

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

Online participation call

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 some participating countries will meet at national meeting points, where they will jointly participate in the work of the summer school, while students and professors from other countries will participate exclusively by joining the online summer school sessions. **This call is for exclusive online participation.**

The classes and summer school activities will be held 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 master and 4th year bachelor students of psychology and other social sciences from accredited universities in Serbia, Croatia, North Macedonia, Slovenia, Italy, Spain, Portugal, France, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Georgia and Israel. Applications from students from other countries not participating in the STICS network are also welcome and will be considered.

WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR THE APPLICATION?

1. Short CV (one page)
2. Letter of motivation (one page)

To apply send an email to: stics@filfak.ni.ac.rs

- a. with your name, study program, year of study, university, country and contact information
- b. and your CV and letter of motivation attached.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

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

COSTS AND FUNDING

The summer school is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

Participation for students is **free of charge!**

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The extended application deadline is July 31th, 2020.



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