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'CHARLES V EUROPEAN AWARD 2008-SIMONE VEIL'

&

ITS V SUMMER DOCTORAL SEMINAR
IN CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES



2008-2009 Session

"Memories and Places of Memory in Europe"

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RULES FOR APPLICANTS

1. Introduction and general aims

The European Academy of Yuste Foundation announces its European Research and Mobility Grants for European Studies 'Charles V European Award 2008-Simone Veil' (ten grants of 3,000 euros each) and its "V Summer Doctoral Seminar in Contemporary European Multidisciplinary Studies" with the academic support of SEGEI (SocioEconomic Governance and European Identity) Research Network¹, to take place at the Royal Monastery of Yuste (Extremadura, Spain) in the second week of July 2009.

These European Research and Mobility Grants for European Studies 'Charles V European Award 2008-Simonve Veil' are aimed at supporting:

- i) the research within Europe required to prepare the contribution to the doctoral seminar in the Royal Monastery of Yuste;
- ii) the researchers' travel to Yuste to participate in the seminar and to attend the ceremony of presentation of the research papers;
- iii) The publication of the researchers' contributions in a collective work, encompassing the results of the research carried out in the framework of these grants.

¹ The members of the SEGEI (Socio-Economic Governance and European Identity) Research Network are: Prof. Eric Bussière (IRICE, Paris I - Paris IV), Prof. Michel Dumoulin (Chaire Jean Monnet d'histoire de l'Europe contemporaine - GEHEC, Université catholique de Louvain, coordinator), Prof. Jürgen Elvert (Universität Köln und Zentrum für Europäische Integration, Universität Bonn), Prof. Matthias Kipping (Universidad Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona), Prof. Zdzisław Mach (Centre for European Studies, Uniwersytet Jagielloński University, Krakow), Prof. Enrique Moradiellos Garcia (Universidad de Extremadura), Prof. Mercedes Samaniego Boneu (Universidad de Salamanca), Prof. Sylvain Schirmann (Institut d'études politiques, Strasbourg), Prof. Luciano Segretto (Università degli Studi di Firenze), Prof. Antonio Varsori (Università degli studi di Padova). SEGEI also has associate members, i.e. the Alumni of the previous summer doctoral seminars.



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2. Specific aims*

The research theme for these “Charles V European Award” grants is related to the latest recipient of the Prize awarded by the European Academy of Yuste Foundation, in this case former President of the European Parliament Simone Veil. As a consequence, the research theme for 2008-2009 will be, from a multidisciplinary viewpoint, “Memories and Places of Memory in Europe”:

Since the 1980s, the Holocaust has been at the centre of a memory trend which has led to other research into the past. The aim of this research is the recognition of the errors made by different groups of human beings with regard to their contemporaries. The acts of recognition, repentance and reparation which have occurred since then, as well as those which may occur in the future, have given rise to a wide and intense debate. This debate, which should never forget that memory is normally hidden, deals, among other things, with the relation between recollection, memory and history; with the tendency to create new legislation regarding memory; with the increase in collective demands of recognition of memory which may result in the compartmentalisation of memory; and with the shift towards a reparation process the main aim of which is to obtain financial compensation.

The construction of memory should aim to foment better knowledge of History. This process, however, leads us to the question of whether memory serves to divide or reconcile. In this regard, and bearing in mind that we have to know more about the place and function of the vectors of memory, it is interesting, and even essential, that we should ask, within the European project frame, whether there are one or more places of memory in Europe or in European collective memory.

As all places of memory generate identities, we cannot come to any kind of final conclusion with regard to their essence, however, we can promote reflection and action regarding what can foment the birth of a common collective memory respecting the difference between cultures and opinions.

At the same time, we must not forget that memory may depend on the two parameters which are formed, on the one hand, by generations and, on the other, by loyalty to multiple identity. They both bear witness to the fact that any simplification in the approach to the question would bring an element of risk to the search for identity and result in the places of memory, which aim to preserve memory, becoming places of exclusion.

We do not aim to provide a list of places or ignore the main reason for the memory trend, however, there is a very large number of real or



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potential places of memory. Some, like Auschwitz, are registered in memory and in History. Others are conceptual constructions, like European museum projects or a house of European memory, and others have yet to be developed. That is why we can legitimately ask the question whether, compared with the Universitas of the Middle Ages, today's University forms part of the group of places which generate a European identity. It would also be important to revisit the Palace of Charles V, the Royal Monastery and the German cemetery in Yuste from this perspective. Similarly, we could take a close look at some sporting competitions, given their strong emotional charge.

The list of areas for study is long and systematically leads to our relation with the Other, from colonization, which was a trans-European phenomenon affecting societies outside Europe, to slavery, to the Algerian War. In this regard, the Europeanisation of memory is very similar to dialogue with other cultures.

These grants, therefore, are intended for doctoral students who are carrying out research in a field related to "Memory and Places of Memory in Europe", to enable them to prepare a research paper for presentation and debate in a Doctoral Seminar on Contemporary European Multidisciplinary Studies, organised by the European Academy of Yuste Foundation. This Doctoral Seminar, coordinated by the SEGEI Research Network and the University of Extremadura, will take place at the Royal Monastery of Yuste and Palace of Charles V (Extremadura), headquarters of the European Academy of Yuste Foundation, during the second week of July 2009. The Seminar will be attended by members of the SEGEI Research Network, guest experts and Yuste Alumni from previous sessions. The proceedings of the Seminar will be published in the Foundation's "Cuadernos de Yuste" series (PIE – Peter Lang).

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3. Selection criteria and beneficiaries

3.1 To qualify for these grants candidates should be European students in the process of writing a Ph. D. dissertation in history, political sciences, economics, law and other disciplines of human and social sciences, as well as other scientific fields, on the topic of "Memories and Places of Memory in Europe". Candidates should not have obtained a similar Charles V Award grant from the European Academy of Yuste Foundation or from the SEGEI Network in previous editions.

3.2 Considering that one of the aims of the European Academy of Yuste Foundation is to approach Europe and Extremadura, a special stress is made to invite researchers from Extremadura to participate in this competition, reserving one grant for a project submitted by a researcher from that region.

3.3 Papers can be written in English, Spanish or French. However, for organisational reasons, presentations at the Seminar, as well as presentations regarding publication and results of research, will be made only in English or Spanish. Participants whose mother tongue is not one of these two languages should present proof of proficiency in either.

4. Beneficiaries' duties

Selected beneficiaries of these grants agree to:

- I. Participate in the whole Summer Doctoral Seminar, which will take place in the Royal Monastery of Yuste, Extremadura, Spain, during the second week of July 2009 and submit their presentation there.
- II. Submit an outline and a summary of their project in English not exceeding 8,000 characters (spaces included), before June 15, 2009.
- III. Submit not later than October 15, 2009, in one of the three working languages. The final draft of their contribution should not exceed 50,000 characters (spaces and notes included).
- IV. Register as a member of the European network of Yuste Alumni where all the researchers who participated in previous doctoral seminars are registered.
- V. Participate in the presentation of the publication of the proceedings of the doctoral seminar.



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5. Funding and allocation of grants

5.1 The total funding allocated to the European Research and Mobility Grants for European Studies 'Charles V European Award 2008-Simone Veil', to the Doctoral Seminar in Contemporary European Multidisciplinary Studies and to the publication of its results ²is 90,000 euros.

5.2 The 3,000-euro European Research and Mobility Grant for European Studies grant awarded to each student is distributed as follows: 2,000 euros for research expenses, 500 euros for mobility related to the presentation of the paper in Yuste and the presentation of the publication with the results of the research, and 500 euros for the publication. The remaining funds are used to cover the organisation and coordination costs of the doctoral seminar in Yuste, including transport Madrid-Yuste-Madrid, local transport costs, accommodation, meals and publication of research.

5.3 Grants will be paid as follows: 1,000 euros on June 15, 2009; 500 euros on August 15, 2009; and 1,000 euros after the submission of the final draft on October 15, 2009.³ The remaining 500 euro is reserved for the publication of the results of the seminar in the "Cuadernos de Yuste" series (PIE – Peter Lang).

6. Grant refund

Beneficiaries who fail to conclude the research paper or any other of their obligations under this announcement should give up their grant and refund the amount already allocated, except in case of death, accident or serious illness of the beneficiary or of a first degree relative, subject to relevant documentary proof.

² Apart from the grants, budget includes the organisation of the doctoral seminar in Yuste (accommodation, local transportation, meals, interpreting services, complementary activities, secretarial work, library and information technologies, publication and distribution support, experts' honoraries and expenses), the presentation of the publication and the organisation of a seminar to present the results, and other dissemination activities.

³ The European Academy of Yuste Foundation is committed to settle the payments of the grants within a period of a maximum of three months after the deadlines that appear in this announcement.



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7. Grant application dates

Applications for the 'Charles V European Award 2008-Simone Veil' can be submitted from December 16, 2008 to February 6, 2009 (postmarked at the latest on this date) to the address on the application form, which is available in Spanish, French and English on the web page of the European Academy of Yuste Foundation, www.fundacionyuste.es

Candidates should also fill out the application in electronic format and send it by e-mail to the following address: becas@fundacionyuste.org. This is a compulsory requirement for all candidates.

8. Additional information

The names of the candidates selected by the jury selected to assess the applications, will be published in March 2009 on the web page of the European Academy of Yuste Foundation: www.fundacionyuste.es



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APPLICATION FORM

European Research and Mobility Grants in European Studies
European Academy of Yuste Foundation 'Charles V European Award'

Send two copies by February 6, 2009 to⁴:

'Premio Europeo Carlos V 2008 – Simone Veil' de la Fundación
Academia Europea de Yuste
REAL MONASTERIO DE YUSTE S/N
CUACOS DE YUSTE (CÁCERES)
EXTREMADURA
E-10430 ESPAÑA

Forename(s)

Surname(s)

Full postal address

Please, attach recent
photograph

Telephone(s)

Fax

E- mail

Nationality

Place and date of birth (day/month/year)

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Bank account number into which the grant should be paid. Include the SWIFT, BIC and IBAN codes required for national and international transfers:

Account holder:
Bank:
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SWIFT code:
BIC code:
IBAN code:

Passport or identity card number:

University qualifications

Year	Degree / Diploma	Grade	University

Title of thesis (-es) and name of supervisor (s)



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Language proficiency (reading, writing, speaking on a scale of 0 to 5, where 0 is the lowest value and 5 the highest).

	Reading	Oral comprehension	Speaking	Writing
English				
Spanish				
French				

Precise title of thesis in progress (please, attach a one-page abstract)

Full name, title and contact data of thesis supervisor(s)

Thesis start date:

Approximate date of Ph.D. viva voce examination:

Current occupation and/or position (Employer's name and address)

Scientific awards, grants and subsidies obtained so far

Study trips abroad (please, specify places and dates)

List of academic publications (please, attach as annex)

Outline of the contribution to be made in the framework of the European Research and Mobility Grants for European Studies 'Charles V European Award 2008-Simone Veil' grant and the doctoral seminar (please, attach a one-page abstract)

Brief biographical data (please, attach a 10-line annex)

Compulsory: Support letter from thesis supervisor (s) (please, attach)



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Statement:

I, (Full name)....., the undersigned, declare that if my application for a European Research and Mobility Grants for European Studies 'Charles V European Award 2008-Simone Veil' grant is successful, on the basis of the provisions of this public announcement, I will:

- I. attend the summer doctoral seminar at the Royal Monastery of Yuste and Palace of Charles V (Extremadura, Spain) in the second week of July 2009 and submit my contribution in said seminar;
- II. submit by June 15, 2009 the outline and an 8,000 character (spaces included) summary of my contribution, in English;
- III. submit by October 15, 2009, in one of the three working languages, the final version of my contribution (not to exceed 50,000 characters, spaces and notes included);
- IV. register as a member of the Yuste Alumni Network where all the researchers who have participated in previous seminars are registered.
- V. participate in the public presentation of the proceedings of the seminar.

In (Place)

Date: / /200...

Signature