

Editorial

Dear readers,

We have moved to a new location in Graz and we love it! The moving process took a lot of energy but it was also a healthy process of reforming and transforming our working places and working habits. You will find our new address below and on our website www.wus-austria.org. You are welcome to visit us in our new office if you are in town!

During the last months we were busy preparing and attending conferences and meetings, getting to know new friends and business acquaintances and preparing new projects.

Some of our projects have passed important milestones such as the project KIKT - **Kosovo Interdisciplinary Knowledge Triangle Center - PhD based Education, Research and Training for Medical and Natural Sciences**:

In March this year the official opening of the *IKTC_ Interdisciplinary Knowledge Triangle Center for PhD studies, research, innovation and training in Medical and Natural Sciences* took place at the premises of the University Clinical Center in Prishtina. The establishing of the Center, which is one of the main objectives of project will facilitate and support the implementation of PhD studies at the Faculty of Medicine and similar fields of studies at the Faculty of Mathematics & Natural Sciences at the UP. The highly equipped laboratory will offer postgraduate training and professional education with a focus on specific research projects with the view to enabling the candidates to do in-depth scientific work and provide them with additional professional qualifications for future assignments in research or in related areas of work. To find out more about the project visit the project website at <http://www.kiktc-kosova.org/>.

Furthermore, within the project "PATTERNS Lectures", financed by ERSTE STiftung, 13 new courses have been selected for funding! (See article below).

We wish you a lovely start into the summer season!

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Thematic Article

13 Course Proposals selected by International Jury for Project "PATTERNS Lectures"

The project "[PATTERNS Lectures](#)", financed by the [ERSTE Foundation](#) and implemented by WUS Austria, aims at the development of new university courses in the fields of art history, cultural

studies and cultural sciences.

The second international call for the submission of course proposals, aimed at the target region of the ERSTE Foundation's PATTERNS Program, was announced on January 30, 2012, encouraging lecturers from universities from South-Eastern, Eastern and Central Europe to submit their course proposals. After the call closed on March 19, we were delighted to count 58 high quality applications from 17 countries.

The **PATTERNS Lectures Advisors** met in Vienna on April 24/25 and selected 13 outstanding courses that will be supported within the scope of the PATTERNS Lectures project and will be implemented at the respective universities in the academic year 2012/2013.

The courses include the following topics:

- "Second Publicity" of the Hungarian Avant-Garde. Understanding space-constitutive media and performances in the counter culture of the 1960s and 1970s
- Feminisms and social changes in art practices in SEE from the 1970s to the present
- Figures of Memory in Contemporary Arts
- Late production by the modernist generation of Czech and Slovak female artists
- The inheritance and transformation of the social realist forms of expression in the Hungarian contemporary art - a comparative-critical survey
- Roma representation after the cultural turn - Media analysis
- Negotiations of "the gaze". Women's authorship in cinema and arts in East and Central Europe 1960s - 2000s
- Animals, gender and culture: analysing Polish popular and visual culture in the ecofeminist perspective
- Socialist Design: Art and Technology in Eastern Europe
- Mediatic effects, biological pathos and the psycho-technology of gender
- The Soviet Aesthetic Theory and the Context of the Soviet Cultural Ethics of the 1960s and 1970s
- Cultural and social practices of post-socialism: a case study of former Yugoslavia
- Beyond the Rapture. Contextualisation of New Media Art Practices in Central and Eastern Europe

For more details and for a list of the selected proposals, please see the [project website](#).

Recent News & Events

22.05.2012

REGENLAW - study visit to KTH in Stockholm in May



Stockholm. The study visit to the Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan took place from 14th-16th May 2012. The participants of the study visit came from the project partners in Ukraine and Georgia, as well as from WUS Austria, who took the opportunity to present and discuss the needs assessment analysis. To view the agenda click [here](#). [read more](#)

10.05.2012

43rd EUCEN Conference took place in Graz



The 43rd EUCEN Conference took place from 9th - 11th May 2012 at the University of Graz, in Austria. The conference included presentations, workshops, a tour around campus and social gatherings.

To view the full programme click [here](#).
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18.04.2012

Memorandum of Understanding signed between the University of Prizren and the National and University Library of Kosova



Prishtina. On 19th of March 2012, in the premises of the Public University of Prizren a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the University of Prizren and the National and University Library of Kosova. The aim of signing the Memorandum was the UPz's membership in Kosovos Association of Electronic Libraries as well as the use of necessary electronic resources and materials. [read more](#)

16.04.2012

KIKT: Official opening of the IKTC_ Interdisciplinary Knowledge Triangle Center



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28.03.2012

Higher KOS Kick-off meeting in Prishtina



Prishtina. On March 26th the Kick-off for „Higher KOS - Promoting Institutional Development in Higher Education and Research in Kosovo“ took place in Prishtina. The project is financed by the **Austrian Development Cooperation** and implemented by the consortium comprising **WUS Austria** (World University Service Austria), **ZSI** (Centre for Social Innovation) and **OeAD** (Austrian Exchange Service). The project is co-financed by the **Ministry of Education, Science and**

Technology of Kosovo.

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