

The beginnings of Secularisation in South Eastern Europe

Call for Papers

There is no doubt that in the course of the 18th century, a lasting change took place in South Eastern Europe. This change is apparent both in political structures as well as in economic forms, social structures and cultural development. This change has several roots, the effects of which were to lead to a decline in the importance of religious and ecclesiastically legitimised structures, while rational and human-oriented criteria assumed greater importance.

The SOG18 will hold an international conference on this topic from Thursday 30th May to Sunday 2nd June 2024. The conference aims to discuss in an interregional comparison approaches of secularisation in different areas of society and to determine the interpretational potential of the term. *Secularisation* refers both to phenomena of the gradual dissolution of religious and ecclesiastically legitimised structures as well as to phenomena of the increasing spread of rational, preventive thinking and new socio-political concepts (citizenship, nation).

Individuals wishing to speak at this conference and participate in the discussion are requested to send an abstract of approximately 3000 characters to sog18@uni-graz.at by 30th June 2023 at the latest - in German or in English.

Applicants will be notified by the 30th of August 2023 whether they will be included in the programme.

The results of this conference will be published in volume 7 of the SOG18 online yearbook.