

2023 Summer Institute for
the Study of East Central
and Southeastern Europe

NOW OPEN

Deadline for Applications:
December 1, 2022, 9 pm EST



Summer Institute for the Study of East Central and Southeastern Europe Now Accepting Applications

The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) invites applications for the **[Summer Institute for the Study of East Central and Southeastern Europe](#)** (SISECSE) 2022-23 competition. In partnership with the Centre for Advanced Study Sofia (CAS), ACLS will convene leading scholars from Eastern Europe and North America for a two-week residency, hosted by the American University in Bulgaria, in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria from June 1 to June 15, 2023.

SISECSE will provide participating scholars with time to dedicate to their own research and writing in a collaborative and interdisciplinary setting. The program will cover travel, accommodation, and per diem expenses. Institute members will be expected to be in residence and to participate in all planned events for the duration of the institute.

**[Learn More About Application and Eligibility
Requirements](#)**

In addition to conducting their own research, scholars will have the opportunity to participate in small group writing workshops, as well as a series of discussions on a key topic of shared academic interest. In 2023, we will explore “Scholarly Writing in the Digital Age.” Participants will address broad questions of accessibility and ideal audience; the democratization of scholarly writing, including via social media; current experiments blending scholarly writing with creative writing and memoir; the potential of digital publication; and other topics. Discussions will be held informally over several meals and in one seminar session. No special preparation or experience with the topic is required; the goal is to enrich the communal experience of the residency and encourage collective reflection on humanistic practice.

Eligibility

The competition is open to scholars in any field or discipline in the humanities and interpretive social sciences pursuing postdoctoral or advanced research in the region (Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czechia, Croatia, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine). We seek to foster conversations across generations and fields.

Scholars should be based at institutions in North America (US, Canada, Mexico) or Central/Eastern Europe (see the list above).

Applications must be submitted in English, but the written work produced by the fellow or grantee can be in any language. Work proposed must be in [the humanities and interpretive social sciences](#) and must employ humanistic approaches and methods.

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Questions? Contact us at SISECSE@acl.org.

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Formed a century ago, the [American Council of Learned Societies \(ACLS\)](#) is a nonprofit federation of 79 scholarly organizations. As the leading representative of American scholarship in the humanities and interpretive social sciences, ACLS upholds the core principle that knowledge is a public good. In supporting its member organizations, ACLS utilizes its \$170 million endowment and \$36 million annual operating budget to expand the forms, content, and flow of scholarly knowledge, reflecting our commitment to diversity of identity and experience. ACLS collaborates with institutions, associations, and individuals to strengthen the evolving infrastructure for scholarship. In all aspects of our work, ACLS is committed to principles and practices in support of racial and social justice.

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