

Call for Papers

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Central European History Convention
University of Vienna, Austria, 15–17 July 2027
Deadline for proposals by **September 13, 2026**
Notification by **December 4, 2026**

In July 2027 the University of Vienna, the Institute of Austrian Historical Research, and the Wirth Institute of Austrian and Central European Studies will host a second Central European History Convention (CEH-C). This event is, again, dedicated to providing a platform for dynamic and convivial exchange on Central European History across specialties, national/ language traditions, generations of scholarship, and periods — from the Middle Ages until World War II.

The focus of our discussions will be on the lands of the former Habsburg Empire and its neighbors (including the territories of the former Ottoman empire). Our goal is to facilitate international dialogue about the history of this region, with a special focus on building networks and frameworks for comparative research.

We invite scholars from all historically oriented fields at any point in their academic career to submit a paper proposal. Priority will be given to learning about the fascinating new research coming from early career scholars (including PhD students). Submissions should be done on an individual basis only. The Program Committee will organize the panels with an eye toward fostering new networks and conversations.

The three-day convention will, again, feature a highly attractive set of panels based on your submissions and, in addition, two stimulating keynotes one for the early modern, a second for the modern period by inspiring intellectuals. Another highlight of the convention will be a workshop with invited speakers (2 panels and 1 roundtable) reflecting on common intellectual problems, i.e. the temporal, spatial, and political features of Central European History making.

We count on our mid-career and senior colleagues to share their analytical skills

and their experience in the field by providing panel commentaries and chairships. This will foster broader discussions and networking opportunities, as last year's convention has shown. If you want to support us in this manner, please sign up here to indicate your availability.

The program will be complemented by research labs with a focus on new media, gaming and their uses of Central European history. New to the CEHC 2027 will be a mentoring program, aimed at providing emerging scholars with feedback on their research challenges by senior scholars with a well-established record in the field. If you are interested to become a CEH-C mentor, click here.

This convention requires no participation fees and offers extremely economically viable housing costs, with financial support for travel and housing available for those in need.

English will be the spoken language of conference presentations, but scholars from all linguistic backgrounds are welcome to participate.

The conference format will be **in person** (not hybrid).

Proposals should be no more than 300 words + the name of the participant, affiliation, contact information, projected paper title plus a short cv of one page. They should be uploaded here not later than September 13, 2026. (Please type in your name and affiliation as you would like it to appear on the final program).

Abstracts will be published online ahead of the conference, and participants will be asked to provide panel discussants with a draft of their talk to serve as a basis for comments.

For further information about the Central European History Convention (CEH-C), see **ceh-c.univie.ac.at**