

ISECS: International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

Seminar for Early Career Scholars 2022 | SOG18

September 25 – September 30, 2022 in Schloss Seggau/Leibnitz (Austria)



CALL FOR PAPERS

The International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ISECS) invites applications from scholars in all fields of eighteenth-century studies to participate in a four-day International Seminar for Junior Eighteenth-Century Scholars. The seminar will be organized by the Society for Eighteenth Century Studies on South Eastern Europe with its seat at university of Graz (= Seat of the XIIIth ISECS congress, 2011)

The organizing committee consists of Christoph Gnant (University of Vienna/Austria), Harald Heppner (University of Graz/Austria), Olga Katsiardi-Hering (University of Athens/Greece), Ivan Pärvev (University of Sofia/Bulgaria) and Stefanie Stockhorst (University of Potsdam/Germany).

War Times in the 18th century Perceptions and Memories

The 18th century was a period fulfilled with military conflicts in Europe as well in the other continents. Several generations were directly or indirectly being involved in campaigns, battles and war logistics on land and water respectively in illness and war damages and were influenced by head and heart. Therefore, we have to expect that war time created a large spectrum of perceptions and memories. The main aspects of the subjects seem to be:

- The role of wartime in the contemporarian perception
- The diversity of wartime memory (soldiers, politicians, managers, clergy, etc.)
- The kinds of traces of wartime (letters, documents, memories, journals, songs, pictures, monuments etc.)
- The intellectual reflection about war and military violence in the era of enlightenment
- The similarities and diversities in the different war scenes (Western Europe, Eastern Europe, other continents, continental and maritime aspects).

The seminar is limited to 15 participants. Proposals should be based on an original research project (e.g. a doctoral dissertation) which addresses the theme of the seminar. Because this is a seminar rather than a conference, each participant will be given approximately one hour to present their research. Preference will be given to scholars who are at the beginning of their academic career (PhD or equivalent for less than six years). The official languages of the seminar are English and French. Translations of abstracts and various seminar materials not in English will be made available to participants. Accommodation costs (Sunday night to Saturday morning) and lunches and dinners will be covered in full by the organizers, who will be responsible for reserving rooms in the congress center at Seggau castle. Participants must cover their own travel costs, but the organizers will be glad to offer advice on the best routes to and from Graz International Airport or Graz Main Railway Station.

Applications should include the following information: a brief curriculum vitae with date of PhD (or equivalent); a list of principal publications and scholarly presentations; a brief description of the proposed paper (max 1,000 words). The description must show how the applicant's project addresses the theme of the seminar, and how it fits with their wider research.

Applications will be judged on the following criteria: 1. The fitness of the research to the seminar theme; 2. The extent to which the research is rigorous, significant, and original; 3. The balance of countries and disciplines represented at the seminar.

Applications are invited by **31th January 2022**. Please send applications by e-mail to **sog18@uni-graz.at**. We will aim to notify all applicants about the outcome of their application by 28th February 2022.