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ERC MENTORING INITIATIVE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Institute for Human Sciences (IWM Vienna), together with the Polish Academy of Sciences and generously supported by the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education, 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 2026 – 2027.

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 mentees individualized advice regarding the development of their projects' academic content through intensive discussion with each other and with the mentors. **The initiative's workshops focus 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 workshop will be held **remotely** on **4–5 July 2025**. Participation is free; the workshop language is English. If you are interested in taking part, please send an email with your application to the email address below. The application should consist of three parts:

- an **abstract** according to the specifications required for the cover of a B1 application (max. 2,000 characters);
- a **two-page short version of the extended synopsis** according to the specifications required for the section a of a B1 proposal;
- a **curriculum vitae** according to the recommended template of the section b of a B1 application.

Applicants are requested to follow the [specified formatting guidelines](#) and hand in their application in **one Word document**.

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 16 May 2025**. A further workshop is planned for later this year.

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