

**Call for Papers**  
**Changing Societies – Dimensions of Europeanization,**  
**Localization and Regionalization as Parallel Processes to Europeanization,**  
**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:

**Localization and Regionalization as Parallel Processes to Europeanization**

Europeanization is often challenged and/or reinforced by processes of localization and regionalization. The theme focuses on processes that emphasize local and regional belonging, identities and structures. These might mediate larger Europeanization processes and thus reinforce Europeanization, such as those that weaken nation states. They also might challenge Europeanization and offer alternative institutions or forms of identification. The topic is the theme for the fellowship program of the Field of Excellence during the academic year 2021-2. For the call, papers that explore the tensions and the mutually reinforcing dynamics of localization/regionalization and Europeanization are of particular interest. A focus on Southeastern Europe is welcomed, but not required.

**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](mailto: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.