Environmental Discourses and Practices in Eastern and Southeastern Europe: Challenges and Opportunities

4th Graduate Workshop of the Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies at the University Regensburg in cooperation with the Leibniz ScienceCampus Europe and America in the Modern World.

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The climate crisis, the loss of biodiversity and ever-growing environmental pollution are omnipresent problems of our time. They pose a challenge to our research as well. The interdisciplinary graduate workshop of the Graduate School of East and Southeast European Studies at the University of Regensburg aims at expanding the scope of research on these issues. It will focus on environmental discourses and practices, as well as on current challenges and potential ways to address these problems in Eastern and Southeastern Europe.

PhD candidates and early career researchers across the humanities, social sciences and other related disciplines with an environmental focus are invited to send in proposals of no more than 500 words (title and abstract) and a short CV (max. 2 pages) to gsoses.conference@ur.de by 20 February 2023.

We welcome proposals that address themes that include, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- Environmental activism and environmental movements
- Nature conservation and biodiversity loss
- Energy production, energy transition, and decarbonisation
- Waste and waste management
- Hazards, toxicity, pollution
- Environmental crime, corruption and greenwashing
- The more-than-human world and multispecies relations.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent out by the end of February. Participants will then be asked to submit their final papers (3000 words max.) by 8 May 2023. We aim to publish the working contributions as essays on the blog journal of the Leibniz ScienceCampus "Frictions: Europe, America and Global Transformations". Its essays section publishes fully-referenced, peer-reviewed articles.

The organisers will pay for up to two nights’ accommodation. Furthermore, travel costs will be reimbursed up to 150 Euro and for international applications additional funding may be considered. For any additional enquiries, please feel free to contact us at gsoses.conference@ur.de.

Your organising team,
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