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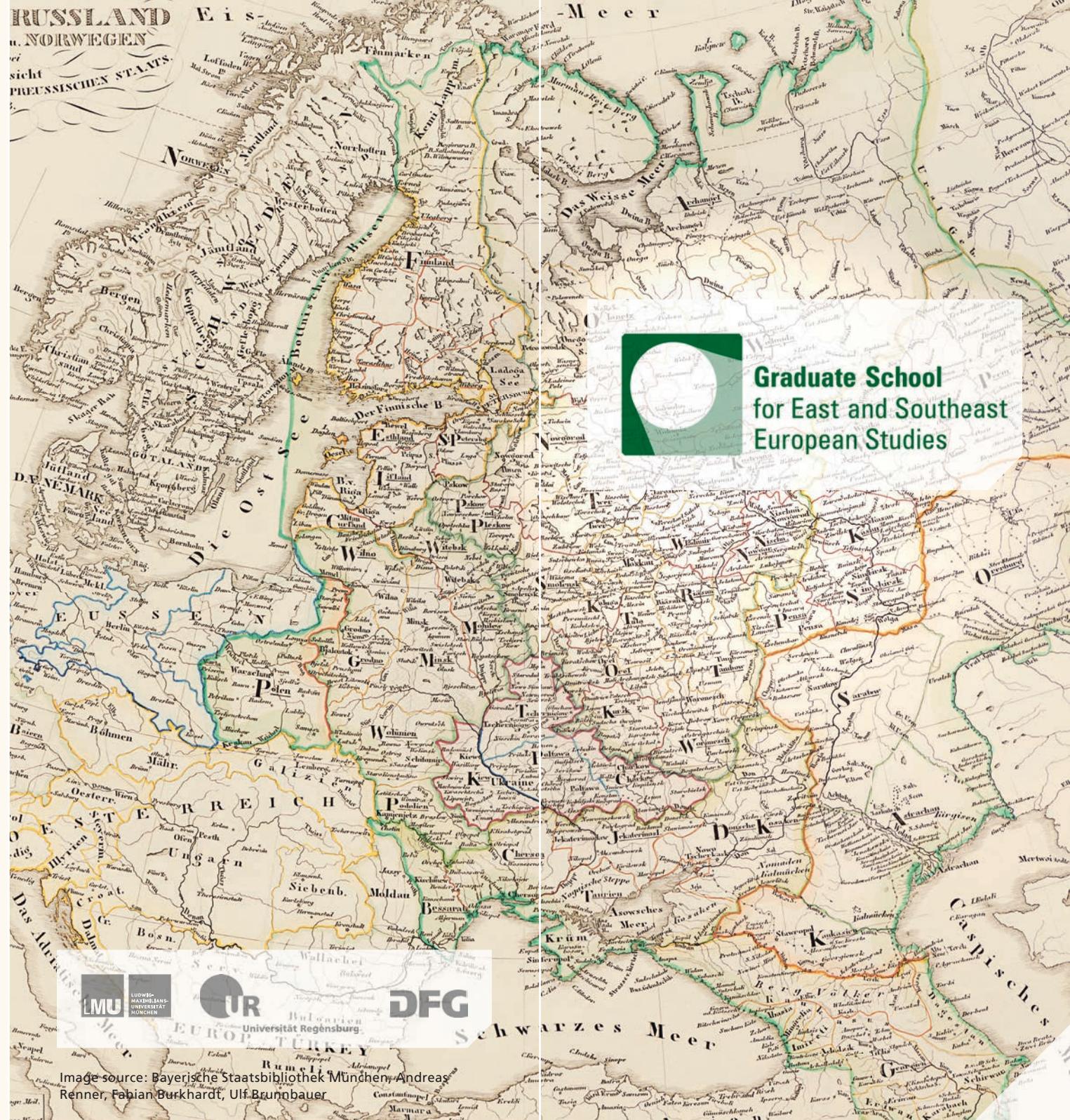


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THEMES

The main area of our studies is the past and present of East and Southeast Europe. Particular emphasis is placed on the period since 1800 and the fundamental transformations that followed, which still influence the present in many ways. Therefore, in our Graduate School, historians, art historians, philologists, linguists, and social scientists work closely together.

We are interested in the specific characteristics of East and Southeast Europe, in the particularities of the countries, societies, and cultures of this region. In addition, we study the entanglements with other parts of the world. Pursuing the idea of integrated Area Studies, we collaborate with related disciplines (e.g. American, West European, Japanese, Chinese, Turkish, and Ottoman Studies). We support the claim that East and Southeast Europe cannot be understood isolated, but only in their interrelations with other world regions.

Our research is interdisciplinary and focuses on three themes:

- Basics and Forms of Social and Political Change
- Cultural Orders
- Infrastructure, Migration and Transfers of Knowledge



THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Our priority is to create an environment for successful doctoral projects. Our doctoral programme consists of small thematic study groups, seminars in theory and methods, interdisciplinary colloquia, and an international summer school.

Furthermore we offer:

- a funded doctoral position or a scholarship
- academic advice by our interdisciplinary teaching staff
- a personal workplace and research facilities
- exchange with our international partner universities
- guest lectures by leading scholars
- soft skill courses
- financial support for participation in conferences and research stays abroad
- a mentoring programme to prepare our PhD candidates for academic as well as non-academic careers

We welcome applications from excellent students with a very good Master's degree (or equivalent) and whose research interests and academic disciplines fit with those of the Graduate School. We expect an innovative research project, interest in interdisciplinary exchange and sensitivity for transnational and spatial perspectives. The application deadline is usually in August. Courses start in November.

ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC IMPACT

Our main objective is to deliver world class research. We pursue this goal by creating places of exchange between scholars at different stages in their career, from different countries as well as disciplinary backgrounds. Furthermore, we promote the transfer of knowledge to the general public. Several of our activities reflect these efforts:

- public lectures on new topics and findings in research as well as on current affairs
- academic workshops
- the International Annual Conference
- the book series "Schnittstellen" presenting monographic studies on East and Southeast Europe
- the weblog "Erinnerungskulturen" on collective memory as well as cultures and politics of remembrance
- video podcasts
- media relations
- preparatory workshops for international candidates
- incorporation of the Honours Masters' Programme "East European Studies" at the LMU Munich and the Regensburg University



ABOUT US

The Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies is a joint program by the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU Munich) and the Universität Regensburg (Regensburg University). Junior and senior academics from 15 disciplines deal with East and Southeast Europe and their relationships with other world regions. We offer excellent research conditions for doctoral and postdoctoral students.

Both Munich and Regensburg are home to leading research institutes and specialized libraries in East and Southeast European Studies with whom we work together:

- Bavarian State Library*: Germany's largest literature collection on Eastern Europe
- Collegium Carolinum*: research institute for Czech and Slovak matters with Germany's largest academic library dedicated to Bohemia
- Institute for East and Southeast European Studies*: research institute and library on economic and historical developments
- Central Institute for Art History*: large collection on art and art history literature from the East and Southeast European countries
- Institute for East European Law*: research on legal developments
- Institute for German Culture and History in Southeast Europe*: research on the connections between German culture and the history of Southeast Europe
- "Historisches Kolleg"*: an institute for the advanced study of history and of the historically oriented sciences