

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Blended Learning Summer School**“Social Trauma in Changing Societies (STICS)” – Migration, Sociotraumatic Past and Contemporary Social Dynamics”**

Elective Course CST = Summer School “Social Trauma” 2020

Conference Hotel Burg Warberg

20. – 26.09.2020

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The STICS Project connects students and professors from ten universities in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Germany, Serbia and Turkey, building upon results and resources from an intensive six-year cooperation in the DAAD research networks “Trauma, Trust, and Memory” and “Migration – Trauma in Transition”. It strengthens transregional academic cooperation on the frame topic of Social Trauma, which is highly relevant in all participating countries, with huge influence on the evolution of civil society.

The main goal of the project is to contribute to the design and implementation of a social trauma informed approach to challenges of mass migration. The project also aims to enhance the international learning experience among the future generations of social scientists, policy makers and practitioners in various disciplines about how past and ongoing social-traumatic experiences of people on the move (refugees and migrants) and of members of host societies shape their interactions, creating conditions and environments that facilitate or hinder integration of refugees and their participation in the lives of the receiving societies in education, labor markets and various social as well as political processes. The project aims to move beyond the understanding of trauma as solely instigated by the individual and to be worked through by the individual. The research and the project activities aim to facilitate interdisciplinary and intersectoral (public authorities, NGOs and private sector) knowledge exchange on the impact of socio-traumatic historical experiences on current public attitudes and waning enthusiasm about integration of the refugees to the receiving communities. The participating countries differ in their approaches to coping with consequences of migration; still, examples of good practices to achieving integration have emerged.

In 2020, the network is organizing the 9th summer school on Social Trauma, which is identical to this year’s elective course Social Trauma (CST), with the main aims to:

- Teach students specific knowledge on social trauma and its social and mental health consequences
- Help students develop the research skills in the area of Social Trauma in direct contact with researchers and practitioners
- Provide experience in cross-cultural research

ABOUT THE SUMMER SCHOOL/ELECTIVE COURSE SOCIAL TRAUMA

Due to the situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the summer school 2020 will take the form of a blended learning summer school – mixing online teaching with physical meetings in small groups. Due to the existing difficulties with international travel, students from each country will meet at a national meeting point, where they will jointly participate in the work of the summer school. The national meeting point for IPU students will be the Conference Hotel Burg Warberg about 3 hours from Berlin.

The classes and summer school activities will be held using videoconferencing software, with students from each country being together at the national meeting point, while using videoconferencing tools to connect to lecturers and groups of students from other participating countries.

The summer school lasts for 6 days. Classes cover an interdisciplinary approach on Social Trauma, from Memory Studies, Developmental, Clinical and Social Psychology, Research Methodology and Ethics to Cultural Theory.

All participants will receive 5 ECTS credit points and a participation certificate, after successful completion and handing in a portfolio.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

All psychology master students from IPU.

WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR THE APPLICATION?

1. Short CV (one page)
2. Letter of motivation (one page)
3. Grades overview
4. Send an email to: international@ipu-berlin.de
 - a. with the CV, letter of motivation, grades overview and
 - b. your name, study program at IPU, and state whether you want to use this course as your obligatory elective course (CST).

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

1. Academic achievements
2. Convincing motivation
3. Engagement in related projects and/or related career perspectives
4. Order of appearance

Please note that preference is given to master students in their final study term!

COSTS AND FUNDING

The summer school is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). The funding covers the following services:

- Travel from Berlin to the conference location by train organized by IPU's International Office (please note that individual travel can only be reimbursed to a maximum of 30€ per person)
- 6 nights accommodation in a shared double room (single rooms are available on request for an extra 30€ per night; please let us know with your application if you wish to stay in a single room)
- Full board plus coffee and snacks

All participants are required to pay a personal contribution of 60€ for their participation!

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application deadline is June 30th, 2020.