CALL for PAPERS

Security—Caesura—Continuities

4-7 July 2017, Marburg, Herder-Institut, Germany

International and Interdisciplinary Summer School of the Collaborative Research Centre SFB/ TRR 138 "Dynamics of Security" and the Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe

This international and interdisciplinary summer school focuses on the interrelationship between security, caesura and continuities. The starting point for our discussions will be the basic assumption that diverse conceptions and notions of political security have always been the object of competing interpretations and interests, that security has always been a societal construct and a historically changeable, varying concept. According to Martin Sabrow, caesura are historical watersheds consisting of three characteristics, namely profound discontinuity, temporal condensation, and sustained binding force. This gives rise to questions about the impacts of historical caesura on various conceptions of security held by contemporaries. To what extent have occurrences, which have been conceived of as historical turning points by contemporaries or by later generations, had a significant influence on how certain security issues have been negotiated? Is it possible to distinguish between heterodox and orthodox caesura regarding the perception of security by contemporaries? Can we identify historical caesura, which have re-organized the societal negotiation of what security means, while other so-called caesura rather reinforced and stabilized well-established conceptions of security? Thus, are we able to spot certain continuities in security discourses, which outlast the respective turning points?

Conversely, whether certain incidents stand for caesura of historical significance or not has always been subject to debates between contemporary witnesses, as well as between succeeding generations. Hence, to what extent do particular conceptions of security foster the perception of particular historical occurrences as caesura, or to what extent do they dismiss it?

These complex questions on the interrelationship and interdependency between conceptions of security and various historical caesura (and/or continuities) are to be examined and discussed within the scope of the planned summer school. To this end, we are glad to invite up to 20 young researchers. The summer school will include discussions of theoretical and empirical texts as well as of individual project outlines presented by the participants. Furthermore, there will be various keynote lectures given by members of the Collaborative Research Centre and other renowned academics.

The SFB/TRR 138 and the Herder Institute are glad to reimburse expenses for travel and accommodation, as well as a large share of the catering to all participants. We expect all participants to attend full-time. Conference languages are German and English, the applicants are supposed to be able to speak both languages.

The SFB/TRR 138 and the Herder Institute welcome parents with children. Therefore, we are able to organize childcare as required, but also to provide a parent-child room for children with personal baby-sitters. Please, do not hesitate to contact the organizers until mid-May 2017, if you would like to make use of this service.

Applications should be in English or German, and should include an abstract of your PhD project or your planned presentation (max. 500 words) as well as a short CV. Please note that we only accept applications via email. The deadline for applications is March 20.

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Applicants will be contacted by mid-April.

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