

Central and Eastern Europe in Transition

For much of its modern history, Central and Eastern Europe have been the site of various political, social, cultural and economic transitions. Austro-Hungarian, Russian and Ottoman Empires laid claim to various territories in this region, only to be washed away by national movements, following the end of the First World War. Additionally, during the 20th century different political systems were introduced in the region, from right-wing authoritarianism to communism and liberal democracy.

Furthermore, territorial boundaries in this region have been drawn and redrawn throughout the modern period. In particular, numerous countries pursued, with varying degrees of success, projects of institutional and territorial independence.

Moreover, while armed conflicts in the Balkans ceased in the early 21st century, new conflict areas were recently opened in the Caucasus and Ukraine. Therefore, Central and Eastern Europe have also experienced multiple shifts from wartime to peace conditions (and *vice versa*), with post-conflict resolution and reconciliation considerably affecting the local political life.

Finally, these territories have also been the site of several cultural transitions, which emanated mainly from exchanges taking place between local national and ethnic groups.

This workshop will analyse the various changes undergone by Central and Eastern Europe across modern times. It intends to employ a transnational focus and a multi-disciplinary approach, with a view to presenting new perspectives on this region's recent history. By focusing on these topics, the workshop aims to bring together postgraduate and postdoctoral students and early-career scholars, based in Ireland, who are researching this area (including Russia and other post-Soviet countries), across different fields in social studies and humanities.

The workshop will take place at Maynooth University on April 26th, 2019. The Centre for European and Eurasian Studies will be able to cover accommodation expenses for a certain number of applicants coming from outside the Dublin/Kildare area.

We invite interested applicants to submit abstracts for papers, no longer than 300 words, by April 5th. Abstracts must be accompanied by a short biography (up to 200 words maximum) and the title of the proposed presentation. We encourage the use of PowerPoint for the related presentations, which should last approximately 15-20 minutes.

Those interested in receiving accommodation bursaries are asked to express their interest by attaching a note.

Candidates should send their abstracts and biographies to keith.harrington@mu.ie and/or sven.milekic.2019@mumail.ie.

