



3 Visiting Fellowships “Legacies of Communism”, Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam (ZZF)

The Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam (Leibniz-Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Potsdam, ZZF) is pleased to invite applications for three Visiting Fellowships during the academic year 2020 to work within research group **“Legacies of Communism? Post-Communist Europe from Stagnation to Reform, between Autocracy and Revolution”**. All fellowships cover a period of two months. They will provide an opportunity to pursue individual research as well as to participate in the scholarly community at the ZZF and in the Berlin metropolitan area. Fellows will be part of an international team including PhD-candidates as well as senior researchers who work on the history of late socialism and post-communism in Eastern Europe and the post-Soviet space.

Generously supported by the Leibniz Association, the interdisciplinary research network “Legacies of Communism” with partners in six countries is hosted by the ZZF in Potsdam. It focuses on historical research of the political and social development of Eastern Europe and the former USSR from late socialism to post-communism. The project explores changes and continuities of political and social elites in post-communist countries across the 1989/1991 divide. It aims to better understand and interpret the rise of authoritarian rule in post-communist societies. In order to approach the legacies of communist rule, senior and junior fellows working from Ukraine, Estonia, Georgia, Poland and Hungary will contribute to the endeavor with their own projects.

The two-month fellowships will provide an opportunity to pursue individual research in the Berlin-Brandenburg area while participating in the academic life of one of Germany’s major historical research centres. Founded in 1992, the ZZF covers a broad scope of Contemporary European History.

For further information please refer to our website: <https://legacies-of-communism.eu> and the ZZF website at <https://zzf-potsdam.de>.

Eligibility:

Scholars from all countries are eligible. Applicants must hold or expect to hold a PhD (or be able to demonstrate equivalent and substantial research experience) in history or another discipline in the humanities or social sciences. Fellows are expected to conduct their own research; nonetheless preference will be given to applicants whose interests relate to the research of the group and the ZZF. Candidates are expected to be fluent in English.

Conditions:

The fellowship carries a stipend of 3.000 EUR per month. The non-renewable funding is supposed to cover all expenses including travel, housing, and insurance. Fellows are expected to be present at the ZZF for two consecutive months between May and October 2020.

The ZZF will provide office space, access to the internet and its library. The institute's library holds approx. 80,000 items and subscribes to more than 100 periodicals. Other libraries within the Berlin-Brandenburg area provide valuable resources for the history of Central and Eastern Europe.

Visiting fellows will be encouraged to present their current project in a colloquium. The research group on "Legacies of Communism" also encourage participation in its discussion and contributions to our publications.

Application Procedure:

The application deadline is **29 February, 2020**. Decisions will be announced at the end of March, 2020.

Applications must include:

1. A letter of interest;
2. A curriculum vitae (including a list of publications);
3. A project proposal not exceeding five pages (1,500 words);
4. One letter of recommendation by an advisor or colleague from the field.

Please e-mail applications to:

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During the application process, we store and process the data you send us. You can object to the processing of your data by the ZZF at any time at: bewerbung@zzf-potsdam.de
You will be comprehensively informed about the collection, processing and use of your personal data in our data protection information under: <https://zzf-potsdam.de/de/datenschutzhinweise>
There you will also find a link to a PGP Public Key if you wish to send your application digitally encrypted.

Letters of recommendation may be sent under separate cover. No applications or recommendations by fax will be accepted. Additional inquiries about the fellowship programme should be directed via e-mail to Jan C. Behrends.