

Newsletter 4/2026

Call for Papers

- In cooperation with the Society for 18th-Century Studies on South Eastern Europe (SOG18) and the Bulgarian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Dragana **GRBIĆ** and Nadezhda **ALEXANDROVA** are convening a panel for the upcoming ISECS Congress in Zaragoza, 12-16 July 2027, on the topic “Etiquettes of In/Equality in Southeastern Europe during the Long Eighteenth Century”. Proposals are still welcome and should be sent directly to dgrbic@uni-koeln.de. Please also note the CfP attached!
- The CfP for the 17th ISECS Congress, to be held in Zaragoza, Spain, 12-16 July 2027, is now online. Cf. <https://www.isecs-zaragoza2027.net/en/en-home/>. Please also note the separate circular attached to newsletter 3/2026 !

Honors

- SOG18 founding member Ivan **PARVEV** has been honoured with a volume edited by Maria BARAMOVA, *Homo Politicus in the Balkans: Early Modern Southeast European History in Imperial and Regional Context*. The volume includes numerous contributions by SOG18 members. Further information is available here: <https://www.steiner-verlag.de/Homo-Politicus-in-the-Balkans/9783515141093>
- SOG18 member and University of Vienna Professor Maria **STASSINOPOULOU** will be honoured with a Festschrift edited by Anna RANSMAYR/Ioannis BRIGKOS/Kristina GEDGAUDAITÉ/Angelika HUDLER/Konstantinos SAMPANIS, *Ev Κοσμοπόλει – Festschrift für Maria A. Stassinopoulou zum 65. Geburtstag* (Göttingen: Brill, 2027). The ceremonial handover will take place at the University of Vienna on 6 October 2026.

Talk and public discussion

- As announced in the Newsletter 03/2026, a panel discussion organized by the Museum of Military History (HGM, Vienna) in collaboration with the SOG18 and the ÖGE18 on the topic “Krieg. Macht. Neuzeit. Der Südosten Europas im 18. Jahrhundert” took place on 17 September 2026 at the Museum of Military History in Vienna. Harald HEPPNER (University of Graz), Konrad PETROVSZKY (IHB/ÖAW) and Thomas WALLNIG (University of Vienna) were in conversation with Sabine Jesner (HGM). In the author's, i.e. Heppner's presence, they critically discussed his recent monograph entitled *Neuzeit mit Verspätung. Die Anfänge der Transition in Europas Südosten (1683-1821)* (Baden-Baden: Nomos ¹2026). To sum up the “Transition” — the long-term process of opening up to Western modernity that began in SEE in 1683 — serves the volume as a central theme and recurring conceptual framework. The monograph is not a traditional overview, but rather a book that poses more questions than it provides answers: This is in so far as it identifies a problem — namely, stalled modernization as a long-term historical phenomenon. The book's strengths lie in its rigorous systematization, its diversity of methods, and the clarity of its framework. It encompasses the entire region, from Istanbul to Inner Austria.