Summer School Menton (GRAINES), 17-20 June 2013

**From the Margins: Revisiting European History, c.1400 to present**

**Programme**

The Basics

We are very much looking forward to the Summer School in Menton. For three days it will bring together some 35 scholars from across Europe – and beyond Europe. There will be 22 PhD researchers present from more than ten different countries and eleven members of staff from the different GRAINES institutions.

The Summer School is designed around three different kinds of learning formats and interaction: (i) three Key Notes given by invited external experts followed by discussions; (ii) Reading Groups based on selected key readings provided by the pre-circulated reader; (iii) brief Presentations and Comments by PhD researchers. By providing these three different formats we seek to enhance a structured, interactive but also informal way of discussing broader issues, selected readings as well as ongoing research projects in the making on European history. Both Key Notes and Reading Groups will be held with the entire group. For the PhD presentations we will split the group in two. The latter is partly due to time constraints but we also hope to create a stimulating discussion atmosphere by having one part of the Summer School meeting in a slightly smaller format.

Central to the summer school are the two interactive formats of Reading Groups as well as Presentations and Comments. With the three Key Note speakers, Monika Juneja (Heidelberg), Elena Marushiakova (Sofia), Akiyoshi Nishiyama (Tokyio) we are hoping to add expertise from the European “margins”. All three provide expert views on Europe and European history though from different perspectives including a Japanese scholar with an interest in European borderlands, a Bulgarian scholar specialising in Roma and ethnic identities and an Indian-German-French academic combining European and South-Asian interests.

Since we only have two half and two full days, key to the success and joy of the summer school will be some preparation from all beforehand. For the Reading Groups on the three key axes (Circulations; Centres/Peripheries; Borders) the reader provides all key texts (further readings will be made available electronically for those who wish to read further). Along with the reader we will provide some key guidelines and guiding questions that we seek to address and discuss during the Reading Groups. Each Reading Group will be lead by members of staff who will introduce the general topic, the relevance of the topic for European history and historiography as well as briefly introduce the selected readings. This will be followed by a discussion based around the key readings. Some PhD researchers will be working closer to one of the three axes, some might be further away. It would of course be our hope that all are prepared to contribute to discussions and debates. However, we would like to strongly invite those who work closer to one of the three axes to share how their research areas and interest might link to the readings or question these.

The PhD project presentations will be based on pre-circulated papers (max. 7 pages, by 1 June). These will be briefly presented (5 minutes) followed by brief comments from peers (again 5 minutes max.). This will be followed by a discussion, questions and answers. The diversity and range of topics made it difficult and at times somewhat arbitrary to group projects under one of the main axes as you will see below. However, we tried to make some connection between reading groups followed by PhD presentations that (might) have some connections to both the readings and the key notes. Due to the broad nature, there will be a closer connection in some cases than others.

**Monday (17 June)**

2-3.30pm Welcome and Intro (Basel, St Andrews, SciencesPo)

**First part: Circulations and trading zones**

3.30-c.5.30pm **Reading Group and Discussion of Key Texts** **“Circulations and Trading Zones”**

Introduction and Moderation: Susanna Burghartz, Martin Lengwiler, Ulrike Lindner

6-7.30pm **Key Note** with discussion: Monica Juneja (Heidelberg) “Material encounters and mythical worlds: peripatetic objects in the making of Europe”

8 pm Dinner

**Tuesday (18 June)**

**9-11.00am PhD presentations**

*Circulations Group I: Moderation Stéphane van Damme*

Davina Benkert (Basel) Commodity flows and knowledge economies: Merchands, scholars and publishers in Basel in the late 16th century (comment: Jordan Girardin)

Manuel Klaus (Basel) Trade Relations between Swiss Companies and Latin American Military Dictatorships between 1964-1983 from a Transnational Point of View (comment: Pascal Schillings)

Alexander van Wickeren (Cologne) The circulation of knowledge on tobacco growth in the Alsatian-Badian border area around 1800 (comment: Tom Cunningham)

Mariusz Lukasiewicz (Geneva) The Johannesburg Stock Exchange: Between the Goldfields of the Witwatersrand and the City of London. 1887‐1899 (comment: Sofiya Zahova)

*Circulations Group II: Moderation Ulrike Lindner*

Sarah-Maria Schober (Basel) Entangled Persons – The Physicians of Basel around 1580 (comment Carla Lessing)

Tetiana Grygoryeva (Kyiv) Ceremonies of Diplomatic Communication between Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and the Ottoman Empire within European Cultural Landscape of the 17th Century (comment Johannes Kontny)

Cem Kara (Munich) Dervishes and “modern Europe.” Cultural Contact and Exchange through the Bektashi Order in the long 19th Century (comment Martin Schaller)

Bálint Tolmar (Budapest) Labor Migration between Eastern Europe and the Third World: the case of Cuban Guestworkers in Socialist Hungary, 1980-1990 (comment Björn Nordgren)

11.30am – 12.00pm Discussion of interim results (brief inputs from Martyna Mirecka group I and Dimitrios Varvaritis group II)

12.30-2.30pm Lunch (individual)

**Second part: Centers and peripheries**

2.30-c.4.30pm **Reading Group and Discussion of Key Texts “Centres and Peripheries”** Introduction and Moderation Jakob Vogel, Stéphane van Damme, Markian Prokopovych

5.00-6.30pm **Key Note** with discussion Elena Marushiakova (Sofia): “Roma from Central and Eastern Europe and their contemporary migrations to Western Europe”

8 pm Dinner

**Wednesday (19 June)**

9-11.00am PhD presentations

*Centres and Peripheries I: Moderation Markian Prokopovych*

Katrin Kuchler (Vienna) A Genealogy of the History of European Philosophy (comment Dimitrios Varvaritis)

Chong Xu (Paris) Nielsen affaire and the anti‐German movement in the French Concession of Shanghai during the Great War (comment Veronica Jicinska)

Tom Cunningham Edinburgh) Sport in Colonial Kenya c1900-1970: Colonisation of the Body? (comment Davina Benkert)

Pascal Schillings (Cologne) The Networks of European Antarctic Exploration around 1900 (comment Tetiana Grygoryeva)

*Centers and Peripheries II: Moderation Susanna Burghartz*

Björn Nordgren (St Andrews) The Second Swedish Phase of the Thirty Years’ War (1635-1648) (comment Sarah-Maria Schober)

Carla Lessing (Galway) “Civilizing the wild Irish”: Rhetoric of difference in the British Isles, c. 1300-1700 (comment Manuel Klaus)

Sofiya Zahova (Sofia) The discourses on center and periphery in the historiographies on the Montenegrin past (comment Alexander von Wickeren)

Daniela Javorics (Budapest), Conceptions of Europe in Austria and Hungary after WW I (comment Scott Schorr)

11.30am – 12.00pm Discussion of interim results (brief inputs from Veronica Jicinska group I and Bálint Tolmar group II)

12.30-2.30pm Lunch (individual)

***Third part: Borders and Contact Zones***

2.30-c.4.30pm **Reading Group and Discussion of Key Texts on “Borders and Contact Zones”**

Introduction and Moderation Tomasz Kamusella, Bernhard Struck

5.00-6.30pm **Key Note** with discussion Akiyoshi Nishiyama (Tokyo) “History of a Borderland Seen from a 'Borderless' Country: Alsace-Lorraine and Japan”

**Thursday (20 June)**

**9-11.00am PhD presentations**

*Borders and Contact Zones I: Moderation Jakob Vogel*

Martin Schaller (St Andrews) The Margins Within. Comparative Perceptions of Scotland and Bavaria, c.1780s to 1830s (comment Katrin Kuchler)

Veronika Jicinska (Prague) Franz Kafka as a postcolonial writer? (comment Cem Kara)

Johannes Kontny (Vienna) The Nationalization of Border Towns during the Interwar Period: Eupen and Znojmo/Znaim as Focal Points of Belgian and Czechoslovak Nationalizing Policies (comment Chong Xu)

Martyna Mirecka (St Andrews) British perceptions of Poland-Lithuania in the “long” 17th century (comment Alexander von Wickeren)

*Borders and Contact Zones II: Moderation Roberto Zaugg*

Jordan Girardin (St Andrews) Geneva between Enlightenment and Isolation

The impact of the Napoleonic period on the city's spatial representations by travellers (1798 - 1814) (comment Mariusz Lukasiewicz)

Scott Schorr (St Andrews) The Eureka Initiative - An Introduction to Transnational Research & Development and Cross-Border Technology Exchange in Europe (comment Bálint Tolmar)

Dimitrios Varvaritis (London) Antisemitism from the European margins: the case of Greece (comment Daniela Javorics)

11.00am – 12.00 pm Discussion of Interim Results (brief input by Manuel Klaus group I and Cem Kara group II) followed by Final Discussion

12.00-1.30 pm Reception