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**DRC**  
Danube Rectors' Conference

Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter,

First of all, we would like to draw your attention to the **Call for Papers** of the thematic issue of the journal "Der Donauraum" bringing up the problem of **fictional democracy** - a new form of façade democracy that produces **illiberal fictions of democracy**. The contributions will be published within the framework of our [Jean-Monnet-Project](#).

Secondly, the **Call for Nominations for the Danubius Young Scientist Award 2020** is now open! Check the Award criteria and be part of community of young scientist in the Danube Region!

Furthermore, the **7th Young Scholars Forum on Central and South East Europe** will be organized in December 2-6, 2020 in Vienna under the title of "European narratives - in search for common diversity". So, save the date!

Remember, feedback and comments are always [welcome](#)!

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# CALL FOR PAPERS

Thematic issue of the regional journal "Der Donauraum":  
From Fictional to Functioning Democracy.  
Developing Concepts and Strategies for an Inclusive and Participatory Europe

Submission Deadline: May 31, 2020

Language: English

Liberal democracy appears to be at risk – both in Europe and abroad. New forms of **populist democracies** spread, framed by biased political communication through ideological misinformation, hate speech and tribalism. Authoritarian politicians try to turn Europe into an arena, where metaphorically speaking leaders of tribes are fighting each other by any tools to cement their own positions. In parallel with the **rise of xenophobia, populism and radicalisation**, liberal democratic principles such as checks and balances are gradually eroding. Moreover, the lack of a common public sphere is challenging European integration processes. **Decreasing press freedom** and **increasing mistrust in traditional media** pave the way for populists that rely on oligarchic media networks and use the effects of so-called 'filter bubbles' and 'echo chambers' on social media. Biased (social) media thus creates but a mere **individual fiction**, the façade of a homogeneous world corresponding to the viewers' perceptions.

As part of the [Jean Monnet Project titled "From Fictional to Functioning Democracy \(FIFUDEM\)"](#), carried out by the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) and Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC), the thematic issue of the journal "Der Donauraum" brings up the **problem of fictional democracy** - a new form of façade democracy that produces illiberal fictions of democracy. With this publication, the editors Dr. Erhard Busek and Dr. Silvia Nadjivan aim to collect practical visions and scientific approaches for actively committed citizenship in a functioning democracy, embedded in a common and inclusive European Union. Below we present a list of potential (not limited) topics for the thematic issue:

- **Use of Education for Democratic Participation**
- **Ways of Political Responsibility for Functioning Democracy**
- **Concepts for Interrelations of Civic Engagement and Liberal Democracy**
- **New Democratic Forms of (Social) Media Communication**

With this Call for Papers we are seeking both **junior and senior scholars and practitioners** from various disciplines who would like to present their research results on this topic in the upcoming issue. In addition to invited authors, including the panelists of the projects' kick-off conference in January 2020, Vienna, the editors particularly encourage authors from Central East and South East Europe to complement the conference proceedings with their perspectives and ideas.

Further information on the **guidelines for authors** can be found [here](#).

Please submit your paper (between **20.000-40.000 characters**, spaces included) till latest **May 31, 2020**.  
More information on submission conditions can be found [here](#).

For more information on the project, please visit the [IDM website](#).

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## 2. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS | DANUBIUS YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD



 **Federal Ministry  
Republic of Austria**  
Education, Science  
and Research



### Background

The Danubius Award was created in 2011 by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Research (BMBFW) and the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) with the intention to honor persons with extraordinary achievements in their scientific activity and output in relation to the Danube Region. The Award In 2020, this award will be complemented for the seventh time, with a specific price for young scientists – the „Danubius Young Scientist Award“. This award will be granted to **14 young scientists** - one in each country that is part of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region [**Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Romania and the Ukraine**]. The award seeks to highlight the scientific work and talent of young researchers and enhance the visibility of the scientific community in the region: Moreover, the award encourages young scientists to engage in the scientific examination of the multifaceted issues and questions specifically related to the Danube Region.

The award will be endowed with **1,200 Euros** for each winner of the Danubius Young Scientist Award.

### AWARD Criteria

- **Scientific excellence and innovative approach of the academic work**
- **Thematic relevance of the scientific work for issues/problems of the Danube region**
- **Relevance of the scientific work beyond the national borders**
- **Potential of the candidate (for example: integration in international networks, participation in scientific projects, publication history, experience in teaching etc.)**
- **No formal age limit – BUT Limitation to participants that have received their Master/PhD max. 5 years ago (= after 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2015)**
- **Submissions of candidates holding only a bachelor degree will not be accepted**

The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, **24th April 2020 at 23:59**.

You can find detailed information including the **document submission** and **selection process** on the [IDM webpage](#).

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### 3. SAVE THE DATE | IDM YOUNG SCHOLARS FORUM



#### 7th Young Scholars Forum on Central and South East Europe

December 2-6, 2020

Vienna, Austria

**"European narratives – in search for common diversity"**

Europeans face Europeans. The polarization in societies is increasing, the divisions among the countries are deepening. We urgently need to find out what we Europeans have in common.

Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

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#### 4. JRC Nanobiotechnology Laboratory - Training and Capacity Building

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) opens for the purposes of training and capacity building its scientific laboratories and facilities to people working in academia and research organisations, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and more in general to the public and private sector.

Applicants from institutions and organisations located in [countries associated to the Framework Programme H2020](#): *Albania, Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, and Ukraine* are welcome to apply to the calls of the Training and Capacity Building at JRC Research Infrastructures programme.



The Nanobiotechnology Laboratory features state-of-the-art equipped facilities designed to foster interdisciplinary studies. A special emphasis lies on characterisation of nanomaterials, nanotechnology-enabled health products, microplastics, advanced materials and their interactions with biological systems, as well as on the detection, identification and characterisation of nanomaterials and microplastics in complex matrices.

The JRC will pay the travel and subsistence eligible costs of the users visiting the JRC for training and capacity building at the Nanobiotechnology Laboratory.

2020-1-TCB-NanoBiotech

**Opening of the call: 2020-01-16**

**Closure of the call: 2020-03-16**

**During preparation of the proposals users are encouraged to contact the Nanobiotechnology Laboratory at [JRC-OPEN-NANOBIOTECH@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JRC-OPEN-NANOBIOTECH@ec.europa.eu)**

You can find more information on the call [here](#).

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## 5. JRC - Call for expressions of interest for the Collaborative Doctoral Partnerships (CDP)

We are pleased to inform you that the Joint Research Centre (JRC) has published the second call for expressions of interest for the **Collaborative Doctoral Partnerships (CDP)** in the following fields:

1. Digital Governance
2. Smart, connected and clean mobility
3. EU Energy Transition
4. Development of methods to monitor progresses, design transformations and identify solutions to achieve SDGs
5. Secure and sustainable supply of raw materials for strategic value chains
6. Artificial intelligence for earth observation
7. Graphic causal models for hybrid threats
8. Resilience of built infrastructure to natural and man-made hazards
9. Health promotion and prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs)
10. Non-power nuclear and radiological technologies to achieve the SDGs 2030 Agenda
11. Synergies of qualitative and quantitative methods for anticipation activities
12. Behavioural insights applied to policy-making
13. Robustness in complex data analysis and statistical modelling

The call is opened to higher education institutions/universities from EU Member States and countries associated to the EU Research Programme Horizon 2020.

Please disseminate and share widely among your university contacts and scientific networks.

The deadline for applications is **3 May 2020**.

You can find more information on the [webpage of the JRC](#).

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## 6. Green.Building.Solutions.Summer University Vienna



In 2020, the DRC is again funding two scholarships for students of the DRC member universities to attend the **Green.Building.Solutions.Summer University 2020**.

Application for the programs via [summer-university.net](http://summer-university.net) is already possible.

**Green. Building. Solutions.**

**Summer University Vienna**  
July 18 - August 9, 2020

First-hand ecological knowledge and engineering expertise bundled in a three-week program in the capital of energy-efficient building, Vienna. Think sustainable, take care of your future - now!

[www.summer-university.net](http://www.summer-university.net)



#### → Benefits

Earn 7 ECTS university credits while learning about the cutting edge in sustainable buildings within an interdisciplinary and cultural exchange. Theory is combined with practical exercises and a hands-on approach.

#### → Learn from the best

International experts from universities, research institutions, and companies share latest developments from research and practice.

#### → Best practice at hand

Buildings in Vienna showing the application of sustainable theories are presented as part of the course.

#### → Try it yourself

Enjoy Vienna while living in a passive house.

#### → Organizers

The **OeAD student housing**, winner of the 2013 Austrian Climate Protection Award, offers passive houses for active students and accommodates 2,500 international guests annually in innovative and energy-efficient student dormitories.

The **BOKU University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna** teaches sustainable use of natural resources by connecting natural, engineering and economic sciences.

The **TU Vienna** focuses on the relationship of energy to the environment in architecture, urban planning, as well as natural and engineering sciences.



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## ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY SYSTEMS

THE ECONOMY OF THE FUTURE

STOP CLIMATE CHANGE NOW!

Summer University Vienna

July 20 - August 7, 2020



## There is no planet B!

We have to act now in order to limit global warming to 1.5°C. AEMS focuses on ways to restructure economic systems to embody sustainable use of resources and a more collaborative society overall.

At AEMS you learn about:

Ecological sustainability, population growth and the long-term management of natural resources and energy.

The variety of alternative economic and monetary systems that are already in practice worldwide.

Business ethics, consumerism, solidarity and the common good: The need for a new philosophy.

## ORGANIZERS

BOKU University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences contributes to a sustainable use of natural resources by connecting natural sciences, engineering and economic sciences.

Economy for the Common Good offers an answer to current ecological, social and economic problems. As of 2019, more than 2,000 companies have committed themselves to the initiative.

Each year, OeAD student housing accommodates over 2,500 students in energy-efficient dormitories. It also won the 2013 Austrian Climate Protection Award.

## APPLY NOW!

[www.summer-university.net](http://www.summer-university.net)



## 8. ELTE Business Economics Summer University

ELTE BESU, a part of the ELTE Budapest Summer University, offers six one-week courses on 13-18 July, 2020 for undergraduate and graduate students of business and economics. The courses involve 25 hours of instruction, and students completing them successfully will get a transcript they may use to obtain ECTS credit from their home institutions.

### Courses offered:

- Managerial Accounting: Information in Business Decision-making

- Business Communication Skills
- International Business Networks
- Corporate Financial Analysis – An Integrated Approach
- Strategic Brand Management
- Informal Logic for Business

**Application deadline:** 30 June 2020, early bird fee is available until 30 April

**Course fee:** 350 EUR; early bird fee: 280 EUR

**E-mail:** [sumuni@gti.elte.hu](mailto:sumuni@gti.elte.hu)





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### **Contact:**

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**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/eltebesu/>

**Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/elte.besu/](https://www.instagram.com/elte.besu/)

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## 9. LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum 2020



The LE:NOTRE Institute along with the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava and the Vienna University of Technology organise the **9th LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum** with the main theme **Cross-Border Landscapes** in Bratislava from **April 21 to 25 2020**.

### Forum participants can benefit from:

guided city walks, workshops, interesting keynote lectures, a whole-day landscape experience, discussions with local experts and stakeholders and thematic working groups on cross-border landscape vision, sustainable urban growth and green infrastructure, rural fringe, foodscapes and nature development, heritage and identities, landscape democracy, and landscape economy.

Forum participants can also submit a **posters** or **thematic essays** which will be published in the forum's e-book.

For more information, please, visit the [website](#).

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## 10. proESOF Call for Proposals



This call for proposals, launched by the [TESI Local Programme Committee](#), aims to collect ideas and to support the development of initiatives which will enhance dissemination, education, networking and training from now until ESO F 2020.

In particular the call collects and evaluates three distinct groups of initiatives:

- **proESOF events 2018-2020** preferentially in the North-East of Italy and Central and Eastern European areas;
- **Science in the City Festival**, Trieste ESO F 2020 (three weeks from June 27 to July 18, 2020)
- **Draft proposals for the official call of ESO F 2020 Trieste** (Call in January 2019).

The proposals may be related to the following areas:

**Science to Science:** focused on current and future path-breaking science, it provides for keynote speeches and events, plenary sessions, workshops, roundtables and debates. It encompasses social sciences and humanities as well as physical and life sciences, engineering and medicine.

**Science to Business:** a unique platform in Europe to exchange ideas and good practices on research-driven business

models, public private partnerships, the economic developments resulting from technological innovation, future careers and future “new jobs” opportunities.

**Science to Policy:** stakeholders, governments, scientists, industry and the public in the Triveneto region and in the South East European countries, will be asked to cooperate in a joint effort to ensure reliable, evidence-based policy-making for the benefit of the society as a whole. Possible discussion subjects include the ethical use of scientific knowledge in addressing the grand challenges of humankind, integrity of science, science diplomacy to build peace and cohesion.

**Science to Citizens:** it aims to create a scientific citizenship for all and to promote the idea of science as fundamental to problem-solving. All activities and events organized in this frame will inspire passion and a collaborative attitude in people, from the very young to the elderly, in order to build a sense of identity and ownership within the field of science.

**Science to Communicators:** aimed at building a solid network of science communicators active in different fields (from journalism to events organizing, from publishing to communication corporate) across Europe, with a special focus on the Triveneto region and the South East European countries.

You can find more information on the website: [www.proesof2020.eu/CallProEsof](http://www.proesof2020.eu/CallProEsof)

**The call will stay open from February 2018 to March 2020.**

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## **11. Call for applications for the "Sharing Future" Residence scholarship 2020**

The Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC) is pleased to announce that the **Call for applications for the "Sharing Future" Residence scholarship 2020** of the International Elias Canetti Society is now open!

Also in 2020, the DRC is funding one residence scholarship that enables the scholarship holder to pursue his/ her artistic work within one month in the summer of 2020 at the **Canetti House in Ruse, Bulgaria**.

The Canetti Artist Scholarship is aimed at artists from all over Europe. The fact that it is also advertised to artists from neighboring countries - from the Western Balkans and Turkey, should in particular provide opportunities for international, artistic exchange. Various different forms of arts should be fostered by the scholarship: painters, photographers, writers, performance artists, translators and musicians can apply for it. The slogan of the scholarship “Sharing Future” aims at a collaborative creation and cooperation for a joint Europe and a common future.

The scholarship is advertised for one month a year.

### **The scholarship holder can**

- pursue his/ her artistic work undisturbed in the spring / summer of 2020 in Ruse
- use the historic Canetti house as work place with various possibilities for artistic expression using the space (photos attached)
- get to know the local cultural scene in Ruse and Bulgaria and use the resulting synergies and artistic realization
- live in an apartment provided by the IECS
- receive 1200 € for contribution and 300 for € travel expenses or 1500 € for both combined

### **Application documents to be submitted:**

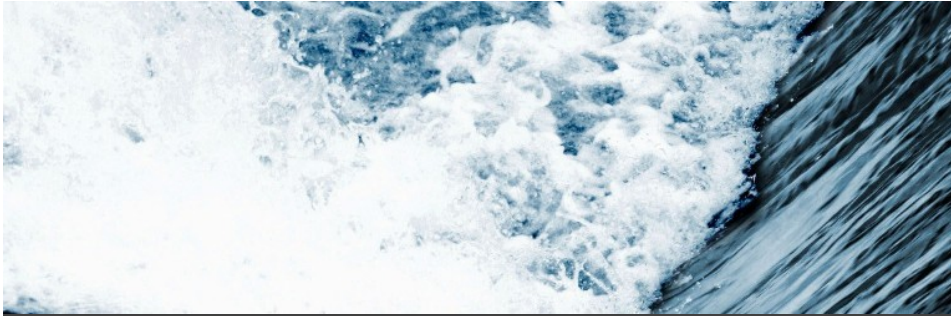
- artist curriculum vitae
- significant illustrations of the artistic works in personal catalogs or a portfolio
- brief outline of the planned project

The application with all documents should be sent to [eliascanetti@eliascanetti.org](mailto:eliascanetti@eliascanetti.org) not later than 30th of March 2020.

You can find more information on the call [here](#).

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## 12. DRC Facebook Page



We are recently trying to improve the circulation of information within our network. As you are a member of the DRC, we kindly ask you to also connect with us via Facebook and please follow or DRC page in this [link](#).

Thank you very much and best regards from Vienna.



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## 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](#).

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