

Editorial

Dear readers,

We hope you had a good start into the new year 2012! Time is flying by; some of our new projects have already started, with kick-off meetings in more distant places such as Tbilisi or in our close neighborhood, such as in Sarajevo ([Quality in Research - Kick off meeting](#)) .

We have also uploaded the pictures of and film about the **Children's University** which was carried out for the first time in Bosnia and Herzegovina at the University of Sarajevo in October 2011 (the film, pictures and agenda can be downloaded from the [project website](#)).

One of our new projects in Kosovo has officially started just before the end of last year: **Higher KOS-Promoting Institutional Development in Higher Education and Research in Kosovo**. The project is implemented by WUS Austria together with the ZSI - Centre for Social Innovation and the OeAD GmbH-Austrian Exchange Service and will last for a duration of 3 years until December 2014.

The project contributes to the well-functioning of the higher education and research system in Kosovo along European values, practices and standards. Its purpose is to implement the principles of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) in the public Kosovar higher education (HE) institutions and to sustainably enhance Kosovo's integration into the European Research Area (ERA). The intervention focuses on three thematic areas - higher education quality, promotion of research, and capacity development. The project is mainly financed by the Austrian Development Cooperation and co-financed by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of Kosovo. For further information check out the [project sub-site](#).

We also want to draw your attention to a new call which was launched in the framework of one of our projects "**PATTERNS - Lectures**", initiated by ERSTE Stiftung. (see article below).

Best regards,

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Thematic Article

PATTERNS Lectures 2012/13 - New call has been launched

Call for submissions of proposals for university courses

PATTERNS Lectures has launched a new call to encourage the development of university courses in the fields of art history, cultural studies and cultural sciences. The call addresses lecturers at public universities in Central and South Eastern Europe who share PATTERNS' areas of interest and are interested in developing new courses that tackle the topics of PATTERNS.

We support course development, study visits, literature purchases, guest lectures, student excursions and publications connected with the courses.

- PATTERNS is a transnational program that aims to research and understand recent cultural history. It commissions and supports contemporary cultural projects in a variety of formats and media.
- PATTERNS aims to document, analyze and investigate different aspects of and practices related to the transformation of daily life and culture in Central and South Eastern Europe, while accounting for the pluralities that characterize the region. The initiative focuses on the 1960s and 1970s, as well as on the "transition" period leading up to the present.

We are particularly interested in courses which:

- have been recently developed and have not been held before
- analytically deal with the period starting from the 1960s up to the present day, including the year of transition in 1989
- deal with cultural phenomena before 1989 until today, including aspects of popular, marginal and counterculture
- examine interdisciplinary and cross-cultural history in Central and South Eastern Europe
- involve critical methodology and innovative and interactive teaching practices

Who we support

The call addresses lecturers at public universities in Central and South Eastern Europe who offer study program in the fields of art history, cultural studies and cultural sciences and related fields. Course proposals by external lecturers must be integrated into the framework of a public higher education institution.

Courses should be held in the academic year 2012/13.

Application deadline

The call for submissions is open from 30 January to 19 March 2012.

Application documents and procedure

All application documents including guidelines are available for download at www.patternslectures.org.

Contact information

If you have any further questions please contact us:

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The previous edition of PATTERNS Lectures was successfully completed: 14 courses from 11 countries were implemented at the respective universities and many of these will be continued in the long-term curriculum.

PATTERNS has been the main focus of research and funding in ERSTE Foundation's cultural work over the last few years:

- PATTERNS Call 2008

www.erstestiftung.org/patterns/

- Gender Check - Femininity and Masculinity in the Art of Eastern Europe

www.gender-check.at

- PATTERNS Travelling Lecture Set

www.erstestiftung.org/patterns-lectures/

You can find comprehensive information at www.patternslectures.org.

PATTERNS Lectures

Implemented by WUS Austria

www.wus-austria.org

Initiated by ERSTE Foundation

Recent News & Events

07.02.2012

PhD@UP Tempus: Workshop on International Research Standards and Study Visit at the University of Granada, January 30 to February 1, 2012



Granada. On January 30, a workshop on international research standards was organised by the University of Granada, in order to discuss the following four areas necessary for the proper design of research and development activities in the frame of the PhD program in Food Science and Technology, to be implemented at the University of Prishtina: (1) Human resources; (2) Infrastructure; (3) International cooperation; (4) Links with economy and society.

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06.02.2012

UNIMIG_Kick-off Meeting in Tbilisi



Tbilisi. The kick-off meeting for the new Tempus project "Migration and Higher Education - Building Skills and Capacity - UNIMIG" took place in Tbilisi from 16-18 January 2012.

The project is coordinated by the Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and the consortium consists of a total of 17 academic and non-academic partners.

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27.01.2012

Quality in Research - Kick-off Meeting in Sarajevo



Sarajevo. The kick-off meeting for the new Tempus project "Quality in Research - QinR" took place in Sarajevo from 24th-25th January 2012.

The overall objective of the project is to support the mostly teaching-oriented universities in four Western Balkan Countries (Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Albania) to enhance their research capacities. [read more](#)

17.01.2012

QA@PHEP_ Final Project Event



Prishtina. The final event of the project QA@PHEP (www.qa-kosova.org) took place in Prishtina on 10th January 2012. To see the AGENDA click [here](#). The event was attended by the project partners including an afternoon session which was open to the public. [read more](#)

11.12.2011

R&D Capacities: Final project meeting at the University of Prishtina



Prishtina. The final meeting of the project R&D Capacities was held at the University of Prishtina from 8th-9th December 2011. The meeting was opened by Vice-Rector Bajram Berisha, with an introductory speech by Ms Kimete Canaj from the National Tempus Office, followed by welcome words from Mr. But Dedaj, contact person for the project at the UP. [read more](#)

20.10.2011

First Children's University in BiH organized at the University of Sarajevo



WUS Austria introduces the first **Children's University in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)** that gathers children around science and research-based topics in order to promote higher education cooperation between primary schools and universities in BiH, as well as to build a common future. [read more](#)