

Call for Participants

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The 11th Annual Summer School on National Minorities in Border Regions

OVERVIEW

Context

The notion of a '**new digital paradigm**' (NDP) has been with us for more than two decades. Digital spaces and online identities have become a pervasive part of our social reality. In 2020, this trend was turbo-charged by the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, the National Minorities in Border Regions Summer School will focus on online presence and the activism of minorities, the interlink between "offline" and "digital" identities and provide a platform to analyse the challenges minorities face in a digital space.

Topics Covered

- General concepts: What is a minority? What changes and transformations are taking place in the definition of "minority"? What does a "new digital paradigm" mean for minorities?
- Empowerment via NDP: digital minority identities, tools for online activism and advocacy, minority media
- Mistreatment via NDP: countering hate speech, and minority mobilisation
- Online security: ethnic data collection and online ethnic profiling

Planned Activities

The programme will **combine traditional and non-formal** educational methods, interactive sessions and networking activities. The course will include:

- Keynote lectures delivered by prominent scholars, academic lectures and practitioners' seminars (tba);
- Interactive workshops conducted by trained professionals and discussion sessions ;
- Meetings and networking with local minority stakeholders, panel discussions;
- A cross-border trip to Denmark to visit Germany minority organisations (subject to COVID-19 related regulations);
- Presentation and research exchange among the participants;
- Social events (city tour, visits to selected museums/exhibitions, international evening).

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The Summer School team aims to select a total number of 24 junior scholars, researchers or practitioners, having the following professional background:

- Students from relevant fields of studies (MA and PhD students), and/or
- Practitioners from the public sector, NGOs, mass-media.

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Applicants are required to submit a **completed online application form** (available on the [ECMI homepage](#)) which includes questions on general information (contact details, affiliation, practical and logistical information).

To finalise the submission of an application, applicants must also submit their detailed **CV** and a **Letter of Motivation** via email to summerschool@ecmi.de no later than **14 May 2021**. Please state "NMBR SuS21 Application" in the subject line.

The letter of motivation should 1) explain the reason for the applicant's interest in participating in the Summer School; 2) assess how they will utilise and benefit from this experience in the future; 3) explain how they would be an asset to this Summer School; and 4) provide at least two references (name, position, affiliation, email, and phone number).

The application will not be considered for the selection process unless the required documents are submitted via email.

The selection will be performed on the basis of academic and professional achievements, as well as expressed interest in the topic. Diversity of the group in terms of professional background, gender, and country of origin will be an important factor in the selection process.

TUITION FEES

The tuition fee for the Summer School 2021 is

- **200 EUR** if the completed application is submitted until 16 April 2021 *****EARLY BIRD*****
- **250 EUR** if the completed application is submitted after 16 April 2021.

The fee covers: (1) the week-long programme of lectures and workshops; (2) all reading materials before and during the Summer School; (3) accommodation and breakfast in Flensbed Hostel in 4-bed rooms from 22-29 August 2021; (4) lunches and light refreshments for seven days of the Summer School, plus two dinners; (5) a field trip to Denmark; (6) participation in all additional Summer School activities (city tour, social activities, visits to museums/exhibition); (7) support with bureaucratic matters during your visa application (if needed). Please note that visa fees will not be reimbursed. Travel costs, as well as visa and health/travel insurance costs will not be reimbursed.

Cancellation policy

Cancellation until 16 July 2021: 80% of the tuition fee will be refunded, minus any additional incurred costs.

Cancellations after 16 July 2021: no refund

VENUE AND PARTNERS

The 11th Annual Summer School 'National Minorities and Border Regions' is organised together by the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI) and the [Coppieters Foundation](#) and is kindly hosted by our partners at the Dansk Centralbibliotek for Sydslesvig.

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***** Due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, the ECMI is developing contingency plans which will allow us to proceed with the Summer School programme should disruptions occur due to travel restrictions for lecturers. These contingencies include some flexibility in the teaching and activities of the programme, including interactive online teaching options and sourcing locally-based lecturers to step in. Additionally, if confirmed participants are unable to attend the Summer School due to travel restrictions relating to the crisis, they will be fully refunded for any fees paid up to that point. In the event that the programme is cancelled entirely, any fees paid will be refunded in full. *****

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