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APPLICATION

Applicants are asked to submit their CV (max. 2 pages) and a description of their PhD project (max. 2 pages) to mariejahoda.summerschool@univie.ac.at

Application deadline: March 31, 2014
Students will receive 6 ECTS credits.

FEE

The Summer School fee is EUR 100.-, including social dinner. Students are expected to pay for their own travel and accommodation.

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Public spaces are transformed through a multiplicity of processes and dynamics. As a plural concept, “public spaces” refer to diversity and heterogeneity as the expressions and outcomes of social differentiation and inequalities, and not only as a potent planning concept. In turn, “in transition” reflects the processual properties of public spaces as figurations, exceeding mere transition. Therefore, research in the transformation of public spaces is to focus on “urban public spaces” as fields and products of social interaction and (actors’) constellations in which the social measures of globalised capitalism are materialised – at the (macro) level of strategic positioning among multinational enterprises and organisations, the (meso) level of reproduction of social and symbolic structures and the (micro) level of heterogeneous life-worlds. Attending to the subjects of migration and inequality, the Marie Jahoda Summer School of Sociology is pleased to invite dedicated PhD students to send in their applications. The work will focus on five core themes supervised by a high-ranking international faculty.

APPLICANTS

The Summer School is intended for PhD students whose doctoral projects take up its core themes. Contributions will be either theoretical or empirical. Applicants should have a background in sociology, social and cultural anthropology or closely related fields and should already be enrolled in a PhD programme. The course is open to about 20-25 international PhD students.

FORMAT

The Marie Jahoda Summer School of Sociology is organised as a combination of lectures, students’ presentations, urban explorations by local urban researchers and plenary discussions. Students will be asked to submit their papers (15 pages) beforehand and present them during the course in order to receive extensive feedback from eminent faculty members and other participants. The Summer School will be held in English, all applicants are to demonstrate a high level of spoken and written English.

TOPICS & LECTURERS

July 5 to 9, 2014 | 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Urban public spaces, social interaction and actors:

Prof. Erik Swyngedouw, University of Manchester

Privatisation and commercialisation of public spaces:

Prof. Judit Bodnár, Central European University

Inequalities and poverty in the city: Prof. Yuri Kazepov, University of Urbino

Multi-ethnic subjectivities and urban diaspora formation:

Prof. Sophie Watson, Open University

Reclaiming the city – new urban movements: Prof. Margit Mayer, Free University Berlin

PUBLIC KEYNOTE SPEECH

July 7, 2014 | 6:30 p.m.

University of Vienna, Kleiner Festsaal, Dr.-Karl-Lueger-Ring 1, A-1010 Vienna

“How we conceptualise urban public space”

Prof. Ash Amin, University of Cambridge

Prof. Ash Amin: Director of Research in the Department of Geography, University of Cambridge. Ash Amin is known for his work on the geographies of modern living: cities and regions as relationally constituted; globalisation as everyday process; the economy as cultural entity; race and multiculturalism as a hybrid of biopolitics and vernacular practices. His recent research activities have included grants from the ESRC on the ethnography of the UK social economy, while policy work has focused on urban cohesion and on racial integration. He is currently working on cultures of calamity, on the contemporary urban condition, and on the rights of the poor.