



ERSTE Stiftung

ERSTE Foundation Social Research Fellowships “Generations in Dialogue”

CALL FOR AN EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS

Demographic changes affecting the social and economic transformation processes in Central and South-Eastern Europe are among the most significant challenges for the future of social cohesion and intergenerational solidarity.

In preparation of a series of events looking at the socio-economic developments since the fall of the iron curtain almost 20 years ago, **the Social Affairs Programme of ERSTE Foundation** invites researchers, scientists and practitioners from Central Europe, South Eastern Europe and Austria studying or dealing with **aging and other aspects of socio-demographic change in Central- and South Eastern Europe** to apply for fellowships. These fellowships will be awarded based on a proposal for a research paper or project dealing with the issue in a theoretical, empirical or practical way.

Fellows will be selected by an independent jury under the leadership of **Dr. Andreas Hoff**, Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute for Aging and **Prof. Dr. Rainer Münz**, Senior Fellow at the Hamburg Institute of International Economics.

The fellowship includes:

- Support for the proposed paper or project;
- Invitation to the 4th World Ageing and Generations Congress 2008;
- Affiliation with a network of researchers and practitioners interested in aging and socio-demographic change;
- Participation in internal workshops and a ERSTE Foundation Summer School dealing with selected aspects of aging and socio-demographic change;
- Promotion/publication of results.

Target group:

Researchers, scientists and practitioners from Central Europe, South Eastern Europe and Austria studying or dealing with aging and other aspects of socio-demographic change in Central- and South Eastern Europe in a theoretical, empirical or practical way.

**Possible topics:**

- Aging and demographic change;
- Migration and its consequences;
- Pension systems and their sustainability;
- Intergenerational transfers and solidarity systems
- New roles, functions and challenges for the elderly in our societies
- Care for the elderly;
- Employments and labour market institutions for an aging work force
- Old Age and Poverty

For this year (2008/2009) we would also appreciate papers that address the above topics with a view to the status of socio-demographic change 20 years after the fall of communism.

Time frame:

Applications until May 23, 2008

Selection of papers and activities until June 20, 2008

Meeting of selected applicants at the 4th World Ageing and Generations Congress, St. Gallen, Switzerland, August 28-30, 2008

Discussion of first results among selected applicants: December 2008, location tba.

Summer School: July 2009, location tba.

Promotion of results: Beginning Fall 2009, Winter 2009-10

Working language:

English; in certain cases ERSTE Foundation may provide support for language training

Financial support:

Subsidies for selected research activities, meetings, data purchase, expert-interviews, translation and travel expenses will be granted by way of a monthly stipend.

Applications:

Applications may be handed in by e-mail or post until May 23, 2008 and should comprise an abstract of the proposed paper (max. 2 pages and a CV).

The applications should be sent to:

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ERSTE Foundation

ERSTE Foundation is active in the Central and South Eastern European region. Since commencing its work in 2005, it has been developing projects independently and in collaboration with partners within the three programmes Social Affairs, Culture and Europe.

As a reliable partner, ERSTE Foundation seeks to contribute to creating and shaping social change and social integration in cooperation with local initiatives. The Foundation wants to play an active role in linking actors and locations of contemporary culture and to discovering and understanding recent cultural history. People are to be given opportunities to meet and increase their knowledge about each other.

Being the major shareholder of Erste Bank Group, ERSTE Foundation is committed to acting socially and culturally responsible, a commitment that is also based on its historical roots as the direct legal successor to the savings association bank “Erste Oesterreichische Spar-Casse”, founded in Vienna in 1819. ERSTE Foundation draws its mandate from the tradition of the savings banks, which were founded more than 180 years ago to serve the common good.

ERSTE Foundation works ...

- on an operational level and independently, or with partners, initiates projects in its programme areas.
- openly on new perspectives engaging in dialogue to enable increased participation of individuals.
- in partnerships and with an attitude of respect for the people whose experiences, knowledge and initiatives it promotes and encourages.
- across borders and, focusing on the European unification process, aims to strengthen the region of Central and South Eastern Europe.
- responsibly as one of the largest foundation of this region

Our objectives:

- Developing ideas and concepts for social participation
- Analysing and shaping social change processes
- Promoting and communicating contemporary culture
- Discovering and understanding recent cultural history
- Enabling dialogue and mobility in Europe
- Documenting and passing on European enlargement knowledge