



18th Joint IOS/Leibniz ScienceCampus /EACES Summer Academy on Central and Eastern Europe – Call for papers

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 and the European Association for Comparative Economic Studies (EACES).

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

Date: June 30 — July 2, 2026

Place: Bernried, Lake Starnberg, Germany

An expanding literature in economics and demography studies the relationship between crises, war, and demographic change, focusing on their effects on health, fertility, and gender norms.

Keynote speakers

Sonia Bhalotra (University of Warwick)

Pamela Campa (SITE – Stockholm School of Economics)

Christian Ochsner (CERGE-EI)

Submissions

We welcome submissions from junior scholars (Ph.D. students and Postdocs) in economics, gender economics, health economics, and sociology. We will be especially interested in contributions that demonstrate how different types of crises affect gender norms, fertility patterns and demographic transition.

Topics may include, though are not limited to:

- Gender norms, reproductive behavior, and health outcomes during crises and war
- Gendered impacts of demographic shocks and policy responses
- Demographic adjustment, migration, and population structure during crises

Preference will be given to papers focusing on Central and Eastern Europe, the Balkans, and post-Soviet countries.

Submissions should be sent to the following email summeracademy@ios-regensburg.de and include:

- Extended abstracts (up to 2000 words) or full papers
- Presenter's CV (up to 3 pages) with the contact information

In case of questions please contact Sinara Gharibyan at gharibyan@ios-regensburg.de email.

Key dates

Submission deadline: March 10, 2026

Notification of acceptance: March 25, 2026

Registration deadline: April 15, 2026

Submission of full accepted papers: June 10, 2026

Conference dates: June 30 – July 2, 2026

Further information

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. Further information on the program and past summer academies is available at: <https://leibniz-ios.de/en/knowledge-transfer/events/summer-academy>. The conference fee is 236 € (including single room accommodation for two nights, all meals, and coffee breaks). Presenters are expected to cover their travel costs themselves. **We offer a limited number of grants to cover accommodation costs for Ph.D. students whose participation cannot be reimbursed by their home institutions.** If you apply for a grant, please indicate it in your application email.