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ERC MENTORING INITIATIVE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Institute for Human Sciences (Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, IWM), Vienna is an independent institute of advanced study in the humanities and social sciences. Together with the Polish Academy of Sciences (Polska Akademia Nauk, PAN) and generously supported by the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education (Ministerstwo Nauki i Szkolnictwa Wyższego), the IWM has established a mentoring initiative for applicants for **European Research Council (ERC) Starting and Consolidator Grants in the humanities and social sciences from Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe**. This mentoring initiative is addressed in particular to researchers in the areas of history, anthropology, political science, sociology, science and technology studies, as well as cultural and literary studies aiming to submit in 2020 – 2023.

Internationally established scholars, who have served as members of ERC evaluation panels, or who have held ERC grants themselves will act as mentors during a workshop. The aim is to give a small group of applicants individualized advice regarding the development of their projects' academic content through intensive discussion with each other and with the mentors. Moreover, the initiative is intended to contribute to the creation of a culture of open and collegial dialogue, as well as to the internationalization of junior researchers in the humanities and social sciences in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe. **The initiative's workshops focus exclusively on the conception and design of the academic research projects** and are meant to complement the work of the National Contact Points (NCPs) for the ERC program, who are able to provide detailed information on the ERC's grant schemes and the application process.

The next workshops will be held **remotely on September 4–5** as well as on **December 4–5, 2020**. Participation is free; the workshop language is English.

If you are interested in taking part, please send an email with your **CV and a 2-page project proposal** to the email address below. Please make sure you indicate clearly which workshop you want to participate in and which grant you intend to apply for.

We also offer former participants the possibility to re-attend one of the following workshops. In case you have attended a previous workshop of our mentoring initiative, please also send us a **progress report**, outlining in what way your project has evolved since then.

Please note that **all participants will be required to present their project proposals** to the mentors and other participants.

As places are limited, **please send your applications as soon as possible, but no later than August 14, 2020 for the September workshop/November 13, 2020 for the December workshop**. Further workshops are planned for 2021.

In case of any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at erc@iwm.at.