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Invites application for
Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Seminar

Dilemmas of Modernity 200 Years of Central Europe: Culture and Society

27 November 2020
Pilot seminar online

April 2021
Live meeting at the University of Warsaw

Main Organizers

Centre for French Culture and Francophone Studies and Institute of Polish Culture
(University of Warsaw), UMR Eur'Orbem (Sorbonne Université), Faculty of Arts (Charles University)

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The purpose of the seminar is to present compelling and innovative research activities arising from doctoral studies at three universities of the 4EU+ Alliance: The University of Warsaw, Sorbonne Université, and the Charles University. In each of these universities, doctoral theses are being developed on the history of Central Europe, both throughout the region and in individual countries and cultures. Many of these projects address social and cultural issues in the broad sense (not just and not primarily political) and one of the overarching categories of modernity. During the seminar, these projects would be presented by young researchers and discussed. An essential aspect of the seminar will be the mutual exchange of scientific experiences, research tools, approaches to the conceptualization of the issues of Central Europe's history, and its national cultures. The comparative perspective will be complemented by a critical view, which is reflected in the peer review of the work presented by doctoral candidates from different countries, representing diverse disciplines, scientific centers, and research approaches, which can consequently contribute to improving the quality of their work. A first

seminar of this kind took place in Paris at the Institut of Slavonic Studies in Paris in June 2019, bringing together several doctoral candidates from the Institute of Polish Culture at Warsaw University and the UMR Eur'Orbem (Joint Sorbonne Université and CNRS Research Unit). The success of this seminar encouraged the organizers to repeat it, this time in an extended format, and with more partners.

The pilotage meeting will take place online on 27 November 2020. Sessions will be held in English and French. Subsequently, participants would be invited to attend the second part of CCES seminar, which is planned for spring 2021 at the University of Warsaw.

Participants: Ph.D. students in the humanities and social sciences from University of Warsaw, Sorbonne Université, Charles University and from other 4EU+ member universities.

Deadline for submissions: please send submissions (abstracts and short bio) via e-mail to centraleuropeanstudies@gmail.com by the **20th of August 2020**.

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