Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter! Thank you very much for your interest in our special newsletter earlier this month! Additionally we would like to draw your attention to several interesting opportunities from our cooperation partners and kindly ask you to forward it to your networks.

Feedback and comments are welcome!

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Vision | Knowledge | Prosperity
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Kind regards,

Mag. Friedrich Faulhammer
Rector Danube University Krems
Vice-President DRC

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Danube University Krems 9.-11. November 2016.

We are very glad to announce that the **European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, Johannes Hahn**, will be amongst the speakers of our conference with the title:

"Vision, Knowledge, Prosperity

The Universities’ Contribution to Implementing the EUSDR – Good Practice and Challenges"

Registration and further information can be found on our [website](http://us10.campaign-archive1.com/?u=77da7b4f3e8e4d0eff287aa6f&i...).

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3. The 5th Young Scholars Forum (YSF) on Central- and South East Europe

„Challenges and Opportunities of Migration in and from South East Europe“

**Aims of the project:**

- Promoting and encouraging young scholars to engage with Central and South East Europe;
- Presentation of research by young scholars to a wider public;
- Exchange among young and more advanced researchers on topics, methods, sources and results;
- Networking;
- Furthering mobility within the region;
- Publication of contributions and results;
Target group:
Max. 30 Young scholars working on Central and South East Europe in the fields of cultural studies, history, anthropology, media studies, political sciences, geography and sociology.

Date and venue:
The symposium will take place December 01-03, 2016 in Vienna.

Programme:
- Presentation of research papers/projects by high level experts and young scholars;
- (Plenary) discussions;
- Social and cultural programme;

Applications:
Applications for participation may be submitted via e-mail by May 30, 2016 and have to include a full academic CV and an abstract (max. 1 page) of the research paper that shall be presented and discussed at the symposium.

Language: English

Participation fee: € 100,-
Costs for travel expenses (up to €200), board & accommodation will be reimbursed by the IDM.

Further information and the CfA can be found here.

Please send applications to:
Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM)
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Academic coordinator: Vicerector Univ.-Prof. Dr. Heinz Faßmann, Applied Geography, Spatial Research and Spatial Planning at the Department of Geography and Spatial Research at the University of Vienna

4. 13th DANUBE RECTORS’ CONFERENCE SUMMER SCHOOL ON
“Post-Socialist Transformations in the Danube Region - 25 Years After the Collapse of the Soviet Union”

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Each year, the DRC Summer School is hosted by a different university and therefore offers a variety of settings. The combination of expert lectures in the morning and workshops held by experienced scholars using innovative methods in the afternoon will give you the chance to:

- Present your research
- Exchange with other academics from the Danube Region
- Publish an article in our DRC Summer School Book series

Every edition of the DRC Summer School is a unique experience. The topics are selected in relation to current and historical events, offering a broad variety for social scientists. A field trip complements theory and brings perspectives outside of the seminar room to the group. Furthermore, you will experience the vibrant atmosphere of this year’s host city Prague during our social programme.

**Become part of the broad alumni network of the DRC Summer School!**

Workshop items

1. Conflicts and security
2. Regionalization across the Danube countries
3. The prerogative of internationalization in Higher Education in the Danube Region
4. Changing landscape of political culture and political socialization: Challenges and possibilities for civil society in the post-soviet space
Applications for participation may be handed in by e-mail or fax until **June 3, 2016** and should include the application form, the CV of the applicant and an abstract max. 2 pages of the paper that shall be presented in the framework of the Summer School.

The registration fee of the Summer School is EUR 200.-, the contribution to the expenses for board and accommodation is EUR 230.-

Please note that it is possible to apply for a scholarship on board and accommodation as well as on a partial travel reimbursement (limited to EUR 100.-).

The participants are selected by a jury taking into account the guidance of the presidency of the Danube Rectors’ Conference (DRC). The successful participation of the DRC Summer School will be granted with 10 ECTS points by the University of Pécs, Faculty of Humanities.

Applications to:
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E-mail: voros@idresearch.hu

**Apply here**

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**5. New DRC Facebook Page**

We are implementing a new Facebook page for the DRC. Please like us at the link below:

[Facebook link]
6. DRC Permanent Committee

Thank you very much for your feedback concerning the Permanent Committee!

We still need appointments from the following countries:

- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Croatia
- Germany
- Italy
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia

Information about the Permanent Committee is available on our [website](#).

7. CfN: Danubius Young Scientist Award 2016

The Danubius Award was created in 2011 by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Science, Research and Economy (BMWFW) and the [Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM)](http://www.idm.at) with the intention to honor persons with extraordinary achievements in their scientific activity and output in relation to the Danube Region.

Nominations will be accepted in electronic format and in English language only.

Nominations including all relevant documents have to be sent to: a.winkler@idm.at

More information and the call for nominations can be found [here](#).

8. 30th EFFoST International Conference

Targeted Technologies for Sustainable Food Systems
The 30th EFFoST International Conference will be held in Vienna, Austria from 28-30 November 2016 under the theme: Targeted Technologies for Sustainable Food Systems. The conference will be organized by the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) on behalf of the European Federation of Food Science and Technology.

Conference Topics

**Abstract Submission Deadline**: 20 May 2016

Oral and poster abstracts are now invited on the following topics. They should be submitted using the [online abstract submission system](http://www.effostconference.com/). The deadline for submissions is 20 May 2016.

- Emerging agricultural concepts and use of new raw materials for sustainable food production
- Water management and resource efficient food processing in the Danube region and beyond
- Food safety - analysis, control and prevention of microbial and chemical contaminants in food
- New paths for targeted food processing - design of new and re-evaluation of traditional techniques and ingredients
- Non-thermal technologies and process combinations - analytic approaches and mechanistic insights
- Food and health - food composition, structure design, digestion and ingredient bioavailability, gut microbiome
- Sensor technology and quality monitoring during processing and storage
- Modeling and simulation of food matrix properties and processing technologies
- Food consumer science - sensory perception, emerging consumer needs and expectations
- Microencapsulation for food applications - special topic endorsed by BRG
- Food security and sustainability in the perspective of cereals and grains - special topic endorsed by ICC

The theme of the conference and the topics reflect the demand for sustainable food systems to address specific consumer needs and preferences. The availability of targeted technologies is one critical bottleneck for product innovations leading to environmentally friendly food processes and the introduction of scalable and flexible food manufacturing techniques.

The 30th EFFoST International Conference will explore solutions to current and future challenges such as food and water security, sustainable agriculture, food...
Safety, convenience and health derived from the targeted application of appropriate food- and bio-processing technologies also taking into account economic and ethical aspects. **The river Danube and the whole Danube region as a guiding theme for the conference will reflect some of above mentioned challenges and science based technological solutions in particular.**

We are looking forward to making the **30th EFFoST International Conference** an important scientific event that will bring together researchers, scientists, engineers, policy makers, professionals and students from multidisciplinary food related fields to: inspire a cross fertilization of new knowledge, ideas and applications; to promote networking and collaboration; to enhance academia and industry synergism in the quest for sustainable food innovations for the global economy and society.

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**9. CfP: Children of Transition, Children of War**

**The 'Generation of Transformation' from a European Perspective International Conference in Vienna**

**Conference topics**

The 1990s have a long lasting impact on the children who experienced the fall of Soviet-dominated societies and the related transformations on the other side of the "Iron Curtain". This generation consists of the German "Wendekinder" (in the East, but also in the West) who experienced the political turnaround and unification as well as the children of the political revolutions in East Europe, and the children of the Yugoslav wars during the 1990s. Having now reached adulthood, the question of how this generation deals with the past, present, and future in Europe is raised.

**Target groups and funded costs**

Scholars from different human and social sciences (history, anthropology, psychology, pedagogy, political science, communication science, sociology) are invited to apply to this interdisciplinary international conference. The contributors will have free accommodation in a conference hotel for two nights. The international travel costs will be refunded up to 250 EUR per person.

**Date:** November 3 - 5, 2016  
**Conference venue:** University of Vienna  
**Deadline for submitting abstracts:** July 17, 2016  
**Deadline for submitting full papers:** September 30, 2016  
**For submission and further information:** fvc@univie.ac.at  
**Website:** https://franzvranitzkychair.univie.ac.at/
10. CfP: "Building Bridges in Social Welfare Policy in Eastern Europe"

Innovative approaches can provide answers to economic and societal challenges such as demographic change, the current migration wave, and the unequal distribution of wealth. In order to improve European cohesion, the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research aims at constructing new bridges between stakeholders, sectors, countries, policies, and systems in the field of social welfare. In this context, the European Centre will organize a launch event to further focus its activities in the EU acceding countries of Eastern Europe and countries of the Eastern Partnership.

The Workshop "Building Bridges in Social Welfare Policy in Eastern Europe" takes place on 19 September 2016 in Vienna. It aims at gathering and exchanging expertise from researchers, policy makers and practitioners on Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, and Ukraine. We particularly invite scholars and experts with expertise in innovative approaches in labour market policy and health and social care (long-term care) arrangements in the above countries to submit an abstract for

- either an academic paper
- or a good practice.

The call for abstracts on academic papers and good practice is open until 27 May 2016. Further information is provided here.

11. EU-AU-IIASA Evidence and Policy Event, 30 Aug 2016 - 02 Sep 2016

In a complex world, evidence-based policymaking can enhance the effectiveness of
To develop the necessary skills for improving practices in better integrating evidence into policy-making, the European and African Union Commissions together with the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) are organising a highly participatory evidence and policy event. Participants will develop their working practices, skills, behaviours and methods, in both the scientific and policy-making domains via masterclasses and group work.

This year, we invite applications from policy officers and scientists developing policy and conducting research in the field of the Water-Energy-Food nexus. The event aims to meet the following main goals:

- Enhance participants’ skills in integrating evidence into policy-making.
- Create a community of practice that will continue to collaborate afterwards.
- Stimulate the participants to share their new skills and learning with their colleagues.

More information can be found here.

12. Straniak Academy for Democracy and Human Rights

It is our pleasure to invite you to apply for the Straniak Academy for Democracy and Human Rights, which will take place from 4 to 17 September 2016 in Ulcinj/Montenegro.

The Academy was established in 2013 by the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights - Research Association (BIM-FV) in Vienna in cooperation with the Faculties of Law and Social Sciences of the University of Vienna and the Faculties of Law and Political Science of the University in Montenegro.

The Foundation’s objectives comprise, inter alia, the promotion of the goals, ideas and values of the European Convention of Human Rights, in particular in East and Southeast European States.

All lectures will be held in English. The syllabus of the Academy 2016 will be uploaded in April 2016 on the website of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights: http://bim.lbg.ac.at/en/straniak-academy-democracy-and-human-rights-0
13. EUA Affiliate Status and EUA Newsletter

We are continuously strengthening and expanding our network. Since November 2015, the DRC is affiliate member of the European University Association.

If you are interested in their news and activities, please follow the link.

14. PRESENTATION OF DRC MEMBER UNIVERSITIES

We offer the opportunity in each newsletter to present one DRC member university. A template for this information to be provided can be found in the intranet.

If you want to present your university in the next newsletter, please send filled out template to info@drc-danube.org

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