Call for Applications

Summer School: Remembering and Coexisting in Turkey and the Eastern Mediterranean

DATE: 25.06.2021 – 11.07.2021

This summer school offers a unique opportunity for young scholars, advanced students and civil society activists to deepen their knowledge on pluralism, historical trauma and human rights in Turkey and the Eastern Mediterranean. The aim is to engage in conceptual discussions, to advance methodological skills, and to develop a network with leading scholars and civil society organizations active in these fields.

Participants and lecturers will discuss what cultural pluralism has meant in the past and what it means today and survey how Turkey and other Eastern Mediterranean countries have struggled to either sustain or suppress cultural pluralism and pluralist heritage and how these developments relate to the emergence of human rights discourses. Special attention is given to oral history as a methodology to approach these topics and to the dynamics between academia and civil society in the advancement of these themes in the public sphere.

The summer school is organized by the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul (SRII), financially supported by the Swedish Institute (SI) and held in collaboration with civil society organizations in Turkey. It is a continuation of the earlier summer school Human Rights: A Recurrent History, which was held five times between 2013 and 2018.

The 12-day full-time online programme consists of seminars and workshops and other interactive activities held both in English and Turkish. Opportunities for one-on-one mentorship around individual research topics will also be provided.

Who can apply

Advanced students, young researchers and civil society activists working on history, cultural heritage, memory studies, human rights and related fields. Fluency in Turkish and English is required. Scholars and students who have limited access to pursue their research interests in these fields are strongly encouraged to apply.

How to apply

Please send your CV and letter of motivation including a short research proposal to sriiapplication@gmail.com by 30 April.
Participants will be notified by May 20, 2021.

We look forward to receiving your application!