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In our monthly newsletter we inform you about ICES news, dates, events and about the latest calls for research funding which are particularly relevant for the field of European Studies. If you have any questions, suggestions or if you would like to announce events or recently published calls, please do not hesitate to contact us.



ICES News
Aktuelles

Neue Publikationsreihe „Antiziganismus und Ambivalenz in Europa“

Transnational Perspectives on Anti-Gypsyist Knowledge and Cultural Representation

The new publication series *Antiziganismus und Ambivalenz in Europa*, published by EUF University Press in cooperation with Herder Verlag (wbg Academic) presents the work of the DFG Research Unit. From a transnational and comparative perspective, the series analyses anti-Gypsyist knowledge systems and cultural representations in academia, the arts, politics and the public sphere, with a particular focus on the period between 1850 and 1950. Planned publications include conference volumes, synthesis studies and monographs. Series editors: Prof. Dr. Iulia-Karin Patrut (Sprecherin der Forschungsgruppe, Europa-Universität Flensburg), Prof. Dr. Kirsten von Hagen ((stellv. Sprecherin der Forschungsgruppe, Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen), Prof. Dr. Klaus-Michael Bogdal (Mercator Fellow der Forschungsgruppe, Universität Bielefeld), Mirjam Karoly (Beiratsmitglied der Forschungsgruppe, Wiener Wiesenthal Institut für Holocaust-Studien), Dr. Dezso Mate (Assoc. Research Fellow – Europa-Universität Flensburg, Forschungsstelle Antiziganismus Heidelberg).

European Wasatia Graduate School: Call for Applications 2027/ Deadline: 30.09.2026

European Wasatia Graduate School: Ausschreibung für das Promotionsprogramm 2027

Applications are now open for the European Wasatia Graduate School for Peace and Conflict Resolution at Europa-Universität Flensburg. The doctoral programme is aimed at outstanding early-career researchers worldwide, particularly from the Middle East/West Asia, who are interested in justice, reconciliation, and peacebuilding in contexts of political transformation. Based on an interdisciplinary, transnational, and multi-religious research framework, the programme welcomes comparative research with relevance to the Middle East. Successful applicants will receive a scholarship covering living costs and semester fees for up to 36 months. The programme begins on 1 January 2027 (enrolment possible until 1 March 2027). [Further information](#). Source: Europa-Universität Flensburg, 2026



ICES Dates & Events

ICES Termine & Veranstaltungen

Workshop: “Un/Making (National, Imperial, EU-European) Borders” / 31.08.–01.09.2026

Spaces & Practices in and beyond Europe in the long 20th Century

From 31 August to 1 September 2026, the workshop “Un/Making (National, Imperial, EU-European) Borders” will take place at Europa-Universität Flensburg. The event explores border-making and border-unmaking as historical processes, practices and infrastructures in and beyond Europe during the long 20th century. Panels will address, among other topics, actors and agencies of bordering, passports and identification infrastructures, mobility control, decolonisation and post-imperial border regimes, as well as the categorisation of mobility and migrants. The workshop is organised by Christiane Reinecke, Thea Kruse and Frederik Doktor and funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) through SFB 1604 “Production of Migration”. Date: 31 August – 1 September 2026. Venue: Europa-Universität Flensburg, Campus, Tallin 007. Further information and preliminary programme: [ICES website](#).

ICES Research Lab: European Studies in Conversation / 11.09.2026

Labor Europaforschung: Austausch zu Forschung am ICES

The “Labor Europaforschung” is a new low-threshold discussion format that invites ICES members to exchange ideas on the diverse research topics pursued at the centre. Participants are welcome to give a short 5–10 minute presentation on their research projects, interests, ideas, or collaborations and engage in an informal discussion with colleagues from different disciplines. The first session will take place on 11 September 2026 from 10:00 to 14:00 pm. Please let us know if you are interested to participate and write an Email to ices@uni-flensburg.de.

Events of the ICES associated and other EUF-Centres

Veranstaltungen der assoziierten Zentren und anderer kooperierender EUF Einrichtungen

EUF Centre for Irish Studies

Monthly Pub Quiz, July 22nd, 2026, 19:30

After the success of the St Patrick's Day Pub Quiz, the EUF Centre for Irish Studies has teamed up with McMelson's on a regular basis to host a monthly (English) pub quiz! Location: McMelson Old English Pub, Norderhofenden 10, 24937 Flensburg

DFG Research Unit “Antigypsyism and Ambivalence in Europe (1850–1950)”

Second conference: Self-Articulation and European Histories of Persecution, 9–11 November 2026, International Academic Forum

Heidelberg

The DFG Research Unit “Antigypsyism and Ambivalence in Europe (1850–1950)” invites interested guests to its second international conference, taking place from 9 to 11 November 2026 in Heidelberg. Under the title “Self-Articulation and European Histories of Persecution”, the conference will explore the relationship between forms of self-representation by Sintizze and Romnja and European mechanisms of persecution and exclusion from the late 19th to the mid-20th century. An important part of the programme is an empowerment workshop led by Radoslav Ganey and Atide Jasarova, which will take place on 11 November 2026 following the academic panels. The format aims to strengthen exchange between research, community perspectives and the promotion of early career scholars. Interested guests are warmly invited to attend the conference. Prior registration for the conference and/or the empowerment workshop is requested by email to: s.taubert@uni-flensburg.de. Further information and the full conference programme will soon be available on the [ICES website](#).

Graduiertenzentrum – Graz

- 08.09.2026 | 10:00–12:30 Hilfsmittel und Tools des wissenschaftlichen Schreibens – Tristan Tietz RIGA 401 [Anmeldung](#)
- 28.09.26 Statistik verstehen und anwenden 2; [Anmeldung](#)
- 09.10.2026 | 9:00–17:00 Die eigene Forschung reflektieren und kommunizieren - Institut für Argumentationskompetenz, RIGA 401, [Anmeldung](#)
- 28.10.2026 | 9:00–16:00 Gute wissenschaftliche Praxis im Zeitalter von KI – Deutscher Hochschulverband (DHV); online; [Anmeldung](#)
- 02.11.2026 | 9:00–17:00 Qualitative Inhaltsanalysen mit MAXQDA – Aufbauschulung – Methodencoaching Morgenstern; online; [Anmeldung](#)
- 09.11.2026 | 9:00–14:30 Promovieren mit Kind: Doktorarbeit und Familie gestalten – Dr. Majana Beckmann; online; [Anmeldung](#)
- 14.12.2026 | 10:00–11:30 MAXQDA Projektwerkstatt – Methodencoaching Morgenstern; online; [Anmeldung](#)



Recently published calls

Aktuelle Ausschreibungen

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➔ **Ongoing funding search tools:** EUF members can access the databases [ELFI](#) and FIT free of charge – simply log in using your EUF email address.

International project funding /
Internationale Projektförderung

ERC Plus Grants – A New Funding Scheme for Transformative Research / Deadline 2. September, 2026

ERC Plus Grants – Neues Förderprogramm für transformative Forschung

The European Research Council (ERC) has opened the *ERC Plus Grants* scheme to support outstanding researchers with ambitious, high-risk projects that go beyond the scope of existing ERC grants. Announced as part of the European Commission's *Choose Europe* initiative, the programme targets researchers at all career stages who have demonstrated exceptional scientific leadership and seek to address major scientific challenges with transformative research. 30 grants will be awarded annually across all disciplines, making this one of the ERC's most competitive funding schemes. Researchers of any nationality may apply to conduct their projects at host institutions in EU Member States or countries associated with Horizon Europe. More information and call details can be found [here](#). Source: European Research Council (ERC) Newsletter, June 2026.

German-Israeli Foundation (GIF): AI in Science and Society 2026 Call / Deadline: 15.10.2026

Deutsch-israelische Forschungsförderung zu Künstlicher Intelligenz in Wissenschaft und Gesellschaft

The German-Israeli Foundation (GIF) invites innovative research proposals on the development, application and societal impact of artificial intelligence (AI). The call is open to projects from STEM disciplines (natural, technical, engineering, mathematics and medical sciences) as well as the humanities and social sciences. Two funding lines are available: a cooperation line for joint German–Israeli projects (up to three years, max. €300,000) and an individual line for early career researchers (up to eight years after PhD) for one-year projects without a partner from the other country (max. €25,000). Proposals must be submitted online by 15 October 2026. Source: FIT Newsletter, 02.02.2026. [Further information](#).

BMFTR: Research on Current and Future Challenges of Democratic Societies

Rahmenbekanntmachung „Aktuelle und künftige Herausforderungen demokratischer Gesellschaften“

The Federal Ministry for Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR) has launched a new funding framework to strengthen humanities, cultural studies and social science research on current and future challenges facing democratic societies. The programme supports both fundamental and applied research on democratic resilience, democratic culture, societal transformation processes, polarization, participation, trust in institutions and the relationship between state and society. Interdisciplinary and international projects, as well as collaborations with practitioners from politics, public administration and civil society, are explicitly encouraged. Funding will be awarded through thematic calls published under the framework programme, with proposal deadlines specified in the respective calls. [Further information](#). Source: Förderberatung „Forschung und Innovation“ des Bundes, Newsletter 11/26, 02.06.2026.

BMFTR: Transformations in Democracy/ Deadline: 31.08.2026

Förderaufruf zu gesellschaftlichem Wandel, Staat-Gesellschaft-Beziehungen und demokratischer Resilienz

As the first call under the new funding framework “Current and Future Challenges of Democratic Societies”, the Federal Ministry for Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR) invites proposals addressing the theme “Transformations in Democracy”. The programme supports humanities, social science and cultural studies research that examines the complex interactions between societal dynamics and state action in times of transformation. Particular attention is given to democratic governance under conditions of technological change, climate transformation, demographic shifts, multiple crises and the growing role of artificial intelligence and digital platforms in democratic processes. Projects may address both historical and future-oriented perspectives and are encouraged to involve practice partners, participatory formats and strong knowledge-transfer activities aimed at policymakers, civil society and the wider public. Funding is available for individual and collaborative projects with a duration of up to three years. Project outlines must be submitted in a first-stage application process by 31 August 2026. [Further information](#). Source: Förderberatung „Forschung und Innovation“ des Bundes, Newsletter 11/26, 02.06.2026.

BMFTR: Funding for Embedding Scholar-Led Open Access in Research Institutions, Disciplines and Publishing Infrastructures / Deadline: 03.08.2026

Förderung zur nachhaltigen Verankerung von Open Access in Wissenschaft und Publikationspraxis

The Federal Ministry for Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR) has launched a new funding programme to strengthen the long-term integration of scholar-led Open Access in research institutions, disciplinary cultures and publishing infrastructures. Funding is available for projects in three areas: institutional embedding of Open Access, discipline-specific integration into research and publication practices, and the further development of Open Access infrastructures and services. Eligible applicants include universities, research institutions, non-profit organisations and SMEs in Germany. Collaborative projects are particularly encouraged, with funding of up to €750,000 per consortium for a maximum duration of 36 months. Projects are expected to contribute to sustainable structural change and the professionalisation of Open Access publishing and dissemination practices. [Further information](#). Source: Förderberatung-Bund Newsletter 11/26, 02.06.2026.

BMFTR call: Research on academic freedom in science and higher education / Deadline 18.09.2026

Wissenschaftsfreiheit in Deutschland – Beiträge der Wissenschafts- und Hochschulforschung zu Herausforderungen, Belastungen und Resilienz in der Wissenschaft

The BMFTR funds empirically oriented research projects addressing current and action-oriented questions in science and higher education research in the field of academic freedom. The call particularly supports projects that analyse pressures on academic freedom, institutional responses, strategies of universities and research institutions, and related developments in the science and higher education system. Projects should be assigned to one of the following four thematic priorities: I. Hostility, threats and violence – mechanisms and protection. II. Choice and non-choice of research questions and teaching priorities. III. Organisational resilience – governance, rules and procedures, IV. Monitoring and indicators for pressures on academic freedom as well as impact and sustainability. The application procedure is two-stage. Project outlines must be submitted by 18 September 2026. Details: [Funding call](#).

Humboldt Research Professorship – funding for internationally leading researchers

Neue Nominierungsrunde vom 15.07. - 16.11.2026

The Humboldt Research Professorship is aimed at internationally outstanding researchers based abroad. The programme seeks to establish internationally highly competitive research topics in Germany. Funding usually amounts to 1.5 million EUR over five years and supports the establishment of an international research group. Direct applications are not possible; candidates must be nominated by a German university. [Further information](#).

VolkswagenStiftung: NEXT – “Dual Use” of Ideas and Concepts from the Humanities and Social Sciences

Project funding on the political and ideological appropriation of academic ideas / Application deadline: 06.10.2026

The VolkswagenStiftung invites proposals for its funding initiative NEXT – “Dual Use” of Ideas and Concepts from the Humanities and Social Sciences. The call focuses on how concepts and theories from the humanities and social sciences are transferred from

academic contexts into political, ideological or digital public spheres, and how they may be appropriated in anti-liberal, anti-scientific or anti-democratic ways. The call targets research teams involving two or three investigators at German universities and research institutes; intl. collaborations are possible. [Further information.](#)

Deutsche Stiftung Friedensforschung (DSF): Funding Scheme for Peace and Conflict Research

*Förderformate für Forschung, Vernetzung und Wissenstransfer /
Deadlines vary by format*

The DSF supports thematically relevant, innovative and application-oriented research in peace and conflict studies in Germany, with a strong emphasis on network-building and knowledge transfer to policy and society. Its funding portfolio includes (1) Research Projects with fixed deadlines (profile project: up to 30 months, up to €190k; pilot project: 12 months, up to €75k; Deadline: 02.05.2026 and 01.11.2026), (2) Networking & Knowledge Transfer formats with rolling submissions (Research Network up to 24 months/€25k; International Conference up to €20k; Networking Project up to €10k; Transfer Project up to €10k, with higher sums possible in exceptional cases), and (3) Thematic Funding Lines with topic-specific calls and separate deadlines (currently no open calls). Across formats, proposals are assessed via peer review against core criteria (scientific relevance, research design, team qualification, and transfer potential) and additional criteria such as support for early career researchers, cooperation, interdisciplinarity and diversity. [Further information.](#)
Source: DSF Funding Concept, 2026

Fellowships and Scholarships / Stipendien und Lehrstuhlvertretung

Postdoctoral funding for international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility / Application deadline: 09.09.2026

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships (MSCA PF) support excellent postdoctoral researchers of any nationality who wish to acquire new skills through advanced training, international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility. The programme is open to all disciplines and is therefore also highly relevant for researchers in European Studies, the humanities and social sciences. Funding is available through European Fellowships and Global Fellowships. The 2026 call has a budget of 399.05 million EUR. Application deadline: 9 September 2026. [Further information](#)

EUI Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowships

*Senior fellowships at the European University Institute /
Application deadline: 30.09.2026*

The Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowships at the European University Institute (EUI)

offer established academics with an international reputation the opportunity to pursue research in Florence and participate in departmental academic activities. For the 2026 round, the next relevant deadline is 30 September 2026, particularly for the Departments of History and Political and Social Sciences. The fellowships are especially relevant for scholars working in European history, politics, society, law and governance. The Department of Political and Social Sciences also considers applications from exceptional early-career researchers. Application deadline: 30 September 2026. Details: [EUI Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowships](#).

Gerda Henkel Foundation – Research Scholarships / Deadline: 20.11.2026

Research scholarships in the historical humanities

The Gerda Henkel Foundation awards research scholarships within its general research funding programme. The foundation's main focus lies on the historical humanities, especially archaeology, history, historical Islamic studies, art history, legal history, prehistory and early history, and history of science. Applications from neighbouring disciplines are possible if the core research question is historically oriented. The scholarships are particularly relevant for historically oriented European Studies, including research on European history, legal traditions, cultural heritage, knowledge production and transregional historical entanglements. Details: Gerda Henkel Foundation – [Research Scholarships](#).

European University Alliance EMERGE /

Europäische Hochschulallianz EMERGE

EMERGE – Joint Research Call

Vorankündigung für EMERGE-Anschubfinanzierung

Starting this summer/early fall, EMERGE will support joint international research projects through seed funding as part of an annual joint call. Funding will be provided for cooperative research projects carried out with at least one alliance partner and focusing on engaged research. Further details can be found [here](#).

EMERGE Research Seminar Series on Engaged Research

EMERGE-Forschungsseminarreihe zu Community-Engaged Research

The EMERGE Alliance is launching a new quarterly webinar series on *engaged research*, bringing together experienced and early-career researchers interested in collaborative research with societal stakeholders. The one-hour online seminars present best-practice case studies from across the Alliance, introduce tools and methods for community-engaged research, and provide opportunities for interdisciplinary networking. Researchers who would like to present a 15-minute case study and contribute to the EMERGE archive of best practices are invited to contact the EMERGE Research Coordinator at EUI. Dates for the autumn semester will be

announced after the summer break. Further information: Contact isabella.tegethoff@uni-flensburg.de or visit the EMERGE website for upcoming seminar dates.

General information, events and research policy

Allgemeine Informationen, Veranstaltungen und Forschungspolitik

New Erasmus+ Funding Rules for Staff Mobility

Neue Erasmus+-Förderregeln für Personalmobilität

Updated Erasmus+ funding rules now apply to staff mobility at Europa-Universität Flensburg. Erasmus+ funding is available for teaching, training, and language courses at European partner universities of EUF. Mobility activities at commercial providers or at higher education institutions without an existing Erasmus+ cooperation agreement with EUF are no longer eligible for funding. [Further information](#). Source: International Centre, Europa-Universität Flensburg, 2026

Online Information Event: Humboldt Research Professorships / 23.07.2026

Online-Informationsveranstaltung: Humboldt Research Professorships

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation invites researchers and research managers to an online information event on its new Humboldt Research Professorships funding programme. Complementing the opportunities offered through the BMFTTR-funded 1,000 Heads Plus programme, the initiative enables German universities and research institutions to recruit outstanding international researchers. Participants will learn more about the funding scheme, nomination process, and opportunities for integrating leading researchers from abroad, who may either continue their research activities in their home country or relocate fully to Germany during the funding period. No registration is required. [Further information](#). Source: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, 2026

Henriette Herz Scouting Programme – Online Information Event /06.08.2026

Internationale Forschungstalente für die eigene Forschungsgruppe gewinnen

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation invites researchers and research managers to an online information event on the *Henriette Herz Scouting Programme*. The programme enables research group leaders at German universities and non-university research institutions to recruit outstanding international early-career researchers by nominating them for a Humboldt Research Fellowship. Participants will receive first-hand information about the programme, the application procedure, and the opportunities it offers for strategically internationalising research groups. No

registration is required. [Further information](#). Source: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, 2026

ERC Starting Grant 2027 & Consolidator Grant 2027 – Information Webinar

NKS ERC informiert über die kommenden ERC Starting- und Consolidator-Grant-Ausschreibungen

The German National Contact Point for the European Research Council (NKS ERC) is offering an English-language webinar on the upcoming ERC Starting Grant 2027 and ERC Consolidator Grant 2027 calls. Taking place online on 28 July 2026 (09:30–12:00), the event will provide an overview of the call topics and submission requirements, presented by a representative of the ERC Executive Agency (ERCEA). In addition, two successful ERC grantees will share their experiences and practical advice. The webinar is aimed at researchers planning to apply through German host institutions as well as research support staff advising potential applicants. Registration is required. Register [here](#). Source: FIT-Newsletter, June 2026

Updated Guidelines on the Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence in Research

Neue Empfehlungen zu Transparenz, Verantwortung und Datenschutz beim Einsatz von KI

The European Commission has published an updated (third) version of its [guidelines on the responsible use of artificial intelligence in research](#). Aimed at researchers, research institutions, and funding organisations, the guidelines provide recommendations for the responsible integration of AI into research processes. Key topics include accountability for scientific results, transparency in the use of AI, the protection of data and intellectual property, and the identification and mitigation of potential risks associated with AI applications. The current version is available in English only. Source: ERC Newsletter, June 2026.

Save the Date: Europe Congress “Europa neu denken – Impulse für ein innovatives, attraktives und sicheres Europa”

XII International Funding Congress, 28–29 October 2026, Berlin

The XII International Funding Congress “Junge Wissenschaft und Praxis” will take place on 28–29 October 2026 in Berlin under the title Europa neu denken – Impulse für ein innovatives, attraktives und sicheres Europa”. The congress is organised by the Schleyer Foundation in cooperation with the Heinz Nixdorf Foundation. The academic leadership is held by Prof. Clemens Fuest, Prof. Jörg Rocholl and former President of the Federal Constitutional Court Prof. Andreas Voßkuhle. More than 150 excellent young researchers from across Europe have been recommended by university professors to contribute to the congress. Further participants will include representatives from politics, business and European institutions, among them Carsten Linnemann, Jochen Weyrauch, Sabine Weyand, Prof. Wolfgang Ischinger and Sylvie Goulard.

ECPR and ECSR Events and Calls

ECPR and ECSR Veranstaltungen und Calls

ICES is an ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research) and ECSR (European Consortium for Sociological Research) member institution, providing ICES members significantly reduced fees for ECSR and ECPR conferences and method schools as well as access to exclusive funding opportunities and working groups.

ECPR General Conference, 8.09.-11.09.2026 in Kraków

Europas größte Fachkonferenz für Politikwissenschaft

The ECPR General Conference is Europe's largest annual gathering of political scientists, bringing together thousands of researchers and practitioners from around the world. The conference provides a platform to present the latest research, discuss pressing issues in global politics, and foster interdisciplinary dialogue. Participants benefit from opportunities to receive feedback on their work, establish international collaborations, and expand their academic networks. [Further information](#). Source: European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), 2026

ECSR Grants for Thematic Conferences and Junior Network Workshops

Förderung für ECSR-Themenkonferenzen und Nachwuchs-Workshops / Deadline: 31.07.2026

ECSR invites proposals for financial support for international research events that strengthen high-quality sociological research, intellectual exchange and collaboration among member institutions. Funding is available for two formats: larger thematic conferences and smaller Junior Network Workshops. Applications for events to be held in 2027 must be submitted by 31 July 2026. [Further information](#). Source: ECSR Newsletter 02/2026.

ECPR PhD Prize – Best thesis in politics

Jean Blondel PhD Preis / Deadline 27.07.2026

Since 2003, the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) has awarded an annual PhD Prize for the best thesis in politics, broadly understood to include International Relations, Political Theory and Public Administration. Eligible theses must be nominated by an ECPR member institution and should have the potential, after revision, to be published as a monograph. The prize carries an award of £900. Details: [ECPR Prize Portal](#).

ECPR Rising Star Award / Nomination deadline 14.08.2026

Award for outstanding PhD students and early career researchers / Nomination deadline: 14.08.2026

The European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) invites nominations for the Rising Star Award 2026. The award recognises an outstanding PhD student or early career researcher with a particularly promising future in the field of politics and international relations. The winner must work or study at an ECPR member institution

and receives one year of free access to selected ECPR events. Details: [ECPR Prize Portal](#).



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