Cultural and Intellectual History between East and West
Master of Arts (Double Degree) (single-major MA)

Key Facts:
Regular Length of Study: 4 semesters (full-time study)
Start of MA: Winter Term
Language: English / German / Polish / Russian / Serbian
Form of Studies: Non-consecutive

Perspectives
You will learn to approach problems at their roots and to find individual solutions beyond the common paths. You will get to work team work in at least two different cultural and scholarly environments. These You will gain “transferable skills” which will qualify you for a wide range of occupations in the art and book markets, in economic cooperations between East and West or in international organizations. You will acquire excellent skills in at least one foreign language and a working knowledge in an ancient language which is relevant for the particular aspects of East-Western heritage you will specialize in. Studying cultural and intellectual contacts between Western Europe, Central Europe and Eastern Europe, you will learn to understand the common cultural heritage as well as mutual influences. You will obtain a habit of inquisitive learning and you will work in an atmosphere of inspirational scholarly exchange within a community of teachers and students of three universities. The focus on philological and historical skills in the humanist tradition will enable you to work with primary sources and to trace linguistic, cultural and intellectual processes at their sources. You will gain an insight into Western and Eastern European traditions of scholarship, and will be encouraged to reflect on the traditions of your scholarly work and to develop your own approach in a constant dialogue with teachers from Warsaw, Moscow, Belgrade and Cologne.

Application
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Study Programme

Sharing a common cultural heritage, Eastern and Western Europe have developed different traditions of scholarship and learning. “Cultural and Intellectual History between East and West” is a double degree Master program that combines the best traditions of scholarship in East and West. It has been created in 2015 by

- the Faculty “Artes Liberales” of the University of Warsaw,
- the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Cologne,
- and the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the Research University Higher School of Economics (Moscow),

The University of Belgrade officially joined CIH in 2017. CIH focuses on the history of cultural contacts between Eastern and Western Europe from the Middle Ages to the twentieth century. It builds on the traditions of humanist scholarship in Eastern and Western Europe. It is innovative and unique as it implements, for the first time, an identical curriculum at three universities in Western, Central and Eastern Europe.

CIH students receive their diploma from two universities at which they have spent one semester and gained at least 24 CP. They choose between a “standard track” and a “free track”. In the “standard track”, they study one semester at a partner university of their choice. For at least two semesters they are part of the same international group of students and develop the spirit of a scholarly community. In the “free track” students can spend any semester at the university of their choice. Every module of CIH is designed to be completed in one semester.

CIH students write their M.A. thesis under the super-vision of two scholars from two partner universities.

Application Requirements

The DDP is open to students with B.A. degrees from a broad range of disciplines. Applicants will normally hold a B.A. in the humanities, but the DDP is also open to students with a background in social sciences. At the University of Cologne students with no philological background can choose a special module that teaches missing philological skills within the first semester and which will be fully credited as a supplementary module. Please indicate the host university of your choice in your application.

Program languages are English, German, Polish and Russian. At the time of application, you need to prove knowledge at the level B1 in English and one Slavic standard language (e.g. Russian, Polish, Serbian,...), the language of the University at which you will spend the semester abroad). In the „standard track” you will have reached a level of B2 in the language of their host university before you will begin the semester abroad. In the „free track” you need to prove a knowledge at the level of B2 of the language of each host university at the time of registration at the host university.

You can apply to either of the three partner universities. The selection criteria and the selection process are defined by the partner universities. Each partner university will offer up to 10 places per year. Please consult the specific applications procedures for each university.

Programme Structure

Erasmus and International Partners

At the University of Cologne, you can choose from a broad range of classes offered by the faculty. A list of courses that we recommend for the CIH modules is published before the start of each semester on the CIH website. CIH is a growing network of scholars and institutions. Therefore, you can also spend one semester at one of the associated universities of CIH:

- University of Belgrade
- University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”
- Comenius-University Bratislava
- University of Ljubljana
- La Sapienza (Rome)
- University of Padova
- University of Leuven

We offer DAAD fellowships for a stay at our partner universities and Erasmus fellowships for a semester at one of the associated universities. Together we organize student conferences, workshops, summer schools and excursions.