

Call for Papers
Changing Societies – Dimensions of Europeanization,
Language and Plurality in Europe's Changing Societies,
ARQUS Research Focus Forum
University of Graz, November 26-28, 2021

The Field of Excellence "Dimensions of Europeanization" of the University of Graz organizes the ARQUS Research Focus Forum „Changing Societies – Dimensions of Europeanization" on November 26-28, 2021 in collaboration with the Vice-Rectorate for Research and Career Development, the ARQUS team and the Center for Southeast European Studies (CSEES).

The Field of Excellence deals with social transformation processes in Southeastern Europe from a comparative perspective. "Dimensions of Europeanization" explores changing discourses about the understanding, organization, and in particular the unification of the material and figurative territory referred to as "Europe" in time and space. It builds on the long-established research expertise in Southeastern Europe at the University of Graz.

We welcome a wide range of paper proposals from different disciplines to address the larger question of changing societies in Europe. In particular, we are inviting submissions on the following theme for the conference:

Language and Plurality in Europe's Changing Societies

Europe is one of the world's least diverse continents linguistically, yet European languages are disproportionately dominant in international communication, diplomacy, science, on the Internet. Linguistic diversity is a reality in any society, including European ones, at any given time; however, the correlation between language and territory characteristic of the modern nation-state-building processes in Europe since the 19th century sometimes threatens and reduces this diversity. Additionally, political, ecological and economic issues of our own time—globalization, climate change, migration patterns, urbanization and technologization—point further to the need of studying, maintaining and promoting (linguistic) plurality in the European context, not as exceptionality, but as normality. Submissions investigating topics such as: multi- and plurilingualism in European contexts; migration, integration, language and creativity; language diversity as diachronic and synchronic normality; are especially encouraged.

How to Apply:

The Research Focus Forum invites researchers at all levels and in particular all ARQUS members (including early stage researchers) interested in the topic „Changing Societies – Dimensions of Europeanization" to submit a 400 word abstract and short bio in 200 words, as well as contact information until **1 September 2021** to europeanization@uni-graz.at.

Remuneration for accepted panelists from ARQUS partner universities will be covered*, as well as for a limited number of participants from other institutions. Funding is available for travel and accommodation costs for participants from Arqus universities within the framework of the Arqus European University Alliance. Please contact the Arqus Officer at your university. (*To be clarified with the Arqus rules of the Grant Agreement.)

We are very much looking forward to exchanging research and to establishing, fostering, and developing sustainable contacts with our ARQUS partner universities and our colleagues in the determined research area. The event will offer time for internal networking and will reach out to the public.