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Dear colleagues,

With this 23rd issue of our Newsletter we inform you about the call for experts and first two funding calls of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine, offer you a summary of resources related to SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 and, as always, provide you with a digest of the latest news, selected funding opportunities and events related to academic cooperation with Ukraine.

Stay healthy and positive in these testing times!
With kind regards,

Шановні колеги,

У цьому 23-му числі нашого інформаційного Вісника ми повідомляємо про запрошення до формування реєстру експертів та два перші конкурси фінансування Національного фонду досліджень України, пропонуємо вам короткий опис ресурсів, пов'язаних з SARS-CoV-2 та COVID-19 та, як завжди, хочемо привернути Вашу увагу до деяких цікавих новин та актуальних грантових пропозицій, конференцій та інших заходів пов'язаних з науковою співпрацею з Україною.

Залишайтися здоровими! З найкращими побажаннями, Sehr geehrte Kolleginnen und Kollegen,

Mit dieser 23. Ausgabe informieren wir Sie über den Expertenaufruf und zwei erste Fördermaßnahmen der Nationalen Forschungsstiftung1 der Ukraine, bieten Ihnen eine Zusammenfassung der Ressourcen im Zusammenhang mit SARS-CoV-2 und COVID-19, sowie, wie immer, geben einen Überblick über die neuesten Ereignissen, aktuellen Fördermöglichkeiten und Veranstaltungen, die sich auf die akademische Zusammenarbeit mit der Ukraine beziehen.

Bleiben Sie gesund! Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Dr. Oksana Seumenicht, Managing Director, the German-Ukrainian Academic Society/ Research Development Manager, MDC, Berlin

Professor Olga Garaschuk, President, the German-Ukrainian Academic Society/ Chair of the Department of Neurophysiology, Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen

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COMMUNITY CORNER

PhD Contest 2020 has been canceled

Due to the ongoing uncertainty about the possibility of organizing and carrying out our annual PhD Contest in its standard form the executive board of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society decided to cancel this year's competition.

On the planning of the DUAG Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society is planned to take place in Hannover on 11-12 of September 2020. However, it may prove impossible to carry out the meeting in a 'presence mode' due to the ongoing uncertainty caused by the COVID-19. The decision about the modality and possible postponement of the meeting will be taken by 16 June 2020.

AWARDS & NEW BOOKS

Dr. Tetyana Vasylyeva awarded a Branco Weiss fellowship, Switzerland



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As a Branco Weiss Fellow, Dr. Tetyana Vasylyeva will use portable genetic sequencing and molecular epidemiology methods to estimate times and locations of chronic viral infection transmission (HIV and HCV) in internally displaced populations in Ukraine and in refugees in Italy. Tetyana received her MSc degree in Management in Public Health from the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in 2012, and the second MSc degree in Epidemiology from the School of Public Health at the State University of New York at Albany (NY, USA) in 2014. She gained her DPhil degree in Molecular Epidemiology from the University of Oxford (UK)

in 2018, supported with a Clarendon Fund Scholarship. Dr. Vasylyeva is currently Junior Research Fellow at the New College, University of Oxford (UK), supported by a Juliana Cuyler Matthews Fellowship in Biological Sciences.

The Branco Weiss Fellowship is a postdoc program for exceptionally qualified young researchers. The fellowship consists of a personal research grant that enables the fellows to work on their projects anywhere in the world, for up to five years. This fellowship program was founded in 2002 by the late Swiss entrepreneur Dr. Branco Weiss. It is a fellowship program of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH).

https://brancoweissfellowship.org/fellow/vasylyeva.html
https://www.zoo.ox.ac.uk/people/tetyana-vasylyeva

Reuters, 2018 "Conflict in Ukraine escalated spread of HIV – scientists", https://uk.reuters.com/article/ukraine-hiv/conflict-in-ukraine-escalated-spread-of-hiv-scientists-idUKL8N1P74IT

Bohdan Tokarsky is fellow at the Prisma Ukraïna, Berlin

Literary scholar Bohdan Tokarsky is Prisma Ukraïna Fellow (April-July 2020). During this time, he will work on his research project "Ukraine's Executed Renaissance: Fragmentation of the Literary Self in Early Soviet Culture". Dr. Bohdan Tokarsky is an Affiliated Lecturer in Ukrainian Studies at the University of Cambridge, where he has recently completed his PhD, an innovative study of the works of Vasyl Stus (1938-1985), one of Ukraine's most sophisticated twentieth-century





poets. Bohdan specialises in nineteenth- and twentieth-century Ukrainian literature and culture, with a particular interest in Ukrainian modernism, the shaping of identities and the interplay between poetry and philosophy. In 2017 Bohdan was awarded the second place at the PhD Thesis Presentation Contest conducted by the German-Ukrainian Academic Society. Bohdan's background is in international law – he holds LLB and LLM degrees from the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. At Cambridge, Bohdan has been a proactive force behind Cambridge Ukrainian Studies, and has organised a number of impactful cultural events. Bohdan is also the co-author of The Summer Before Everything, a powerful verbatim play on revolution and war in Ukraine, based on numerous interviews with soldiers, internally displaced persons, and volunteers all over the country, which was professionally produced at the 2016 Hotbed Festival at Cambridge Junction. Most recently, he co-organised the Kharkiv International Theatre Festival '1919-2019: Kulish. Kurbas. Shakespeare', which staged fresh productions of central dramatic works of Ukrainian modernism.

Prisma Ukraïna – Research Network Eastern Europe links academics from numerous universities and research institutions in Berlin and Brandenburg (Germany) who focus in their work on Ukraine and Eastern Europe. It has been initiated and is being headed by Prof. Andrii Portnov (Chair of Entangled History of Ukraine, European University Viadrina) and continues the work of the Berlin-Brandenburg Ukraine Initiative (BBUI).

https://www.prisma-

<u>ukraina.de/fellows/detail.html?tx epxbase epxbase%5Bfellow%5D=254</u>3&cHash=10c44ef61885ec0284a6135d5cd 719e8

BOOK by the DUAG member Oksana Huss: "How Corruption and Anti-Corruption Policies Sustain Hybrid Regimes. Strategies of Political Domination Under Ukraine's Presidents in 1994–2014", ibidem Press, publication date: October 2020

This study combines empirical analysis and social constructivism for an investigation into the presidencies of Leonid Kuchma (1994–2005), Viktor Yushchenko (2005–2010), and Viktor Yanukovych (2010-2014). Explorative expert interviews, press surveys, content analysis of presidential speeches, as well as critical assessment of anti-corruption legislation are used for comparison and process tracing of the utilization of corruption under three Ukrainian presidents. "At a time, when quantitative analyses of dubious quality have come to dominate research on corruption, Oksana Huss presents a masterfully crafted study that deserves the attention of every scholar who seriously tries to understand the political dynamics of corrupt practices and anticorruption campaigns. It is also a must-read for students of modern Ukraine. Her fine analysis traces how patterns of corruption and anti-corruption shaped and were shaped by Ukraine's three presidential regimes from 1994 until 2014. It leaves the reader with a central message: to understand today's hybrid regimes, a solid understanding of institutionalized corruption is indispensable." (Christoph Stefes, Professor of Political Science, University of Colorado, Denver).

Dr. Oksana Huss is a Research Fellow at Bologna University. She earned her PhD at the University of Duisburg-Essen and held a postdoc position at Leiden University. Huss taught at the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy as well as Kyiv School of Economics, and consulted the Council of Europe, EU, UNESCO, and UNODC. She is a co-founder of the Interdisciplinary Corruption Research Network (ICRNetwork). In 2016 she was one of the first two winners of the PhD Thesis Presentation Contest conducted by the German-Ukrainian Academic Society.





http://cup.columbia.edu/book/how-corruption-and-anti-corruption-policies-sustain-hybridregimes/9783838214306

https://www.unibo.it/sitoweb/oksana.huss/en; ICRNetwork: https://www.icrnetwork.org/

NEW BOOK by Oleh Havrylyshyn "Present at the Transition: An Inside Look at the Role of History, Politics, and Personalities in Post-Communist Countries", Cambridge University Press, will be released on July 2, 2020

Nearly thirty years after the fall of the Soviet Union, debates over paths to market liberalization have produced numerous studies across the social sciences. This groundbreaking work from Oleh Havrylyshyn offers a new perspective. Havrylyshyn, a former official in the post-independence Ukrainian government, provides a unique, primary source account of the people and problems at the heart of economic transitions. Grounded in three decades of data, along with experiential research gleaned from nearly thirty countries, this book contains the most up-to-date assessment of economic transitions in post-communist regions. It critically examines questions of gradual versus radical reforms, the relationship between democracy and market liberalization, and how history, individual personalities, and foreign influence determined political choices. Thorough research and accessible style make this work a valuable resource for students and specialists of economics, political science, and history as well as readers generally interested in international studies, government, and business. "Oleh Havrylyshyn, an academic and a former policy maker, provides a fascinating account of the liberalizing transitions of former socialist countries. His unique knowledge allows him to present the basic facts and to unmask popular myths about the post-socialist transformations. He deals in a comparative way both with the economics of transition and with the political economy of this process. Writing clearly and elegantly, Havrylyshyn makes a very important contribution to a very important subject." (Leszek Balcerowicz, Warsaw School of Economics).

 $\frac{https://www.cambridge.org/de/academic/subjects/politics-international-relations/russian-and-east-european-qovernment-politics-and-policy/present-transition-inside-look-role-history-politics-and-personalities-post-communist-countries?format=PB&isbn=9781108451710$

NEWS FROM UKRAINE

National Research Foundation of Ukraine invites international experts to register as potential proposal reviewers

The recently established National Research Foundation of Ukraine (http://nrfu.org.ua) is seeking independent international experts in all research fields to act as evaluators. If you are willing to assist the NRFU in peer review of the forthcoming research proposals, please complete the short registration form on the NRFU site. Registering as an expert does not put any immediate obligations on you. The actual assignment of Referees to research proposals will be performed by the review panel of the specific call for proposals.

In English: https://nrfu.org.ua/uncategorized/ogolosheno-pro-pochatok-reyestracziyi-ekspertiv-dlya-pershogo-konkursu-nfdu/; To register: https://grants.nrfu.org.ua/#/signln%20

National Research Foundation of Ukraine announces its first two calls

The first call "Science for the safety of humans and the society/ Наука для безпеки людини та суспільства" (Deadline: 15 June 2020) invites competitive collaborative proposals in areas related to biosafety, biomedicine, ecology, cyber and information security, and in response to





economic, social, humanitarian challenges caused by natural and man-made emergencies, as well as to overcome medical and biological, economic, social, psychological, humanitarian and cultural consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The second call "Support for research of leading and young scientists/ Підтримка досліджень провідних та молодих учених" (Deadline: 26 June 2020) supports collaborative projects of leading scientists and talented young researchers to carry out fundamental and applied research in Ukraine.

in Ukrainian: https://nrfu.org.ua/announced-competitions/nauka-dlya-bezpeky-lyudyny-ta-suspilstva-pryjom-zayavok-z-12-05-2020-po-12-06-2020/

https://nrfu.org.ua/announced-competitions/konkurs-pidtrymka-doslidzhen-providnyh-ta-molodyh-uchenyh-period-podachi-zayavok-21-05-26-06-2020/

Andreas Flodström (Sweden) joins other experts at the Ukrainian Startup Fund

Beetroot and Beetroot Academy co-founder and CEO, Andreas Flodström, has joined the team of experts to consult entrepreneurs at the Ukrainian Startup Fund. Beetroot is a Swedish-Ukrainian IT company that strives for sustainable software development and desires to be a positive influence in the society. Beetroot engages more than 440 people in its Ukrainian and Swedish ecosystem, comprising R&D offices in two countries and running a network of Beetroot Academy IT schools in 17 Ukrainian cities.

 $\frac{https://beetroot.se/newsroom/andreas-flodstrom-will-join-other-experts-at-the-ukrainian-startup-fund/?fbclid=lwAR1sbgGCYF70mVXCyOhPmib0ztWlspyGtKZ7c$

Anticrisis Lab21 is a platform comprising efficient solutions capable of overcoming the crisis in Ukraine and Eastern Europe

WHO in Ukraine: open vacancy for a Technical Officer, apply by 29 May

The technical and coordination support to the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases in Ukraine is needed with special emphasis to individual services across the continuum of care for the four major conditions (cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases and cancer).

 $\underline{https://careers.who.int/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=2002114\&tz=GMT\%2B02\%3A00\&tzname=Europe\%2FBe} \\ rlin$

COOPERATION HIGHLIGHT

National Technical University "Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute" and Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg cooperate for scientific and academic exchange

The cooperation agreement was signed by the rectors of the universities in early March. The cooperation is aimed to foster short-term academic exchange of students, graduate students, researchers and teachers, bilateral research projects, joint forums and exhibitions. Moreover, a double degree program will allow students studying electrical engineering and mechanical engineering to obtain a Master degree from two universities simultaneously.

in Ukrainian: https://mon.gov.ua/ua/news/hpi-spilno-z-nimeckim-vishem-pracyuvatime-nad-naukovimi-programami-dvostoronnimi-proyektami-ta-zdijsnit-akademichnij-obmin-pidpisano-dogovir





EVENT REPORT

Winter School Ukraine 2020 "Five Days History – Economics – Literature – Politics", Ukrainian Free University, Munich By Lukas Joura, HU Berlin

For the third year in a row, a Ukrainian Studies winter school aimed at students and early stage researchers was held at the Ukrainian Free University (UFU) in Munich. It was organised by the UFU in cooperation with Ludwig Maximilians University (LMU), the University of Regensburg and the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies and brought together some 25 participants from different countries. The program addressed four themes, each encompassing 3-5 lectures on various topics in both German and English, given by internationally renowned researchers from Ukraine, Germany and other countries.

The history section provided a concise overview of the social, economic and political landscape of Ukraine, starting with Andrzej S. Kaminski's (Washington/Warsaw) lecture on the early modern history of Ukraine. The talk by Guido Hausmann (Regensburg) analysed the factors behind the (unsuccessful) attempts to establish Ukrainian statehood in the first half of the twentieth century and Katrin Boeckh (Regensburg) provided a detailed overview of the history of the Soviet Ukrainian Republic. The lectures were rounded off by an interesting talk by Dmytro Zlepko (Munich) on the history of the Ukrainian community in Munich and Bavarian-Ukrainian relations. The school was privileged to include talks by prominent literary scholars Tamara Hundorova (Kyiv/Munich) and Alois Woldan (Vienna), who gave an extensive overview of the literary regions of Ukraine, analysing their rich history and its influence on contemporary trends. As part of the economics section, Myroslav Kyj (Chester, PA) talked on privatization and the implementations of the land reform that is being actively discussed in Ukraine at the moment. Richard Frensch (Regensburg) led a seminar on the importance of institutions in the economics research and Elena Denisova-Schmidt (St. Gallen) presented the results of her extensive research on corruption, pointing to regional peculiarities of these practices in Ukraine. The section on politics was dedicated to the Russo-Ukrainian war and its geopolitical implications, the role of identities in post-Soviet Ukrainian politics as well as the presidency of Volodymyr Zelensky. Moreover, renowned experts Volodymyr Kulyk (Kyiv) and Taras Kuzio (Kyiv/Baltimore, MA) discussed the phenomenon of populism and its influence on world and Ukrainian politics in a panel discussion moderated by Gerhard Simon (Cologne).

The program was rounded off by a range of public evening events. The performance of poet Serhii Zhadan, who recited texts from his yet unpublished book, and the discussion with literary scholars Tamara Hundorova and Alexander Kratochvil (Berlin) were met with great excitement by the Munich audience. Another public event was held at the Department of Slavonic Philology at LMU. It was dedicated to the topic of trauma in contemporary Ukrainian literature and included thought-provoking lectures by Dr. Nathalia Horbach (Zaporizhzhya), the winner of the XI. Virtual conference of Ukrainian Studies, and Alexander Kratochvil. Furthermore, the participants had the chance to join a guided tour through the UFU library and its archive, with its unique holdings. This School was very successful: it offered an intellectually nourishing environment and stimulated fruitful discussions among its speakers and participants alike, and further fuelled the participants' interest in the field of Ukrainian Studies. This success is to a great extent resulted from the dedicated effort of the UFU rector Maria O. Pryshlak and her team at the Ukrainian Free University and Alexander Kratochvil, who curated a stimulating and multidisciplinary program. And now we look forward to its fourth edition in 2021!

https://www.ufu-muenchen.de/de/news/winterschule-ukraine-2020 https://www.ufu-muenchen.de/de/news/trump-%E2%80%93-zelensky-%E2%80%93-putin





COVID-19 PANDEMIC RELATED NEWS AND RESOURCES

Enamine (Ukraine), one of the largest chemical vendors in the world, contributes towards the development of a drug against COVID-19

A cross-border initiative led by Dr. Nir London at the Weizmann Institute of Science (Israel) has brought together a wide range of international players in the drug development process – from academia to biotech and contract research organizations, to specialized software companies – to accelerate the development of a drug for COVID-19.

http://www.weizmann.ac.il/WeizmannCompass/sections/briefs/towards-a-druq-against-covid-19 https://enamine.net/

Below we have summarised some COVID-19 research/HEIs-related resources:

Sars-CoronaVirus-2.info	Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) info-page, thanks to Dr. Valentyn Oksenych at the NTNU also available In Ukrainian: https://sars-coronavirus-2.info/ua.html
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Medical Student COVID-19 Curriculum: https://curriculum.covidstudentresponse.org/
CORD-19 Explorer	The Semantic Scholar team at the Allen Institute for AI (Seattle, USA) has partnered with leading research groups to provide CORD-19, a free resource of 63,000+ scholarly articles about the novel coronavirus for use by the global research community: https://cord-19.apps.allenai.org/ Literature Review, using publications from the CORD-19 dataset, with findings extracted from the CORD-19 papers by ML algorithms with a human curation overlay. The project is a part of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy's call to action for the technology community and addresses research priorities defined by the National Academies and the World Health Organization: https://www.kaqgle.com/covid-19-contributions
John Hopkins "2019 Novel Coronavirus Research Compendium (NCRC)"	Rapidly curated and assessed emerging research on SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 to inform the public health community during this pandemic: https://ncrc.jhsph.edu/
EMBL-EBI	Lists data held at EMBL-EBI relating to the COVID-19 outbreak, including sequences of outbreak isolates and records relating to coronavirus biology: https://www.ebi.ac.uk/ena/pathogens/covid-19
Elsevier's Novel Coronavirus Information Center	Offers expert, curated information for the research and health community on SARS-CoV-2 (the novel coronavirus) and COVID-19 (the disease). All resources are free to access and include guidelines for clinicians and patients. https://www.elsevier.com/connect/coronavirus-information-center
Scientific Papers	More than 30 leading publishers have committed to making all of their coronavirus-related content freely available to support the ongoing public health emergency response efforts: https://wellcome.ac.uk/press-release/publishers-make-coronavirus-covid-19-content-freely-available-and-reusable





	Menarini Foundation took the initiative to publish an updated and selected list of the most pertinent articles chosen from the most notable international medical journals and magazines in the world: https://www.en.fondazione-menarini.it/Home/Coronavirus-Library Literature Review
European Commission	EU coronavirus research and innovation: <a ec.europa.eu="" files="" href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/research-area/health-research-and-innovation/coronavirus-research_en_area/health-research-and-innovation/coronavirus-research_en_area/health-research_area/health</td></tr><tr><td>List of already funded EU projects on COVID19: https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/research and innovation/res earch by area/documents/ec rtd cv-projects.pdf
	Research Infrastructures
Central European Research Infrastructure Consortium (CERIC) collects information about the relevant services: https://erf-aisbl.eu/research-infrastructures-offer-for-research-on-covid-19/ The dedicated Fast Track Access will allow to access the selected instruments for research related to the COVID-19, without the necessity to undergo the regular evaluation procedure, and be scheduled within one month from the submission of the proposal, based on the feasibility evaluation performed by the facility: https://www.ceric-eric.eu/2020/03/10/covid-19-fast-track-access/	
Fast Track Access for Corona-related Research at The high brilliance 3rd Generation Synchrotron Radiation Source at DESY, PETRA III: https://photon-science.desy.de/users_area/fast_track_access_for_covid_19/index_eng.html	
The European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures, ESFRI, is aggregating information about dedicated services offered by Research Infrastructures: https://www.esfri.eu/covid-19	
COVID-19 Clinical Research Coalition	https://covid19crc.org/
Regular updates on the R&D response	https://sciencebusiness.net/news/live-blog-rd-response-covid-19- pandemic

FUNDING FOR COVID-19-RELATED RESEARCH

EU: 2nd call "Innovative and rapid health-related approaches to respond to COVID-19 and to deliver quick results for society for a higher level of preparedness of health systems", apply by 11 June

The aim is not to develop new solutions, but **to quickly use and adapt already developed solutions**. Please note that these calls for proposals have specific application conditions (e.g. a max. of 45 pages per application) and a specific proposal template. Individual call topics:





- Repurposing of manufacturing for vital medical supplies and equipment
- Medical technologies, Digital tools and Artificial Intelligence (AI) analytics to improve surveillance and care at high Technology Readiness Levels (TRL)
- Behavioural, social and economic impacts of the outbreak response
- Pan-European COVID-19 cohorts
- Networking of existing EU and international cohorts of relevance to COVID-19

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search;freeTextSearchKeyword=;typeCodes=1;statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programCode=H202 0;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;callCode=H2020-SC1-PHE-CORONAVIRUS-2020-

2; sortQuery = submissionStatus; orderBy = asc; only Tenders = false; topicListKey = callTopicSearchTableState

EU, EASI-Genomics European Advanced infraStructure for Innovative Genomics: Extraordinary Call for Proposals for Access Projects related to the COVID-19 crisis, apply by 30 June

<u>DNA Sequencing of host whole-genome or whole-exome of human low-risk patients with severe forms of SARS-Cov-2 infection that have experienced adverse reactions or fatal outcomes</u>: EASI-Genomics offers to sequence host whole-genome DNA isolated from blood samples at its state-of-the-art equipped facilities using short-read and long-read technology.

<u>Sequencing of host RNA of human low-risk patients with severe forms of SARS-Cov-2 infection</u> that have experienced adverse reactions or fatal outcomes: EASI-Genomics offers to sequence host RNA at its state-of-the-art equipped facilities.

Applicants need to provide a detailed description of the available sample materials and explain in detail how they obtained the samples.

Integrative data analysis of host and virus sequences from human low-risk patients with severe forms of SARS-Cov-2 infection that have experienced adverse reactions or fatal outcomes. EASI-Genomics will also consider projects requesting other advanced analyses, such as single-cell analysis, for a limited number of patients.

GERMANY, Volkswagen Stiftung: Corona Crisis and Beyond – Perspectives for Science, Scholarship and Society, apply by 4 June

New research project or additional module within currently funded project of up to 120,000 Euro (flexible use) for up to 18 months. **Eligibility**: postdoctoral researchers or professors in Germany; single or integrative joint projects (up to 3 partners), **international collaborations possible.**

https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/en/funding/our-funding-portfolio-at-a-glance/corona-crisis-and-beyond-perspectives-for-science-scholarship-and-society

GERMANY, DFG: Call for proposals for multidisciplinary research on epidemics and pandemics caused by the SARS-CoV-2 outbreak/ Ausschreibung zur fachübergreifenden Erforschung von Epidemien und Pandemien anlässlich des Ausbruchs von SARS-CoV-2

Type of application (*Sachbeihilfe***)**: Individual application, joint application or a coordinated package of applications ("Duty to cooperate" applies). **Applicants should aim to cooperate with international researchers.** The costs associated with international cooperation can be requested as part of the project in line with the rules applicable to each country. **Topics** incl. biological and medical basics of a pathogen and the respective clinical picture as well as therapeutic methods or preventive measures. Preparation for research projects can be supported by a range of





measures such as roundtable discussions, scientific networks and funding to support the initiation of international collaboration.

Deadlines:

- Letters of intent (max. 200 words, and a list of the names of the applicants) must be sent as a PDF file to: Ausschreibung-Coronavirus@dfg.de by 1 July 2020
- The deadline for submitting applications is the **1 September 2020**https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/announcements proposals/info wissenschaft 20 20/index.html

USA, National Institute of Health (NIH): COVID-19-related funding, rolling deadlines

PAR-20-177; PAR-20-178 - Emergency Awards: Rapid Investigation of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) and Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-20-177.html https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-20-178.html

USA: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, The Wellcome Trust, and Mastercard Launch Initiative to Speed Development and Access to Therapies for COVID-19

COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator will coordinate R&D efforts and remove barriers to drug development and scale-up to address the epidemic.

https://www.gatesfoundation.org/Media-Center/Press-Releases/2020/03/COVID-19-Therapeutics-Accelerator https://www.gatesfoundation.org/TheOptimist/Articles/coronavirus-trevor-mundel-therapeutics-collaboration

ISRAEL: international cooperation in the fight against COVID-19

The Israeli Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) is looking to promote international cooperation in the fight against COVID-19. Teaming up Israeli and international scholars in order to conduct a speedy research project and bilateral or multilateral call for proposals for scientists in the field of Coronavirus (COVID-19) research are welcomed. The topics for the potential call of proposal include:

- New technologies / approaches for COVID-19 diagnosis
- Developing a COVID-19 vaccine
- An antiviral treatment drug for COVID-19

<u>https://www.healthil.org/countercorona-opportunities</u> <u>https://innovationisrael.org.il/en/opencall/piloting-and-demo-stages-to-fight-coronavirus</u>

MIT hosts a series of challenges related to the COVID-19 crisis: https://covid19challenge.mit.edu/

European Research Area (ERA) corona platform is a one-stop shop providing comprehensive information about funding opportunities in relation to Coronavirus at EU and national level:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/covid-19

A dedicated COVID-19 page at the GloPID-R, which brings together funding bodies investing in research related to new or re-emerging infectious diseases:

https://www.glopid-r.org/our-work/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/





A SELECTION OF OTHER RELEVANT FUNDING & SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

For the up-to-date announcements visit our LinkedIn group: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8473594 or our web-page: https://ukrainet.eu/category/fund/

GRANTS

UKRAINE-AUSTRIAN call for joint projects of the International "Scientific & Technological Cooperation" program, apply by 29 May

The mobility program is aimed at early-stage and mid-career researchers to carry out joint research projects and to cooperate in an international setting, thus developing their international network and experience.

In Ukrainian: https://mon.gov.ua/ua/news/startuvav-konkurs-ukrayinsko-avstrijskih-naukovih-proyektiv-na-2021-2022-roki-zayavki-prijmayut-do-27-kvitnya
In English/German: https://oead.at/en/projects/international-cooperations/scientific-technological-cooperation-st-cooperation/

GERMANY: Bavarian funding program for the initiation of international projects, next cut-off dates: 9 June 2020 and 10 March 2021

Funding of up to of EUR 10,000 is available.

https://www.bayfor.org/en/about-us/mission/initial-funding-programme-bayintan.html

GERMANY, Volkswagen Foundation: Challenges for Europe, apply by 25 June (the deadline has been extended)

Invited are proposals for international research projects (up to 4 years) in cultural and social sciences, and in humanities from consortia involving 3-5 principal investigators from at least 3 different European countries, with main-applicant from a German university/ research institution. Funding: up to EUR 1 million for 3 partners, up to EUR 1.5 million for 5 partners.

https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/en/funding/our-funding-portfolio-at-a-alance/challenges-for-europe

DAAD: Partnerships for the health sector in developing countries/ PAGEL - Partnerschaften für den Gesundheitssektor in Entwicklungsländern, apply by 30 June

Eligible to apply are German HEIs or research institutes, in cooperation with organisations in developing countries (including Ukraine). Up to 4-year grants support the establishment and development of partnerships between higher education institutions, development of new teaching concepts and implementation of teaching modules and training activities in the developing country, combined with further education in Germany and abroad. Moreover, funds could be used to prepare medical professionals trained in Germany, who originate from the developing country, to engage with the country of origin.

In German: https://www2.daad.de/hochschulen/ausschreibungen/projekte/de/11342-foerderprogramme-finden/?s=1&projektid=57555013

DAAD, Go-East: Enhancing higher education cooperation with the countries of Eastern and South Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia/ Ausbau der

Hochschulzusammenarbeit mit den Ländern Ost- und Südosteuropas, des Südkaukasus und Zentralasiens, **apply by 15 October**

Both small-scale information events and larger bilateral university days (line 1) as well as introductory trips by German professors and/or other university members to one or more universities in one or more countries in the above-mentioned regions (line 2) are supported. Eligible are German HEIs.





More (in German): https://www2.daad.de/hochschulen/ausschreibungen/projekte/de/11342-foerderprogramme-finden/?s=1&projektid=57040670

GERMANY, New science funding programmes on the culture and history of Germans in Eastern Europe, apply by 30 November

The two new research programmes for universities and non-university research institutions on the following topics:

- "Germans from Eastern Europe in Global Contexts and Interdependencies" and
- "Economic history transnational. The Germans in Eastern Europe and their Economic Networks".

They are aimed at researchers from the disciplines of history, cultural studies and social sciences. This includes the support of museums, archives, libraries, research institutions and cultural mediation projects. Scientific projects (with the exception of qualification papers and also dissertations) can be funded up to a max. of EUR 80,000 for the period between 1 May 2021 and 31 October 2023.

In German: https://www.bkge.de/Foerderungen-Stipendien-BKM/Universitaeres-Foerderprogramm.php

GERMANY, Volkswagen Foundation: Life? – A Fresh Scientific Approach to the Basic Principles of Life, apply by 2 December (last call)

Funding for outstanding research projects at the interface between natural and life sciences investigating the principles of life; up to 1.5 million Euro for up to 5 years. Eligibility: researchers at all stages of their postdoctoral career; single or integrative joint projects (up to 5 partners), can include international partners.

https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/en/funding/our-funding-portfolio-at-a-glance/life-—-a-fresh-scientificapproach-to-the-basic-principles-of-life

INDIVIDUAL FUNDING/ FELLOWSHIPS

AUSTRIA: Vienna International Postdoctoral Program VIP², apply by 15 June

VIP² is a three-year postdoctoral fellowship program at the Vienna BioCenter that is open to candidates with backgrounds in biology, chemistry, physics, medicine, engineering, computer science, and bioinformatics.

https://www.training.vbc.ac.at/post-docs/vip2-post-doc-program/

UKRAINE: L'Oréal-UNESCO for Women in Science Award, apply by 17 June

The L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Award aims to improve the position of women in science by recognizing outstanding women researchers who have contributed to scientific progress. The awards are a result of a partnership between the French cosmetics company L'Oréal and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and carry a grant of \$100 000 USD for each laureate. *In Ukrainian: https://www.forwomeninscience.in.ua/*

JAPAN: Matsumae International Foundation scholarship for short-term research stay, apply by 30 June

The application for 20 scholarships is announced for young foreign scientists to conduct research at Japanese public and/or private universities, research centers or companies. The scholarship supports the research stay from 3 to 6 months (period from April 2021 to March 2022). Priority areas for research include natural sciences, engineering and medicine.

In English: http://www.mif-japan.org/fellowship/announcement/?hl=en





GERMANY, EEGA: Calls for Applications on a Regular Basis

The Leibniz Science Campus EEGA offers Fellowships, PostDoc- and Postgraduate-Grants, Workshops and Training Courses for different audiences. The EEGA supports researchers from within and outside the science region Leipzig-Halle-Jena with open calls for:

- Short-Term Stays
- Thematic Workshops and Conferences

Deadline for applications for summer term: **15 July** (start of the fellowships between 1 March – 31 August)

• Applications for funding for **the presentation at international conferences** connected to the EEGA subject (e.g. ASEES, BASEES, ASN) are possible at any time.

https://www.leibniz-eega.de/programmes/call-for-applications/

HFSP postdoctoral fellowships, apply by 27 August

- (i) Long-Term Fellowships (LTF) are for applicants with a Ph.D. in a biological discipline, who will broaden their expertise by proposing a project in the life sciences which is significantly different from their previous Ph.D. or postdoctoral work;
- (ii) Cross-Disciplinary Fellowships (CDF) are for applicants with a Ph.D. from outside the life sciences (e.g. in physics, chemistry, mathematics, engineering or computer sciences)
 Eligibility: < 3 y. after PhD; 1+ lead author, full-length research paper; < 1 year in the host lab
 Host supervisors can endorse ONLY 1 application (LTF or CDF) per competition.

https://www.hfsp.org/funding/hfsp-funding/postdoctoral-fellowships

GERMANY: COPERNICUS Semester Stipends, 2 annual deadlines: 1 September and 1 March

EU: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships (ID: MSCA-IF-2020), apply by 9 September

- (i) **Global Fellowships** are based on a secondment to a third country and a mandatory 12 month return period to a European host;
- (ii) **European Fellowships** (in EU Member States or H2020 Associated Countries) aimed at researchers either coming to Europe from any country in the world or moving within Europe.
 - Direct return to and long-term reintegration of researchers in Europe, including in their country of origin, is supported via a separate multi-disciplinary **reintegration panel**;
 - Support to individuals to resume research in Europe after a career break (at least 12 months within the 18 months immediately prior to the deadline for submission), e.g. after parental leave or due to recent migration, is ensured via a separate multi-disciplinary career restart panel;
 - If hosted by an organisation from the non-academic sector will be supported via a separate multi-disciplinary society and enterprise panel of the European Fellowships. The objective of this panel is to facilitate career moves between the academic and nonacademic sectors, to stimulate innovation, and to open attractive career opportunities for researchers outside academia.
 - The **Widening Fellowships** provide specific support to researchers to undertake their fellowship in a widening member or associated country (including **Ukraine**).





• Researchers receiving an Individual Fellowship may opt to include a **secondment phase** in Europe (3-6 months, can be split), notably **in the non-academic sector**, within the overall duration of their fellowship. In the Global Fellowships, such a secondment can also take place at the start of the action at the beneficiary or a partner organisation in Europe for a maximum of 3 months, allowing the researcher to spend time there before moving on to a partner organisation in a third country.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/msca-if-2020

GERMANY, International Parliamentary Scholarships, apply by 30 September

Are you under 30 years old? Do you have a university degree and speak German? If you are from Central, Eastern or South Eastern Europe, France, Israel, North America or the Arab region, then the International Parliamentary Scholarship (IPS) at the German Bundestag could give you the opportunity to experience how the Bundestag works over the course of five months, with three of these spent working in a Member's office. Each year, the German Bundestag, in cooperation with the Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, and the Technische Universität Berlin, offers around 120 scholarships to young university graduates from 42 countries. The program runs each year from March 1st to July 31st.

https://www.bundestag.de/en/europe/international/exchange/ips/ips-201258

GERMANY: special funding for diaspora and returning experts to developing countries and emerging economies

The German Government's competence centre for international labour mobility (CIM) facilitates the transfer of knowledge from individuals to developing countries and emerging economies. CIM supports individuals who wish to put the knowledge and skills they have acquired in Germany to good use in their country of origin by, for example, taking on a specialist role, starting a new business or working for an association. Two main programs are available for work in Ukraine: (i) Short-term assignments with a development focus in your country of origin and (ii) Working as a returning expert.

https://www.cimonline.de/de/html/uber-uns.html

SWITZERLAND, Basel: URIS fellowship for six months researching at the University of Basel, 2 annual deadlines

The initiative "Ukrainian Research in Switzerland" (URIS) announces two fellowships once a year. They are open to postdoctoral and senior scholars in the humanities, cultural studies and social sciences whose research has the potential to make a substantial contribution to a better understanding of the history, society, politics and culture of Ukraine. https://uris.ch/uris-fellowship/

GERMANY: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Georg Forster Research Fellowship for researchers from developing countries, no deadline

EMBO postdoctoral fellowships

No deadline, 2 evaluation sessions: in August and February. Eligibility: < 2 y. after PhD; 1 first-author paper; can also apply if joined the host laboratory for <6 months at the time the application is complete.

https://www.embo.org/funding-awards/fellowships/postdoctoral-fellowships#application





A SELECTION OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

02/06/2020 Online	"Deutsch-ukrainische Kulturbeziehungen. Veränderungen nach dem Euromaidan", Publikationsvorstellung mit Dr. Susann Worschech im Rahmen des Kulturwissenschaftlichen Europa-Kolloquium des Viadrina Institut für Europa-Studien (IFES). Die Veranstaltung findet online statt – bitte anmelden unter: ifes@europa-uni.de
	https://www.europa- uni.de/de/forschung/institut/institut_europastudien/veranstaltungen- sose2020/index.html
	https://ifa-publikationen.de/Zeitschriften-und-Editionen/ifa-Edition-Kultur-und-Aussenpolitik/Deutsch-ukrainische-Kulturbeziehungen.html
22-26/06/2020 Basel	Initiative "Ukrainian Research in Switzerland" (URIS), Summer School "Ukraine – Opportunities and Challenges for Dialogue"
Switzerland	https://uris.ch/summerschool-ukraine-opportunities-and-challenges-for-dialogue-university-of-basel-22-26-june-2002/
17-30/08/2020 Frankfurt (Oder) Germany	Save the Date for the Viadrinikum 2020 Summer School: "Trans-sectorial Lab on (Post-)Migration" Viadrinicum is an annual summer school devoted to the countries of the Eastern Partnership region with a special focus on Ukraine. https://viadrinicum.blog/
14-21/09/2020 Sofia	Transregional Academy: "Shadows of Empires: Imperial Legacies and Mythologies in East Central Europe"
Bulgaria	Organized by Prisma Ukraïna – Research Network Eastern Europe in cooperation with CAS Centre for Advanced Study Sofia, Center for Governance and Culture in Europe, University St. Gallen, and the German Historical Institute Warsaw. https://www.prisma-ukraina.de/en/events/detail/shadows-of-empires-imperial-legacies-and-mythologies-in-east-central-europe.html
15/09/2020 Berlin	The Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOiS), PechaKucha Night for Young Researchers
Germany	ZOiS invites PhD students and Postdocs who have been accepted as paper-givers at the EEGA/BASEES conference (see below) to present their research in a PechaKucha style presentation at the Centre on the day before the official opening of the conference. https://www.zois-berlin.de/ueber-uns/meldungen/eega/
16-19/09/2020	British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) Regional Conference: Globalising Eastern Europe – New Perspectives on
Leipzig	Transregional Entanglements
Germany	In thematic panels, round table discussions and interactive workshops about 100 international junior and senior scholars present their research on Eastern Europe in its global and transregional entanglements. Organized in conjunction with the Leibniz ScienceCampus "Eastern Europe – Global Area" (EEGA), in cooperation



with the Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOiS) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde e. V. (DGO), both Berlin.

https://en.zois-berlin.de/about-us/news/call-for-panels/



26-30/10/2020	Does memory shape the future? The years 1989/90 in the memory work
Berlin	in Germany and Northeast, Middle East and Southeast Europe. Fall Academy 2020 for students.
Germany	https://www.deutsche-gesellschaft-ev.de/veranstaltungen/konferenzen-
Apply by 16.08.2020	taqungen/1179-herbstakademie-stiftung-2020.html?fbclid=IwAR0yiYYxfKqX IffAuYl9qHbs9O3I8hxtHtmjkNnvZCCJ-jMBBADllh4M8

QUICK & USEFUL

Ukraine-related:

Research article: "Causes and Consequences of the War in Eastern Ukraine: An Economic Geography Perspective" by Vlad Mykhnenko (The University of Oxford)

 $\underline{https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09668136.2019.1684447\#.Xm4bCkdAqHU.linkedin}$

Tomasz Hen-Konarski on "Men Who Won't Fit In": The recordings from the workshop "The Cossack Myth in Eastern Europe in the 19th, 20th and 21st Centuries"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1C5xsDOu6q

P. Klimkin and A. Umland "Corona-Krise als Wendepunkt: Weltpolitik und die Ukraine" (in German)

https://www.gsp-sipo.de/fileadmin/Daten GSP/F-Presseberichte/GSP-Einblick 4 2020 Klimkin Umland.pdf

Interview with Alexander Motyl, professor of political science at Rutgers University, on his new book "Bits and Pieces: Fragmentary Memoirs"

http://shevchenko.org/news-events/news/new-book-bits-and-pieces-motyl/

Panel Discussion: "Don't mention the war": does Europe need a shared historical narrative of WW2?", Ukrainian Institute, London, held in partnership with the Henry Jackson Society and supported by Ukrainian Jewish Encounter. Speakers:

- Serhii Plokhy, historian, author, Director of Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, US
- Krzystof Czyżewski, writer, philosopher, President of Borderland Foundation, Poland
- Brendan Simms, historian, author, Cambridge University, UK
- Nataliia Popovych, founder, One Philosophy; co-founder, Ukraine Crisis Media Centre

Moderator: **Adrian Karatnycky**, Senior Fellow and co-Director of the Ukraine in Europe Program, Atlantic Council, US

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5eW7VWFKSI&feature=youtu.be

New book (in German): "111 Gründe, die Ukraine zu lieben" von Christoph Brumme, Verlag Schwarzkopf & Schwarzkopf, 312 Seiten. Die Welt "Was die Ukraine so liebenswert macht", 26.03.2020:

https://www.welt.de/reise/Fern/article206768961/Ukraine-Was-das-Land-so-liebenswert-macht.html

Ukrainian Venture Capital and Private Equity Overview 2019

https://www.slideshare.net/UVCA/ukrainian-venture-capital-and-private-equity-overview-2019-232427411

Database of the Ukraine's Tech Ecosystem

https://dealroom.co/

Improve your Ukrainian online:

«Лайфхаки з української мови» (автор Ігор Хворостяний):

https://courses.ed-era.com/courses/Osvitoria and EdEra/lifehacks101/lifehacks101/about

«Українська мова та література» (автор Ірина Побідаш):





https://courses.prometheus.org.ua/courses/course-v1:ZNO+UKR101+2017 T1/about

HE/ Research-related:

EU-Citizen.Science platform aims to share knowledge, tools, training, and resources for Citizen Science

https://eu-citizen.science/

Starting Virtual School Due to COVID-19? Try These **5 Powerful EdTech Tools**, by Sara Monteabaro https://solve.mit.edu/articles/edtech-tools-home-learning

The Chronicle of Higher Education: Collections of articles on online teaching

https://connect.chronicle.com/CS-WC-2020-CoronavirusFreeReport LP-SocialTraffic.html?wt zmc=nl.int.zonaudev.zeit online chancen w3.m 16.03.2020.nl ref.zeitde.bildtext.link.2020 0316&utm medium=nl&utm campaign=nl ref&utm content=zeitde bildtext link 20200316&utm source=zeit o nline chancen w3.m 16.03.2020 zonaudev int

Career Resources:

The Thesis Whisperer blog is maintained by the Associate Professor Inger Mewburn, director of researcher development at The Australian National University, and it offers very useful resources, e.g. this list of recommended books for researchers (on writing up, career advice, etc.)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MMl97gZXVPVQYQfiv6kBkg9ovlihgw7kf0rbCpjsdSo/edit https://thesiswhisperer.com/

PhD Career Stories: A Podcast for people interested in career possibilities after a PhD https://phdcareerstories.com/2020/04/26/098-dr-evelina-kulcinskaja-story/

Vitae Researcher Development Framework (UK):

https://www.vitae.ac.uk/vitae-publications/rdf-related/researcher-development-framework-rdf-vitae.pdf/view

Ålund et al (2020): Academic ecosystems must evolve to support a sustainable postdoc workforce https://www.nature.com/articles/s41559-020-1178-6

Online courses and blended-learning for scientists

https://academy.naturalscience.careers/

Personalized online support for researcher' careers

https://chaperone.online/

Some relevant free MOOCs: "Developing career resilience"

https://www.open.edu/openlearn/money-business/developing-career-resilience/content-section-overview?active-tab=description-tab

LinkedIn for PhDs: How to use it to build an amazing non-academic career

https://roostervane.com/linkedinforphds/

