CALL FOR PROPOSALS: The Konrad Jarausch Essay Prize for Advanced Graduate Students in Central European History 2021

Deadline May 31, 2021

The North Carolina German Studies Seminar and Workshop Series is proud to announce the third annual Konrad Jarausch Essay Prize Competition for Advanced Graduate Students. In recognition of the longstanding commitment to graduate education of Konrad H. Jarausch, who is the Lurcy Professor of European Civilization at the Department of History of the University of North Carolina, this prize serves to celebrate and cultivate outstanding new talent in the broadly defined field of Central European history from the 17th to the 20th century.

The prize will award the best article or chapter-length piece of writing by a current graduate student working in the field of Central European history. The recipient of this prize will receive an honorarium of $1,000 and an invitation to present his or her dissertation with a lecture in the North Carolina German Studies Seminar (NCGS) in 2021/22. In addition, we will invite him or her to a writing workshop for graduate students in history on the same day, in which the submitted chapter will be discussed by accomplished scholars, who will make suggestions on how to revise and prepare it for submission to a first-rate academic journal. Both events will provide an opportunity for the winner to receive feedback from an interdisciplinary group of experts. The prizewinner will be encouraged, but not required to submit their revised essay for publication. We will cover the costs for travel (economy class flight) to and from Chapel Hill, hotel accommodation and dinner following the lecture.

The NCGS series was started in 2007 by an interdisciplinary and inter-institutional group of scholars in the Research Triangle of North Carolina, which is home to nationally and internationally recognized graduate programs in German Studies. The series has traditionally emphasized graduate education.

Eligibility requirements:
- Applicants must be enrolled in a PhD program at a North American university.
- They must not have defended dissertation before the spring term 2021.
- They must plan to be resident in North America in the fall 2021.

Requirements for the proposal:
- A statement of up to five pages describing the outlines of your dissertation project and its state of completion.
- A CV that clearly indicates when you intend to defend your dissertation or defended it in the spring term 2021.
- An article draft, ideally based on chapter from the dissertation, of approx. 10,000 words (excluding notes) not yet accepted by a journal.

If you are interested, please send the application materials to Dr. James Chappel (jgc23@duke.edu) latest until May 31, 2021. Please do not hesitate to address any questions about the prize, the required material and the selection process to him.

Prize committee: Dr. James Chappel (Duke University), Dr. Karen Hagemann, Dr. Terence McIntosh, Dr. Dirk Moses (UNC Chapel Hill), and Dr. Thomas Pegelow-Kaplan (Appalachian State University).