

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

PhD Research School**„Social Trauma in Changing Societies“***International Psychoanalytic University Berlin, Germany*

30.10. – 19.11.2021

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The network project “Social Trauma in Changing Societies” (STICS) connects students, researchers and professors from ten universities in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Germany, Serbia and Turkey, building upon results and resources from an intensive nine-year cooperation in the DAAD funded study and research networks “[Trauma, Trust, and Memory](#)”, “[Migration – Trauma in Transition](#)” and, since 2019, “[Social Trauma in Changing Societies](#)”. It strengthens transregional academic cooperation on the frame topic of Social Trauma, which is highly relevant in all participating countries, examining the general connections between societal trauma, psychopathology, and culture.

ABOUT THE RESEARCH SCHOOL

The PhD Research School “Social Trauma in Changing Societies” 2021 will take the form of a three-week international research colloquium situated in presence at *International Psychoanalytic University Berlin* (IPU), Germany, from October 30 to November 19, 2021.

The Research School aims at the promotion and connection of future young scientists working in the field of Social Trauma. Each of the ten partner universities will identify one PhD student or candidate, who – depending on their availability – will receive a research fellowship for a two- to three-week research stay at the IPU in the aforementioned timeframe. During the joint research period, professors from the STICS network will supervise the participants. Students will have the opportunity to:

- a) be advised and supervised by IPU and network professors who are thematically relevant to them,
- b) network with each other,
- c) where possible, to plan and implement joint transregional networked research projects, such as through data exchange, joint data sessions, and peer reviews,
- d) conduct a regular, partially public doctoral colloquium, and
- e) sharpen their dissertation topic or further develop their previous analysis.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

Two groups are eligible to apply: those who are at the beginning of their PhD and would like to develop or sharpen their PhD topic within the concept of "Social Trauma", and those who are already working on a sub-topic of the concept in their advanced PhD process.

WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR THE APPLICATION?

1. Motivation Letter
2. Short Research Proposal (one page)
3. Short CV (one page)

Please send all documents, preferably in one pdf file, by email to: hancheva@phls.uni-sofia.bg

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

In their motivation letter, all candidates should clarify how their research interest relates to the framework concept "Social Trauma". In addition, all applicants should describe whether and how they are socially engaged and whether this engagement is related to their research interest or project.

COSTS AND FUNDING

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

- Country specific lump sum for travel costs to Berlin (ranging between 375€ for Sofia-Berlin to 600€ for Ankara-Berlin)
- 54€ scholarship/day for PhD students and 38€ scholarship/day for MA students

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application deadline is September 27, 2021.