning of October* * You will receive additional information in the course of this summer.
Winter semester 2026/27	1 October 2026 - 28 February 2027
Start / end of classes	1 October 2026 - 31 January 2027
Summer semester 2027	1 March 2027 - 30 September 2027
Start / end of classes	1 March 2027 - 30 June 2027
Re-registration deadlines	Every 31 October / 31 March
Information event on the mobility semester	December 2026
Mobility semester 2027/2028	October 2027 - February 2028* * Note that some mobility partners may have different term dates. Students may also apply for an extension of their mobility stay.
Thesis writing semester	March 2028 - July 2028
Master thesis defence & final exam	May take place no earlier than 4 weeks after the submission of the MA thesis and no earlier than 2 weeks after the supervisor has entered the thesis grade.
*For more information about the 2026/27 academic calendar, see: https://welcome.uni-graz.at/en/general-information/academic-calendar/	

Welcome events at the CSEES/SEEHA & orientation session

In the first weeks of October 2026, the CSEES/SEEHA will host an **informal get-together** as well as a **formal event** to welcome you as members of the new generation of MA.SEEs students. You will get a chance to meet the director, staff members, research fellows of the CSEES/SEEHA, as well as members of the Office of International Relations and alumni of the MA.SEEs.

In addition, the **Office of International Relations** offers an annual **orientation session** at the **end of September / beginning of October** to help you familiarise yourselves with the campus, administrative procedures, and services provided by the University of Graz. We strongly encourage all students to take part in the orientation session!

You will receive further information about the **welcome events** and **orientation week** in the course of this summer via **email** by the **Academic Coordinator of the MA.SEEs** and the **Office of International Relations**.

Contacts

Please make sure that you use uni-graz email as your primary mode of communication and note that all official communication is conducted in English.

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2 The programme

The MA.SEES is an interdisciplinary programme. It offers a variety of modules focusing on politics, culture, economics, and history in Southeast Europe. The curriculum comprises both **lectures (L)** and **seminars (SE)**. You will obtain your ECTS for lectures through a written exam at the end of the term. Seminars may comprise a broader range of performance assessments, such as oral presentations, written essays, and mandatory class participation. The exam requirements for each seminar are outlined in the online curriculum.

In the following section, you will find information on the structure of the MA.SEES, compulsory courses, elective courses, language classes, the mobility semester, and the MA thesis. For a complete list of courses offered in the MA.SEES, please follow this [link](#).

Programme structure

The MA.SEES requires each student to obtain a total of **120 ECTS: 45 ECTS** in compulsory courses, **40 ECTS** in elective courses, **6 ECTS** in free elective courses, **25 ECTS** through the MA thesis, and **4 ECTS** through the final exam (including the defence of the MA thesis).

Please note that you **must complete 60 ECTS at the University of Graz (including your MA thesis)**. **30 ECTS** must be obtained at your **mobility university**.

Compulsory courses (Modules A-F): 45 ECTS

At the beginning of the MA.SEES, you choose either the track **Law and Politics** or **History of Southeast Europe**. You will have to complete **45 ECTS** of compulsory courses, which you have to attend at the University of Graz, and **20 ECTS** which are to be obtained in the module of the respective specialisation track (either **Module B - Law and Politics** or **Module D - History**).

The following modules are compulsory for all students, irrespective of their chosen track: **Modul A - Introduction to Interdisciplinary Approaches**, **Module C - Economics and Society**, **Module E - Winter Schoolⁱ**, **Module F - Privatissimum** (compulsory seminar on research and research design to be attended during the writing phase of the MA thesis).

Please note that in order to register for the winter school, students **must have completed at least 30 ECTS under Modules A-D**.

In addition, students complete **6 ECTS** in courses from the respective other track. For instance, students in the **History** track complete 6 ECTS in course in the **Module B - Law and Politics**. Students in the **Law and Politics** track complete 6 ECTS in the **Module D - History**.

Electives (Modules G1-G3): 40 ECTS

Each student needs to obtain **40 ECTS** in elective courses (Module G), of which **at least 20 ECTS** must be completed in courses of **your chosen track**. The remaining ECTS may be supplemented with ECTS obtained in courses of **relevance for Southeast Europe**. **3 ECTS** must be completed in **language courses**.

Free electives: 6 ECTS

ⁱ The **Winter School** will take place at the end of the third semester (usually, in the last week of February). It will be focused on the development of your MA thesis proposal, academic writing, and research design. You will receive further organisational information on the Winter School in the course of the third semester.

For your free electives, you may choose to complete **6 ECTS** in any **courses of your choice** offered at either your entrance university or mobility university.

Track: History

Compulsory modules	45 ECTS
Module A. Introduction	10
Module B. Law and Politics	6
Module C. Society and Economics	4
Module D. History	20
Module E. Winter School	4
Module F. Privatissimum	1
Module G. Electives	40 ECTS
Module G1. Specialization in History	20-37
Module G2. Courses with relevance for Southeast European	0-17
Module G3. Language course	3-20
Free electives	6 ECTS
MA thesis	25 ECTS
Final exam	4
Total	120 ECTS

Track: Law and Politics

Compulsory modules	45 ECTS
Module A. Introduction	10
Module B. Law and Politics	20
Module C. Society and Economics	4
Module D. History	6
Module E. Winter School	4
Module F. Privatissimum	1
Module G. Electives	40 ECTS
Module G1. Specialization in Law and Politics	20-37
Module G2. Courses with relevance for Southeast European	0-17
Module G3. Language course	3-20
Free electives	6 ECTS
MA thesis	25 ECTS
Final exam	4
Total	120 ECTS

Compulsory courses (Modules A-F) – History Track

- WS-Winter Semester (Semester 1 or 3) / SS-Summer Semester (Semester 2 or 4)
- The curriculum comprises both lectures (L) and seminars (SE).
- Lectures (“VO” and “VU”) include a written or oral exam at the end of the term.
- Seminars may comprise a broader range of performance assessments, such as oral presentations, written essays, and mandatory class participation.

Compulsory courses (Modules A-F) - History Track

Module A

A	Sem	Compulsory Module: Introduction	ECTS
		Total	10
VO	WS1	975.000 Introduction to the Interdisciplinary Approach (Ayata/Karge)	4
SE	WS1	975.012 Introduction to the Interdisciplinary Approach (Archer/Lastro)	6

Module B

B	Sem	Compulsory Module: Law and Politics	ECTS
		Total	6
SE	WS1	975.025 Political and Constitutional Systems in Southeastern Europe (M. Kmezić)	6

Module C

C	Sem	Compulsory Module: The Socio-Economic Context	ECTS
		Total	4
SE	SS2	975.008 The Economics of Transition in Southeastern Europe (S. Kmezić)	4

Module D

D	Sem	Compulsory Module: History	ECTS
		Total	20
SE	WS1	975.001 History of Southeastern Europe (Galijaš)	6
VO	WS1	505.026 History of Southeastern Europe (Karge)	4
VU	SS2	505.566 History and Anthropology of Southeast Europe (Essentials, Theories and Methods) (Promitzer)	4
SE	SS2	GPN.02502UB Memory, Trauma, Politics (Karge)	6

Module E

E	Sem	Compulsory Module: Winter School	ECTS
		Total	4
VU	WS3	975.022 Studying Southeastern Europe: Interdisciplinary Approaches, Research and Writing an Academic Thesis (end of winter semester)	4

Module F

F	Sem	Privatissimum	ECTS
		Total	1
PV	SS4	MTA.GP108UB Current debates on Southeast European History and Anthropology—Research seminar accompanying the writing of the MA thesis (Karge)	1

Electives (Module G) –History Track
Modules G1 and G2 - course list

G1	Specialisation in History	ECTS
	Winter Semester	
VO	975.004 Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict (Bieber)	4
VO	975.011 Europe and the Balkans: From Crisis to Membership? (Bieber)	4
VU	GPG.04002UB Räume der Trennung, Zonen der Begegnung–Grenzregime in Mittel- und Südosteuropa von der frühen Neuzeit bis zur Gegenwart (Pro-mitzer, in German)	4
SE	GPH.03002UB Literatur, Politik und Kanon. Der Fall Kadare (Turoczy, in Ger-man)	6
VU	GPI.06005UB Die jugoslawischen Zerfallskriege. Geschichte und Erinnerung (Karge, in German)	4
	Summer Semester	
VO	975.009 History, Society and Politics of Turkey: An Intersectional Introduc-tion (Ayata)	4
VO	975.010 Geopolitics is Back in the Balkans. Historical Conditions and Future Risks for Europe (Bieber, Galijaš)	4
SE	975.016 History and Politics of Nation-Building and Identity Politics in South-eastern Europe (Bieber)	6
SE	975.019 Bad History. Uses and Abuses of History in Southeastern Europe (Bieber)	6
VO	975.020 Introduction to Post-Colonial Studies (Ayata)	4
SE	975.027 Women and Gender History in Southeastern Europe (Archer/Bon-figlioli/Kapetanovic)	6
EX	GPI.01501UB The Invention of the Border: From the Habsburg Military Bor-der to the EU-Schengen Periphery (Field Trip with Karge)	3
VU	515.017 Sprache, Geschichte und Kultur der Kärntner und Steirischen Slo-wenInnen: Gesellschaft und Theater (Leben, in German)	5
G2	Courses with relevance for Southeastern Europe	
	Winter Semester	
VO	975.002 Political and Constitutional Systems in Southeastern Europe (Kmezić)	4
SE	975.006 Non-discrimination Law and Politics in Southeastern Europe (Lantschner)	6
VO	975.008 Introduction to Migration Studies (Ayata)	4
VO	975.009 Socio-economic Development in Southeastern Europe (Bieber, S. Kmezić)	4
VU	975.013 Legal Conflict Management (Lantschner)	4
SE	975.015 Protests and Social Movements in Southeastern Europe (Bieber)	6
SE	975.016 Aging, Migration and Demographic Nationalism in Southeastern Eu-rope (Bieber)	6
SE	975.019 Gender, Displacement and Border: Intersectional Perspectives on Forced Migration (Ayata)	6
SE	975.021 Protest Movements and Political Activism in Turkey (Özkaya Öztürk)	6
SE	975.026 Central Concepts in the Social Sciences: State, Politics, Ideology and Economy (Paic)	6
VO	905.023 Geschlechterbilder: Hegemoniale und subversive Imaginationen bzw. Konzeptionen von Geschlecht (Benedik S., in German)	5
	Summer Semester	
VO	975.000 European Integration and Enlargement (Kmezić)	4
VO	975.002 Introduction to International Relations (Bieber)	4
SE	975.003 Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence (Lantschner)	6
SE	975.007 Minority Rights in SEE and Beyond (Lantschner)	6
SE	975.023 Race, Racialisation, and Racism (Ayata, Wolbert)	6
SE	975.030 Southeastern Europe in Graz (Bieber)	6
SE	975.033 South Eastern Europe: Past, Present and Future of Area Studies (Paic)	6

SE	975.034 Tasting the Balkans. A culinary exploration of the Balkans (Bieber, Ayata, Galijas, Karge, Kmezic M, Kmezic S, Lantschner, Özkaya Öztürk, Paic, Simic D.)	6
SE	GSF.03506UB Southeast European Studies and AI (Turoczy)	6

Compulsory courses (Modules A-F) - Law & Politics Track

Module A

A	Sem	Compulsory Module: Introduction	ECTS
		Total	10
VO	WS1	975.000 Introduction to the Interdisciplinary Approach (Ayata/Karge)	4
SE	WS1	975.012 Introduction to the Interdisciplinary Approach (Archer/Lastro)	6

Module B

B	Sem	Compulsory Module: Law and Politics	ECTS
		Total	20
SE	WS1	975.025 Political and Constitutional Systems in Southeastern Europe (M. Kmezić)	6
VO	WS1	975.002 Political and Constitutional systems in Southeastern Europe (Kmezić, winter semester)	4
SE	SS2	975.007 Minority Rights in SEE and Beyond (Lantschner)	6
VO	SS2	975.000 European Integration and Enlargement (Kmezić)	4

Module C

C	Sem	Compulsory Module: The Socio-Economic Context	ECTS
		Total	4
SE	SS2	975.008 The Economics of Transition in Southeastern Europe (S. Kmezić)	4

Module D

D	Sem	Compulsory Module: History	ECTS
		Total	6
SE	WS1	975.001 History of Southeastern Europe (Galijaš)	6

Module E

E		Compulsory Module: Winter School	ECTS
		Total	4
VU	WS3	975.022 Studying Southeastern Europe: Interdisciplinary Approaches, Research and Writing an Academic Thesis (end of winter semester)	4

Module F

F		Privatissimum	ECTS
		Total	1
PV	SS4	975.025 Privatissimum for Master's in Southeast European Studies / Research seminar accompanying the writing of the MA thesis (Bieber)	1

Electives (Module G)—Law & Politics Track

Modules G1 and G2 - course list

G1	Specialisation in Law and Politics	ECTS
	Winter Semester	
VO	975.004 Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict (Bieber)	4
SE	975.006 Non-discrimination Law and Politics in Southeastern Europe (Lantschner)	6
VO	975.008 Introduction to Migration Studies (Ayata)	4
VO	975.011 Europe and the Balkans: From Crisis to Membership? (Bieber)	4
VU	975.013 Legal Conflict Management (Lantschner)	4
SE	975.015 Protests and Social Movements in Southeastern Europe (Bieber)	6
SE	975.021 Protest Movements and Political Activism in Turkey (Özkaya Öztürk)	6
	Summer Semester	
VO	975.002 Introduction to International Relations (Bieber)	4
VO	975.009 History, Society and Politics of Turkey: An Intersectional Introduction (Ayata)	4
VO	975.010 Geopolitics is Back in the Balkans. Historical Conditions and Future Risks for Europe (Bieber, Galijaš)	4
SE	975.016 History and Politics of Nation-Building and Identity Politics in Southeastern Europe (Bieber)	6
G2	Courses with relevance for Southeastern Europe	
	Winter Semester	
VO	975.009 Socio-economic Development in Southeastern Europe (Bieber, S. Kmezić)	4
SE	975.016 Aging, Migration and Demographic Nationalism in Southeastern Europe (Bieber)	6
SE	975.019 Gender, Displacement and Border: Intersectional Perspectives on Forced Migration (Ayata)	6
SE	975.026 Central Concepts in the Social Sciences: State, Politics, Ideology and Economy (Paic)	6
VO	505.026 History of Southeastern Europe (Karge)	4
VU	GPG.04002UB Räume der Trennung, Zonen der Begegnung—Grenzregime in Mittel- und Südosteuropa von der frühen Neuzeit bis zur Gegenwart (Promitzer, in German)	4
SE	GPH.03002UB Literatur, Politik und Kanon. Der Fall Kadare (Turoczy, in German)	6
VU	GPI.06005UB Die jugoslawischen Zerfallskriege. Geschichte und Erinnerung (Karge, in German)	4
VO	905.023 Geschlechterbilder: Hegemoniale und subversive Imaginationen bzw. Konzeptionen von Geschlecht (Benedik S., in German)	5
	Summer Semester	
SE	975.003 Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence (Lantschner)	6
SE	975.019 Bad History. Uses and Abuses of History in Southeastern Europe (Bieber)	6
VO	975.020 Introduction to Post-Colonial Studies (Ayata)	4
SE	975.023 Race, Racialisation, and Racism (Ayata, Wolbert)	6
SE	975.027 Women and Gender History in Southeastern Europe (Archer/Bonfiglioli/Kapetanovic)	6
SE	975.030 Southeastern Europe in Graz (Bieber)	6
SE	975.033 South Eastern Europe: Past, Present and Future of Area Studies (Paic)	6
SE	975.034 Tasting the Balkans. A culinary exploration of the Balkans (Bieber, Ayata, Galijas, Karge, Kmezić M, Kmezić S, Lantschner, Özkaya Öztürk, Paic, Simic D.)	6
VO	505.566 History and Anthropology on Southeast Europe (Essentials, Theories and Methods) (Promitzer)	4

EX	GPI.01501UB The Invention of the Border: From the Habsburg Military Border to the EU-Schengen Periphery (Field Trip with Karge)	3
SE	GPN.02502UB Memory, Trauma, Politics (Karge)	6
SE	GSF.03506UB Southeast European Studies and AI (Turoczy)	6

Language courses (G3)

All students must complete a minimum of **3 ECTS in foreign language courses**. By the end of your studies, you will have ideally reached A2 level of language competence according to the [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#). Students who do not speak a Southeastern European language are **required** to choose one of the regional languages.ⁱⁱ

Language courses are offered by ‘[Treffpunkt Sprachen](#)’, the University’s language centre. ‘Treffpunkt Sprachen’ offers classes for German as a foreign language as well as introductory courses in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Russian, Slovenian and Turkish.

You will need to register and pay the fees for the classes yourself. The Office for International Relations will refund the fee for the language course, up to the amount corresponding to 3 ECTS, upon successful completion of the course. This means that students will be fully refunded for 3-ECTS semester language courses, and partially (50% of the fee) for 6-ECTS intensive language courses (offered in September, February, and July). Please make sure to pay the fee only after your placement has been confirmed. If you make the payment but are not allocated a place in the class, the Office for International Relations will not be able to refund you.

Please note that advanced courses for Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian and Slovenian are also available at the [Department of Slavic Studies](#).

Mobility

In the third semester of the MA.SEE, you will at least spend one mobility semester at one of our partner universities. Usually students stay for one semester, but you are free to apply for an extension up to a full academic year. Students design their individual **course programme** in consultation with **the study coordinator at the mobility university**. Ahead of the mobility semester, you need to sign a written **Learning Agreement** with the **Head for the Curriculum Commission (Assoc.-Prof. Emma Lantschner)** and the **study coordinator of the mobility university**. **Please always check the latest course offerings with the local academic coordinator at the host institution prior to choosing mobility university!**

Students within the track **Law and Politics** can choose to obtain a **double-degree** with the **University of Ljubljana**. More information will be provided at the information event on the mobility semester in December 2026.

Students apply for their desired mobility university themselves and a place will be allocated depending on availability. Students must obtain at least **30 ECTS** at their mobility university in order to qualify for their degree.

ⁱⁱ Please note that Treffpunkt Sprachen offers beginner classes only if a sufficient number of students signed up.

Each of the participating universities offers courses suitable for either one of the two study tracks. Please inform yourself which partner university is suitable for you prior to applying. You are also free to attend classes in the local language.

The Academic Coordinator of the MA.SEES and the Office of International Relations will organise an **information event** in **December 2026** to provide you with detailed information about the mobility semester. For additional information on the partner universities, visit: <https://www.jointdegree.eu/en/southeast-european-studies/study-path/>

How to prepare for your mobility semester:

What needs to be done	By whom	How
Application for a mobility grant through available mobility programmes such as Erasmus+ and Erasmus+ International.* *Students who do not qualify for a mobility grant may apply for a scholarship by the Office of International Relations.	Student in consultation with the Office of International Relations.	Completing an online application via the Mobility Online system by the established deadlines.
Selection of courses at the partner university	Student in consultation with the study coordinator of the mobility university	Compiling a syllabus that comprises a minimum of 30 ECTS . The syllabus will be established as binding in the “Learning Agreement”
Getting approval	Head of the Curriculum Commission (in case of funding by Erasmus+ and Erasmus+ International, also by the Office for International Relations)	Signing of the “Learning Agreement”

How to get ECTS accreditation after the completion of your mobility semester:

What needs to be done	By whom	How
Participation in the selected courses and passing of exams at the partner university	student	As proof for the exams passed, the student needs to obtain a certificate/transcript of records
Entry of proof of exams passed in UNIGRAOnline (UGO) ⁱⁱⁱ	student	Enter exam results in UGO via “Recognitions/Supplement for Certification”. Select in the tap “Operations” the function “New Recognition” and enter your results.
Control and confirmation of the entry	Dean’s office	Students have to submit the transcript of records to the Dean’s Office. The Dean will release the entry in the UGO.

*Questions related to recognition shall be addressed to the Dean’s office.

ⁱⁱⁱ For this download Chrome, as sometimes other browsers (e.g. Safari) cause technical problems. Instructions for the course recognition: https://static.uni-graz.at/fileadmin/_files/_gewi/Studienmanagement/Anerkennungen/uni-graz-gewi-lehramt-anerkennungen-leitfaden-en.pdf

Mobility partners^{iv}

University of Belgrade (Serbia) | track: Law and Politics
Partner: Faculty of Political Science

Ss. Cyril and Methodius University (North-Macedonia) | track: Law and Politics
Partner: Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law

Babes-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca (Romania) | track: History
Partner: Faculty of History and Philosophy

Central European University (Austria) | track: History & Law and Politics
Partner: *To be updated*
(*Please note that Erasmus funding is not available for this mobility option, as CEU is located in Austria)

University College London (United Kingdom) | track: Law and Politics
Partner: School of Slavonic and East European Studies <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ssees/>
(*Please note that Erasmus funding is not available for this mobility option, as UCL is located in the UK)

University of Bologna (Italy) | track: History & Law and Politics
Partner: School of Political Science

University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) | track: History & Law and Politics
Partner: Faculty of Social Science

University of Novi Sad (Serbia) | track: History
Partner: Faculty of Philosophy <https://www.ff.uns.ac.rs/en>

University of Regensburg (Germany) | track: History & Law and Politics
Partner: Institute of History

University of Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina) | track: Law and Politics
Partner: Faculty of Political Science <https://fpn.unsa.ba/b/>

University of Zagreb (Croatia) | track: History & Law and Politics
Partner: Faculty of Political Science

^{iv} Please note that there might be changes regarding the specialisation tracks, which are offered by the mobility partners. Any changes will be published in the “Mobility Guide” that will be provided by the Office of International relations at the end of the first semester. In any case, before choosing your mobility program, please always check with the local academic and administrative coordinators of the mobility universities for the latest updated list of course offerings in English.

3 Organising your studies

Please visit <https://welcome.uni-graz.at/en/> for additional information on how to set up your studies and access services at the University of Graz.

UNIGRAZonline & course registration

To sign up for courses, you must first be [enrolled as a student](#) and have access to **UNIGRAZonline**. After enrollment and the payment of your tuition fees, you will receive a pin code to activate your UNIGRAZonline account. The system will automatically assign you a username. After you choose a password, your personal account in UNIGRAZonline will be activated.^v

For a detailed description of **how to activate your UNIGRAZonline account**, see: https://static.uni-graz.at/fileadmin/veranstaltungen/orientation/incstud_welevents-UGOactivation.pdf

At UNIGRAZonline you will be able to access a.o. the following services and documents:

- Confirmation of **student status** (Inskriptionsbestätigung), Record of Studies (Studienblatt)
- Changing of **personal details** (e.g. address, telephone number)
- **Registration and cancellation of courses and exams**
- Information on **exam dates**
- **Transcript of records**
- **Curriculum**
- **Student / tuition fees status**

For a detailed description of **how to sign up for courses**, see: [incstud_course-registration.pdf \(uni-graz.at\)](#)

UNIGRAZcard: library and printing

As a student of the University of Graz, you get a personalised UNIGRAZcard. You can use the UNIGRAZcard for [printing / scanning / copying on campus](#), as a [library card](#), to access areas that are restricted to students/staff, and as a student ID.

For a detailed description on **how to apply for and activate your UNIGRAZcard**, visit: <https://studienabteilung.uni-graz.at/en/studying/unigracard/>

Email account & WIFI

Email - Once you activated your account in UNIGRAZonline, you will get your personalised [@edu.uni-graz.at](#) email address.

For a detailed instruction on **how to access your email account** on different devices, visit: <https://it.uni-graz.at/en/manuals/outlook-web-access-using-your-e-mail-account-with-a-browser/>

^v Students who are still waiting for their graduation documents and are therefore delayed with their formal enrollment and UniGraz account registration can access the Moodle platform and course materials via their private email address. They need to notify their academic coordinator, who will request such access for them through the IT Service Desk.

WiFi - The University of Graz is part of the eduroam roaming project. Eduroam enables users WIFI access at all eduroam locations with the account of their home university. For description on **how to set up eduroam**, visit this [page](#).

The University of Graz requires all users of university accounts to set up multi-factor authentication (MFA) and create a VPN connection for cybersecurity reasons. For instructions on how to set up MFA and VPN, please check this [page](#).

Please keep in mind that all official communication regarding your studies is conducted exclusively through your university account. You need to check your university email daily or you must set up email forwarding to your other email account that you use daily. Additionally, please be aware that there are other internal platforms, such as [UniGraz Online](#) (UGO—e.g., for course information and registration) and [Moodle](#) (e.g. for course materials), which you will have to use regularly. These platforms are also connected to your university account and cannot be linked to your private email addresses.

Re-registration & student fees

Full degree students of the University of Graz have to **re-register each semester**. For re-registration, you need to pay **your Austrian Students' Union fee** (and if applicable: **tuition fee**) on time, otherwise you will not be able to sit any exams, take any further courses, and you will be **automatically ex-matriculated**. The **deadlines** for re-registration are **30 November** (for the winter semester) and **31 May** (for the summer semester). You can pay your students / tuition fee via **UNIGRAZonline**.

For a detailed instruction on **how to re-register**, see: <https://orientation.uni-graz.at/de/your-studies/continuation-of-enrollment/>

At Uni Graz the following **tuition fees** apply:

Student nationality	Tuition fees	Mandatory service fees
Austrian/EU, EEA, Switzerland and the countries listed below in the footnote ^{vi}	First 4+2 semesters: None	Austrian student union (ÖH) fee: €26.20/semester
Other nationalities	€726.72/semester	

Students from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine, and Belarus are eligible to request a refund after successfully completing the previous semester. For remitting or refunding the tuition fee at the University of Graz, please look at: <https://studienabteilung.uni-graz.at/en/tuition-fee/remission-of-tuition-fees/>; For the tuition fee reimbursement procedures for the students from Southeastern European countries at the University of Graz, please look at: [Students from Southeastern Europe - studienabteilung2.uni-graz.at](#)

Students eligible for tuition fee reimbursement must submit their request to the Student Services (Studienabteilung) via UGO by March 31. To qualify, they must have completed and received at least 12 ECTS in UGO from courses taken in the previous semester.

^{vi} Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda, Yemen and Zambia

It is the students' responsibility to inform their lecturers that they are eligible for this reimbursement and require a grade to be entered into the system by mid-March (at least one week before the deadline).

For students who attended seminars in the fall semester with extended deadlines for final paper submission, it is their responsibility to inform their lecturers that papers must be submitted earlier, so that grades can be entered into UGO on time. This ensures that students meet the necessary deadlines and documentation requirements for reimbursement.

Living Costs & Conditions: Graz: [Guide for International Students](#)

Mobility-Online

Mobility-Online is an online platform to organise your mobility semester. It offers services, such as application and registration for your mobility, compiling your Learning Agreement, and applications for funds for your mobility. You have also gone through the Mobility Online system for your admission to the University of Graz.

For a detailed instruction on **how to use Mobility-Online**, visit: [mo_onlinehelp.pdf \(uni-graz.at\)](#).

Resources: academic writing, research methods & software

The University of Graz offers students a variety of courses on academic writing and research methods. For further information, visit the website of "[Schreibzentrum](#)" and "[Methodenkompetenzzentrum](#)". As a student of the University of Graz, you can also profit from discounts on software via UniIT <https://it.uni-graz.at/en/it-services/>

Scholarships and funding opportunities

We encourage all students to apply for scholarships to fund their studies. Please inform yourself as soon as possible about available funding options on <https://grants.at/en/>.

For your **mobility semester**, you can apply for a scholarship from Erasmus+ or Erasmus+ International. Please get in touch with the **Office of International Relations** to discuss funding opportunities and application procedures.

The University of Graz offers **scholarships for self-organised mobilities and research stays**. Please inform yourself about deadlines and application criteria on the website of the [Office of International Relations](#). Do not hesitate to seek assistance with your application from the CSEES, SEEHA and the Office of International Relations.

USI Sport

UniGraz offers sports classes and training at the Universitäts-Sportinstitut (known as "USI Sport"). As a student, you can register for many courses at discounted prices. Please read the USI website for participation requirements and organizational details, and check regularly for the announcement of registration dates for the upcoming winter semester. Please note that the website is currently available only in German.

<https://sportinstitut.uni-graz.at/de/anmeldung/>

4 Stay informed and get involved with the CSEES and SEEHA

Stay informed!

During your studies, you will be expected to participate in the CSEES' activities and events. Students of the history track in particular are also invited to take part in SEEHA events. Apart from the [CSEES website](#) and the [SEEHA website](#), there are several options for staying up-to-date:

Facebook & Twitter & Instagram

The [CSEES Facebook page](#), the [SEEHA Facebook page](#), CSEES [Instagram account](#) and the [SEEHA Instagram account](#) provide daily information about activities of the two institutes and its researchers.

Balkan Academic News

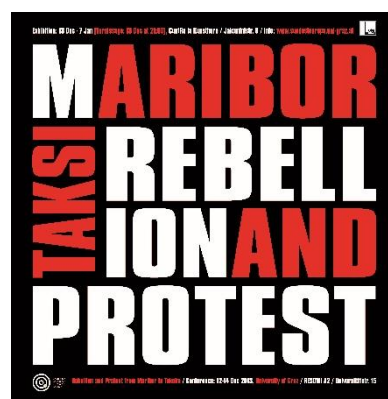
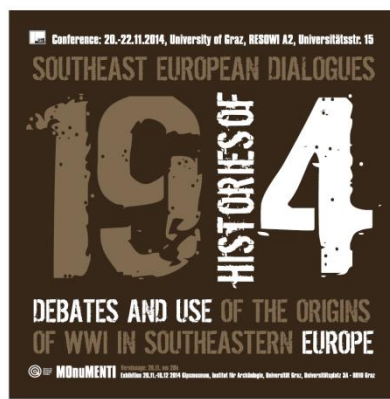
Balkan Academic News (BAN) is a daily newsletter of the CSEES with over 7000 subscribers. Here you can find e.g. calls for papers, conference announcements, book reviews, or job openings with relation to Southeastern Europe. Follow this link to sign up for BAN: <http://list.uni-graz.at/mailman/listinfo/balkans>

SOE.Graz

SOE.Graz is a (German language) interdisciplinary newsletter on events and activities related to Southeastern Europe in Graz. Follow this link to subscribe to SOE.Graz: <http://list.uni-graz.at/mailman/listinfo/soe.graz>

Get involved!

The CSEES and SEEHA are regular hosts to conferences, seminars, and workshops. Students are welcome to participate! Please inform yourself about our activities on the CSEES' and SEEHA's websites, social media accounts, and newsletters.



Brownbag Seminars

Since 2011 the CSEES and the SEEHA host weekly Brownbag seminars. Every Tuesday from 13:00 to 14:00, during both the winter and summer semesters, our Centre for Southeast Europe hosts a Brownbag Seminar Series—a forum for university scholars and visiting fellows to present their current research on Southeast Europe and discuss them in an informal setting: Visit the CSEES' website for an up-to-date programme:

<https://suedosteuropa.uni-graz.at/de/neuigkeiten/brownbag-seminars-summer-term-2025/>

Starting with the winter semester 2025/26, the UniGraz Field of Excellence “Dimensions of Europe” offers a new Brownbag Seminar Series featuring engaging lectures on current, pressing, and cross-cutting research topics. These seminars take place every Wednesday from 12:00 to 13:00.

Brownbag Seminare – Aktuelle Forschung zu Südosteuropa
Sommersemester 2026

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UNIVERSITÄTSSTR. 15
BAUTEIL C
8010 GRAZ
JEWELS DIENSTAG
13:00 – 14:00

10.03.2026 Ordić Laci (Universität Priština) DIE DARSTELLUNG DES KOSOVO-KRIEGES IN DER DEUTSCHSPRACHIGEN LITERATUR	17.03.2026 Robert Dupčić (University of Ljubljana) BETWEEN EMPOWERMENT AND DOMINATION: THE EU'S CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT IN CANDIDATE COUNTRIES	24.03.2026 Audriana Lazarević (University of Belgrade) TWO GENERATIONS OF RESISTANCE: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE ROLE OF OPPOSITION AND STUDENT MOVEMENTS IN SERBIA IN THE 1990S AND TODAY
14.04.2026 Anrieta Topchija (Central European University Vienna) REIMAGINING EXPERTISE IN EU JUDICIAL REFORM: EPISTEMIC INJUSTICE AND THE CASE OF ALBANIA	21.04.2026 Irina Militanovic (Institute of European Studies, Belgrade) MEDIA PLURALISM AND DISINFORMATION AMID THE AUTOCRATIC TURN: THE CASE OF SERBIA	28.04.2026 Doruk Emin (Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group (BEPAG)) THE AGE OF THE KINGPIN: POWER IN THE NEW TRANSACTIONAL WORLD ORDER
05.05.2026 Goran Lazčić (University of Graz) GAVRILLO PRINCIP BETWEEN TRANSNATIONAL MEMORY AND POPULAR CULTURE	12.05.2026 Dimitar Paskov (South East European University (SEEU)) THE IMPACT OF HYBRID WARFARE ON SECURITY POLICIES: THE WESTERN BALKANS AND EASTERN EUROPE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE 21ST CENTURY	19.05.2026 Claudia Mary-Veschninovic (Montanuniversität Leoben) DECIPHERING THE DIALOGUE: LINGUISTIC VIOLENCE AND TRAUMA REPRODUCTION IN THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN SERBIAN ELITES AND CIVIL SOCIETY
02.06.2026 Ivana Spirovska (University of Graz) AGEING ON THE MARGINS: OLDER ADULTS' TESTIMONIES IN NORTH MACEDONIA	09.06.2026 Filip Murićević (Indiana University Bloomington) THE TWO TITOS: JOSIP BROZ'S VISUAL AND DISCURSIVE REPRESENTATIONS IN AFRICA DURING THE EARLY COLD WAR	16.06.2026 Nicole Navratil (University of Graz & Erfurt) THE VISUAL SELF-TESTING OF A SERBIAN FEMALE RIGHT-WING PARTY LEADER ON FACEBOOK

SEEHA
SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN RESEARCH CENTRE

Dimensions of Europe
Field of Excellence
University of Graz
Program SS 2026

Lunch Lecture

25.03. **Carrying Knowledge Across Paper: Literary Letters in Enlightened Spain**
Yvonne Vöhl & Elisabeth Hobisch
Technical University Graz

22.04. **Expertise, Sectarianism, and Nationalism in mid-nineteenth-century Ireland: The Brehon Law Commission and its Minute Book**
Garan McDonough
Aarhus University

29.04. **Love as a Political Force and the New Landscape of Culture of Resistance in Europe: Student Protests in Serbia 2024–2025**
Tatjana Bostić-Hik
Independent Scholar

06.05. **Water as Method – Eco-Transversal Mapping of Adriatic Avant-Gardes**
Kristina Pranjevic
University of Nova Gorica / ZRC SAZU

13.05. **Who Owns the Communist Past? Epistemic Capture and the Governance of Memory in the Czech Republic**
Marcel Blauie
University of Graz

03.06. **The Legacy of the Vienna Circle**
Schotha Sakar
University of Texas at Austin

10.06. **Producing "Race" through Migration Management in Spain**
Sebastian Cobarrubias
ARAD researcher at the Universidad de Zaragoza

17.06. **Educating for democratic citizenship in a digital age: Fostering empathy in the shadows of the violent 20th century**
Eirik Risberg
Nord University

24.06. **Migration, more than a Glitch in Platform Economy**
Maribel Casas-Cortés
Universidad de Zaragoza

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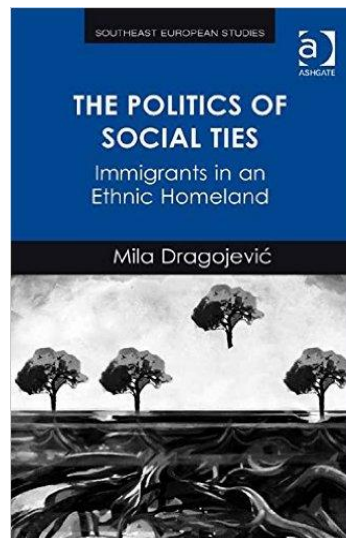
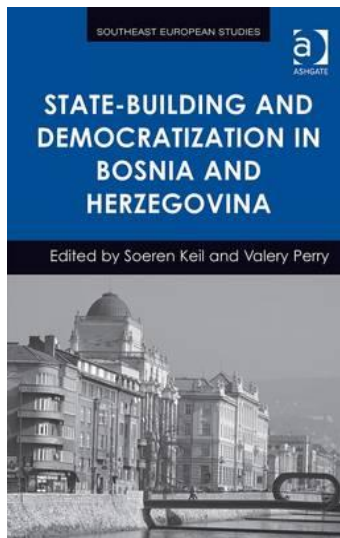
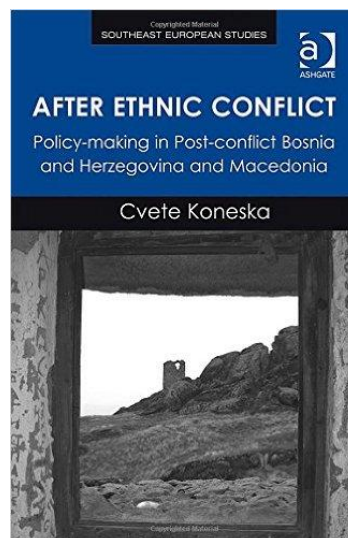
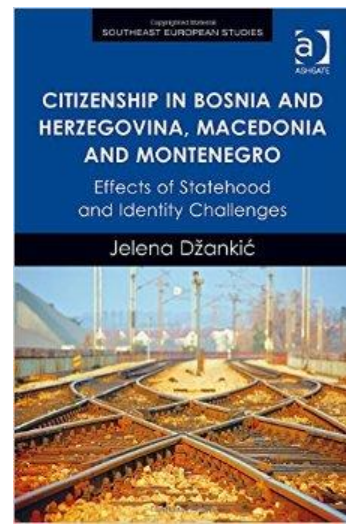
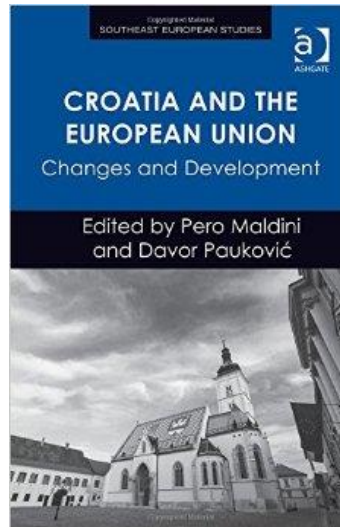
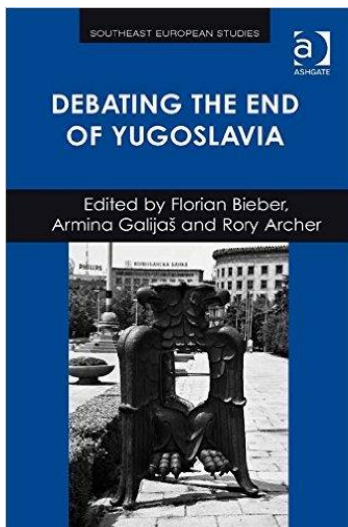
5 The Centre for Southeast European Studies

Research at the CSEES

Visit our website to get information on our past and current research projects: [Forschung - Center for Southeast European Studies](#)

Book Series: Southeast European Studies

Southeast European Studies publishes cutting-edge original research on the region and contributes to a more profound understanding of Southeastern Europe. The series serves as a forum to reflect on recent history and how it shapes the present in the Balkans. Southeast European Studies comprises both monographs and edited volumes. It is interdisciplinary in scope, covering research in political science, history, anthropology, sociology, law, and economics.



Journal: Contemporary Southeast Europe

Contemporary Southeast Europe is a peer-reviewed open-access journal published by the CSEES. The journal publishes high-standard research from political science, history, sociology, anthropology and more. Students of the MA.SEES have also been among our authors. Visit the journal's website for more information and the latest issues: [Contemporary Southeastern Europe | \(contemporarysee.org\)](http://contemporarysee.org)

Blogs: BiEPAG & Globalising Southeast Europe

The Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group (BiEPAG) is an open group of policy analysts, scholars, and researchers, established as a joint initiative of the European Fund for the Balkans and the Centre for Southeast European Studies of the University of Graz. The [BiEPAG blog](#) provides policy analysis and recommendations for the Western Balkans countries. Its aim is to connect various political and societal stakeholders of the Western Balkans with decisionmakers in the European Union.

Globalising Southeast Europe is a [research blog](#) of the CSEES. Researchers of the CSEES, visiting fellows, and other scholars share their experiences and reflections on their fieldwork, research, and methodology.

6 Southeast European History and Anthropology

SEEHA southeast european history and anthropology

The department of [Southeast European History and Anthropology \(SEEHA\)](#) at the University of Graz is Austria's only scientific institution which combines history and anthropology with a focus on Southeastern Europe. The department offers also courses on Eastern and Central European history.

Research at the SEEHA

Visit our website to get information on our past and current research projects: [Südosteuropäische Geschichte und Anthropologie - Institut für Geschichte \(uni-graz.at\)](#)

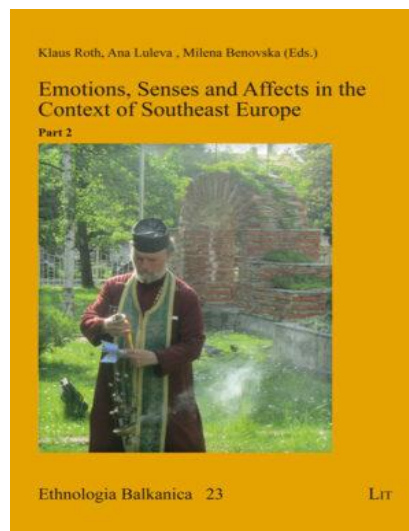
Library and Collections

Library of the Department of Southeast European History and Anthropology has been integrated into the Library of the Faculty of History (FB Geschichte).

Opening hours:
Monday to Friday 9.00-18.00.

Contact: ub.geschichte@uni-graz.at

Address: Heinrichstraße 26/IV, 8010 Graz.



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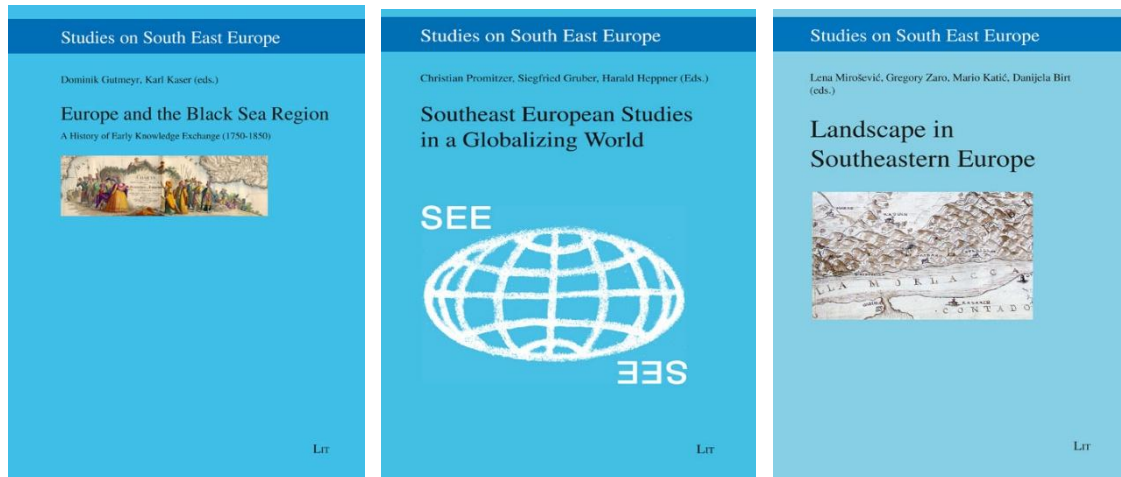
The SEEHA library holds extensive collections that are valuable for historiographical research, such as the Halpern Collection.

This collection, which was made available to the Graz department by the American cultural anthropologist Joel M. Halpern (Prof. emeritus of the University of Massachusetts), contains in part unique material and covers the Yugoslavian region of the last two centuries. It consists of sources that are fundamental for quantifying analyses of household and family structures (censuses, registers, tax lists, status animarum), as well as supplementary sources (field research notes, interview material and autobiographies). This collection is rounded off by an extensive collection of monographs and essays relevant to Balkan family history.

For information on further collections in the SEEHA library, see the website: [Südosteuropäische Geschichte und Anthropologie - Institut für Geschichte \(uni-graz.at\)](#)

Book Series

The book series "Studies on South East Europe" has been edited by Prof. Dr. Heike Karge since 2024 (2004-2023: Prof. Prof. h.c. Dr Karl Kaser). Founded in 2004, the book series focuses on the interdisciplinary linking of cultural anthropology and history as well as neighbouring disciplines. It includes historical-anthropological, sociological and cultural studies. The series is published by the publishing house Lit.



SEEHA as a meeting place

The department of Southeast European History and Anthropology is housed in the north wing of the so-called Meerscheinschlössl. With around 500 square metres of work and library space, the three floors are a hive of activity, and numerous events are also held there during the academic year.



Partners of the CSEES and SEEHA at the University of Graz

The Department of Slavic Studies is one of the oldest Slavic Studies departments in the German language region, covers courses and research on a great number of Slavic languages.

The Centre for East European Law and Eurasian Studies is an interdisciplinary research unit. Its focus is on East European Law, including research and teaching on Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Central European states, such as Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, the Baltic States, Southeastern Europe, as well as the South Caucasus and Central Asia.



The Centre for Jewish Studies covers courses and research on Jewish history, German-Jewish literature, and Jewish cultures. The Centre for Jewish Studies has a strong focus on interdisciplinary approaches.

The Department of Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology at the University of Graz has a focus on areas of urban life, cities, mobilities, visual culture, material culture, the ethnology of religion, as well as science and lifestyle research. As a discipline, Cultural Anthropology (former “*Volkskunde*”) examines cultural and social transformation processes