

Call for Applications

DAAD Summer School „Potentials, Perils, and Promises of Ethnic Diversity“

Chernivtsi, August 24th – September 1st, 2019

The Center for Conflict Studies (CCS) at the University of Marburg (Germany), in cooperation with Chernivtsi National University, is delighted to announce the Call for Applications for the summer school “Potentials, Perils, and Promises of Ethnic Diversity”.

The summer school deals with critical analysis of the potential and the dangers of ethnic diversity. For this topic, the region of Bukovina and the city of Chernivtsi are a perfect location. In the Habsburg Monarchy, the region was characterised by historical co-existence of various ethnic, language, and religious groups. Unlike many other regions, Bukovina, and especially its urban centers such as Chernivtsi, did not have one dominant ethnic population. Identities were multi-layered, and most people spoke several languages as well as developed an umbrella regional identity. These conditions led to Bukovina becoming a model of interethnic cooperation and political moderation, with the ability to find political consensus becoming the trademark of the local culture.

Together with 20 participants, we will examine what ethnic diversity meant in the 19th and 20th century Bukovina. How did different ethnic groups living in Chernivtsi co-exist with each other? What sort of conflicts did this co-existence generate? We will look for the traces of the multi-ethnic past that are still to be found today and speak about how those are perceived locally, nationally, and internationally. Further, we will have a chance to see how those various ethnic groups live together and perceive each other nowadays.

During the summer school, participants will receive training in research methods in the field of Social Science and History. The following methods will be discussed and applied to the local situation in Chernivtsi: 1. Institutional comparison; 2. Archival research; 3. Film analysis; 4. Visual communication (museums, memorial boards, monuments, historical buildings); 5. Qualitative interviews (expert interviews): developing an interview guideline, carrying out/recording/transcribing/analysing interviews.

Working language of the summer school is English. Participants will come from Chernivtsi (10 people), other cities of Ukraine (5 people), and from Germany (5 people). The lecturers are from Germany and Ukraine.

The summer school is preceded by an interactive online phase (two weeks prior to the summer school), for which participants will have to read introductory theoretical literature (up to 6 articles) and discuss them with a teacher and other students on an online-platform. Participants are also required to read one historical or contemporary novel about Chernivtsi/Bukovina and complete a short written assignment in the form of

an essay or a book review on the chosen novel. Organisers will provide a list of selected novels in Ukrainian, Russian, English, and German and reimburse participants for acquiring the books. Active participation in the online phase is an absolute pre-requisite for participation in the summer school.

We especially encourage advanced students (Master's and PhD level) to apply. In order to be eligible, participants must be Ukrainian residents and be at least in their third year of university studies. All applicants are asked to submit a CV of no more than two pages and a letter of motivation of no more than 700 words, both in English. The letter of motivation should outline the reasons for applying and the intended benefits you expect for your further studies at university, research, or professional career.

Please send your application and possible enquiries to <daad.chernivtsi@uni-marburg.de>.

Application deadline: May 15th, 2019.

Participants will be selected and notified by May 30th, 2019. A waiting list will be kept and more participants accepted if places become available.

Thanks to the financial support by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the programme, lunches, coffee breaks, and dinners are covered by the organisers. Travel and accommodation of participants from outside of Chernivtsi must be covered by the sending university or the participants individually.