

Call for Papers
Changing Societies – Dimensions of Europeanization,
Changing Societies – Changing Relationships,
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:

Changing Societies – Changing Relationships

Europe’s relationship with others having relied to a great extent on a shared history and its colonial past is currently undergoing a rapid change. Due to changes in economic, global, and political power, China, Russia, and India, for example, have become more influential, whereas the often quoted “special” relationship between Europe and the US has suffered. Diverging positions on global issues in political, economic, and cultural terms as well as a general questioning of the transatlantic relationship is forcing Europe to be more independent of its allies and define international relationships anew. A focus on the Americas 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 eupeanization@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.