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**Institut für deutsche Kultur und Geschichte Südosteuropas
an der Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München e.V.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG SCHOLARS

Die Vermessung des Donauraums – Buch- und Kartenwissen

Tübingen, 25 June 2020

Topic and structure of the workshop

As a part of the international conference “Measuring the Danube Area. Multidisciplinary Approaches” (26 and 27 June 2020), the workshop for young scholars will address the relationship between knowledge and space in the eastern Habsburg Monarchy from the late 16th to the early 20th century. The focus lies on two media representing and constructing the Danube area – books and maps. The goal is to discuss the function of space and spatiality specific to this period in the fields of *book knowledge* and *cartography*. Based on case studies, the seminar provides an introduction to sources and the research field.

The first part addresses the field of *book knowledge*. In this section, the seminar deals with the libraries in the Kingdom of Hungary and the Principality of Transylvania from the 16th to the early 19th century. The gradual “desacralisation” of books led to the establishment of magazines and newspapers. The transition from the pre-modern “representative public sphere” to the modern “civil public sphere” (Jürgen Habermas) had an important impact on the distribution of “New Newspapers”, travelogues and country descriptions. Since the early 19th century, public libraries have increasingly positioned themselves as institutions dedicated to the dissemination of information.

The second part of the workshop deals with *maps*, as it has been defined by the linguist Alfred Korzybski (1879–1950): “A map is not the territory it represents, but, if correct, it has a similar structure to the territory, which accounts for its usefulness.” Having in mind the development of cartography in the Danube area from the 16th century to the eve of World War I, the seminar focusses on maps from the late 17th and 18th century. The workshop traces how cartography became a science and the forms of the imaginary and symbolic geography of the Danube area. Maps will be examined from the perspectives of the history of cartography, cultural history and cultural science.

Schedule and target group

The workshop takes place on Thursday **25 Juni 2020, from 9 am to 4 pm** at the Institut für donauschwäbische Geschichte und Landeskunde, Mohlstraße 18, 72074 Tübingen. Leaders of the workshop are Prof. Dr. Attila Verók und Prof. h.c. Josef Wolf. The language of the seminar is German and it addresses to young scholars (higher semesters and PhD students) of all disciplines, mainly History, Geography, Literary Studies, and Empirical Cultural Studies. It will be favorable for participants to have basic knowledge on South Eastern European history and culture. We expect the participation at the following international conference “Measuring the Danube Area. Multidisciplinary Approaches” (26 and 27 June 2020).

Participation requirements

The application, in electronic form only, should contain the following document:

- **letter of interest** (max. 2.500 characters) expressing your requirements for the application and the interest for participating at the workshop.
- **Personal data sheet** with your postal address and email.

Please send your application in electronic form only until 30 April 2020 to the chairman of the Kommission für Geschichte und Kultur der Deutschen in Südosteuropa, Dr. habil. Mathias Beer, Mohlstraße 18, 72074 Tübingen (poststelle@idgl.bwl.de). Here you can get further information too. We will inform the selected 12 applicants not later than 20 May 2020. They also will get further information and the seminar documents.

Organizer's service

The organizers of the workshop will cover your travelling expenses (we expect a cost-effective variant) and the accommodation and food too, from 25 to 27 June. Participants have to pay a charge of 25 Euro. Due to the hotel situation in Tübingen Accommodation in a double room is probably.

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