



Call for Papers:

“Knowledge Exchange in Academic Cultures through Migration between and within Europe and the Black Sea Region (Until World War I and its Aftermaths)”

Conference organized by
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Deadline for submission of abstracts: 30.09.2018

Frame & aim:

The transfer of modern sciences to and the study of the Black Sea Region (BSR)¹ began in the late 18th century, so this area became increasingly interesting for Europe in learning more about its characteristics and circumstances. Because of the fact that a systematic investigation of knowledge and culture exchange as well as of academic cultures within and beyond the region is missing, this conference seeks to open the floor for debates on forms of these issues within the BSR until World War I (WWI) and its aftermaths. More specifically, it aims to investigate knowledge and cultural exchanges in a time of a changing geopolitical landscape due to the disintegration of the Ottoman Empire, wars and massive migration on the one hand and in a time of increasing institutionalization of academic research on the other hand (first professors and founders of education units, establishment of national training facilities, etc.). The goal of the conference is to analyse the exchange of knowledge and science in correlation with the population movements across borders, scientific advancements conveyed through the transfer of objects and exchange of knowledge in practical contexts between the BSR and Western Europe. The comparative approaches will address these issues with regard to emerging independent and semi-independent academic cultures, as well as those under foreign domination in the early 20th century until WWI and its aftermaths.

¹ Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, North-Caucasian Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Greece, Turkey



Objectives:

With this conference, we would like to invite scholars to contribute to a first systematic research of the exchange of knowledge in the BSR's academic cultures through migration, and to analyse the role of migrations in the processes of the emergence of independent and semi-independent academic cultures within the BSR until WWI and its aftermaths. We invite scholars from different disciplines in the humanities interested in themes including (but not limited to):

- The connection between migration flows and knowledge exchange
- Academic migration and the introduction of scientific achievements
- Movement of intelligentsia in (pre-)war times
- Exiled academic elite in the national educational institutional building
- Role of emigrants in establishing archives and museums in the BSR
- Schooling of intellectuals in exile
- Education obtained abroad by students and scholars from the BSR
- Women's roles and figures in the BSR's scientific world
- Migrations in travelogues, memoirs and folklore
- Links between independent, semi-independent and dependent academic cultures
- Religious and cultural activity in diaspora
- Exchange of ideas between members of national movements in the diaspora
- Literary and artistic production in emigration
- Emigrants and non-institutional forms of establishing academic cultures
- Emigration press in transfer of knowledge
- Balkans and Caucasus at crossroads of migration and knowledge exchange
- Consequences of wars regarding the academic cultures
- Visual representations of intelligentsia in emigration
- Movements of people and objects through photography and film
- Print and printing techniques
- Trade and transfer of knowledge in the BSR
- Knowledge transferred through translations
- Personal observations of ambassadors visiting Europe and the BSR
- Traveling and documenting the BSR
- Intelligentsia and concepts of violence



There is no fee for participation in the conference, but the organizers do unfortunately not have the possibility to cover the participants' expenses for travel and accommodation. English will serve as the main conference language. Please send 350-word proposals for 20 minute papers along with a short academic CV to Prof. Dr. Biljana Ristovska-Josifovska (brjosifovska@yahoo.com) no later than 30 September 2018. The organisers aim to let you know within three weeks after the deadline whether your proposal has been accepted.

A selection of papers presented at the conference will be published in a special volume in the first half of 2020.

The conference is organized within the project "Knowledge Exchange and Academic Cultures in the Humanities. Europe and the Black Sea Region", an MSCA-RISE-project funded by the European Commission. Further information may be found on www.blacksearegion.eu.

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