

SUMMER ACADEMY 2026

The 18th Joint Summer Academy on Central and Eastern Europe is organized by the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS Regensburg), in cooperation with Leibniz ScienceCampus "Europe and America" and the European Association for Comparative Economic Studies (EACES).

The academy focuses on the relationship between crises, war, and demographic change, examining their effects on health, fertility, and gender norms in Central and Eastern Europe. Keynote speakers are Tomas Sobotka (Vienna Institute of Demography, Austrian Academy of Sciences), Pamela Campa (SITE – Stockholm School of Economics), and Christian Ochsner (CERGE-EI).

IOS/Leibniz ScienceCampus/ EACES Summer Academies on Central and Eastern Europe aim to bring together Ph.D. students and Postdocs in a workshop atmosphere. The workshop language is English. The Hans Raupach Award will honor the author(s) of a paper of exceptional merit.

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Health, Fertility and Gender Norms: Times of Crisis, War, and Demographic Change in Central and Eastern Europe

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Date: 30. June – 2. July 2026

Place: Bernried, Starnberger See



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EUROPEAN STUDIES**

TUESDAY, 30 JUNE

14:15 Arrival/Welcome & Opening Remarks

SESSION 1: DEMOGRAPHY AND FAMILY OUTCOMES

Moderation: **Tobias Korn** (IOS)

14:30 – 15:00 **Manzura Jumaniyazova**

Technical University of Munich

Gender, Birth Order, and Child Growth: Evidence from Central Asia

Discussant: **Denise Barth**

15:00 – 15:30 **Anna Donina**

CERGE-EI

Three Months to Comply, Six Years to Recover: Unintended Consequences of Russia's 2012 Kindergarten Mandate

Discussant: **Julia Wolffson**

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

Keynote Lecture 1

16:00 – 17:00 **Tomas Sobotka**

Vienna Institute of Demography

Low Fertility, Outmigration, and Population Decline in Central and Eastern Europe: Demographic Headwinds and Diversity Across the Region

Moderation: **Richard Bräuer** (IOS)

18:00 Dinner

20:00 Informal Get-Together

WEDNESDAY, 1 JULY

08:00 Breakfast

Keynote Lecture 2

09:00 – 10:00 **Pamela Campa**

SITE – Stockholm School of Economics

Women's Empowerment in Post-Socialist Europe and Central Asia: Achievements and Challenges

Moderation: **Sinara Gharibyan** (IOS)

10:00 – 10:20 Coffee Break

SESSION 2: WAR, GENDER, AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE

Moderation: **Richard Bräuer** (IOS)

10:20 – 10:50 **Luiza Sydorova**

The Impact of the Russian Invasion on Ukraine: Changing Gender Relations in Times of Demographic Crisis

Discussant: **Anna Donina**

10:50 – 11:20 **Katharina Bettig**

Technische Universität Dresden

The Fertility Effects of Remote Work

Discussant: **Salavat Abylkalikov**

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University of Regensburg

Demographic Consequences of the War: Is Russia Reaching a Point of No Return?

Discussant: **Luiza Sydorova**

12:00 Lunch

13:10 – 14:00 Coffee & Group Photo

14:30 Excursion

18:00 Bavarian dinner

THURSDAY, 2 JULY

08:00 Breakfast / Check-out

Keynote Lecture 3

09:00 – 10:00 **Christian Ochsner**

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Pandemics' Backlash: The Effects of the 1918 Influenza on Health Attitudes and Behavior

Moderation: **Tobias Korn** (IOS)

10:00 – 10:20 Coffee Break

SESSION 3: LONG-RUN NORMS AND REGIONAL CHANGE

Moderation: **Sinara Gharibyan** (IOS)

10:20 – 10:50 **Denise Barth**

Freie Universität Berlin

Dividing Empires, Divergent Norms: The Impact of Polish Partitions on Gender Norms

Discussant: **Katharina Bettig**

10:50 – 11:20 **Julia Wolffson**

Technische Universität Braunschweig

The Beginning of the End: Do Obstetric Unit Closures Worsen a Region's Demographic Outlook?

Discussant: **Manzura Jumaniyazova**

11:20 – 11:40 **Hans Raupach Award Ceremony and Concluding Remarks**

12:00 Lunch & Departure