

Call for Applications – Outgoing Fellowship for 2026/2027

As part of the project “A small but fertile field: strengthening Southeast European Studies in Regensburg” (seeFField), funded by the Volkswagen Foundation

The project “A small but fertile field: strengthening Southeast European Studies in Regensburg” (seeFField) is pleased to offer the opportunity to travel to our international partner institutions as a Visiting Fellow. Colleagues from UR and IOS can spend 1 to 8 weeks of research with one of our twenty international partners in Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Czechia, France, Germany, Italy, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Turkey and the United Kingdom. We can cover the travel and accommodation costs for two outgoing scholars from Regensburg in the academic year 2025/2026. The outgoing Visiting Fellowships are open to doctoral and postdoctoral researchers, colleagues with a habilitation, and professors. We cannot provide a daily allowance (per diem/Tagegeld).

The project “A small but fertile field: strengthening Southeast European Studies in Regensburg” (seeFField) was launched in July 2022 with the goal of strengthening Southeast European Studies in Regensburg. The aim is to integrate and critically examine various forms of knowledge production and knowledge transfer related to South-Eastern Europe in academic and non-academic fields. The project collaborates with the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) and other existing and emerging Area Studies initiatives at the University of Regensburg (UR). It is supported by the Volkswagen Foundation as a part of the programme “Weltwissen – Strukturelle Stärkung Kleiner Fächer” (“Global Knowledge - Structural Strengthening of Small Disciplines”).

Located at the intersection of competing spheres of influence, South-Eastern Europe has multiple ‘exits’ or ‘inroads’ into alternative spaces of identification and allegiance. Our current research stresses these transnational entanglements: the region offers an excellent example of the various global and transregional connections that may compete with (or threaten) the declared European affiliation. Hence, we understand an ‘area’ not as a geographical container but as a nodal point of trans-local connections which can be traced from concrete sites to spaces ‘elsewhere’ through multiple patterns and scales of connectivity. Therefore, we follow a multi-scalar and multidisciplinary approach with a strong emphasis on empirical research in analysing the region's different social, cultural, historical, and linguistic developments and synergies between them.

Selected fellows will be expected to represent seeFField with UR or IOS while at the partner institution, contributing to strengthening Regensburg's international research network. If requested by the partner institution, you should actively contribute to their activities. Upon your return, you should also contribute to the seeFField' blog (<https://seeffield.app.uni-regensburg.de/blog/>).

Please submit your application by **30 September 2026** to the email fellow.see@ur.de. The application documents must include the following:

- A Curriculum Vitae.
- A short statement explaining why you would like to visit a partner institution. You should demonstrate the relevance for your own research and the strategic development of the seeFField project, particularly developing comparative and trans-regional research perspectives. If there are colleagues or centres you would like to collaborate with, particularly relevant archival or library collections, or opportunities to conduct fieldwork at the location you wish to visit, please mention this in your statement.

For more information on the project and project partners, visit <https://seeffield.app.uni-regensburg.de/>.

Please note: All application materials will be deleted after six months.