GRAZ INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL SEGGAU - AUSTRIA

GUSEGG 2021
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Stability, Security, and Happiness: State – Society – Religion

July 4 - 10, 2021

Seggau Castle, Leibnitz, Austria, Europe & around the globe

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Stability, Security, and Happiness: State – Society – Religion

GUSEGG 2021 will offer a broad discussion of our understanding of security, stability, and happiness. Considered quality assurance mechanisms and product and service safety measures are often defined as a guarantee for achieving individual happiness. Taking the place of political action and structural social change, the „imperative of happiness" (Illouz) has led to institutions and multinational corporations determining which individual decisions will lead to successful, meaningful, and healthy lives. When happiness is seen as independent of the material and political contexts we live in, then individual personal action is seen as a replacement and not as a demand for collective political agency. Climate change activists' calls for action are relegated to media coverage as social events inspiring individual measures, but not as an urgent call for institutional and governmental consequences. As happiness has become a consumer good, the promise of an individual state of bliss has led to a decline of institutional ownership in terms of social, cultural, political, and economic measures, and shifts responsibilities from the collective to the individual.

In order to develop strategies and methods to meet the immense challenges of our time, this summer school suggests engaging in academic contemplation and interdisciplinary exchange. Such investigations offer us the opportunity of developing disruptive intellectual approaches and ideas, as we can gain insights into the many forces that make us believe that the challenges we face are essential, natural, and inevitable. Therefore, analysis offers us not only an understanding of our own alliances on an individual, a regional, national, and global level, but also the possibility of moving from a passive position to active involvement in transformation processes in order to become agents of change by an authentic reformulation of our identities.

OVERVIEW

Target Group

The Graz International Summer School Seggau is designed for internationally oriented, highly motivated students from all disciplines and all levels who wish to deepen their understanding of current European and international affairs by studying and discussing global developments and challenges in terms of radical definitions, reflecting aspects of individual and collective identities.

Organizers

GUSEGG is organized by the University of Graz in cooperation with the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Community (COMECE) and the Diocese Graz-Seckau. The Office of International Relations of the University of Graz acts as the coordinating unit. Prof. Dr. Roberta Maierhofer (Center for Inter-American Studies, of the University of Graz) is the academic director.

Aims and Objectives

- **Interdisciplinary cooperation of teachers and students.**

- Focus areas of the University of Graz -
  Southeastern Europe and North, Central, and South America.

- **Unique educational opportunity for future leaders.**

HOW THE HYBRID
SUMMER SCHOOL WORKS

Students will deal with the relevance and effect of Europe and the EU (emphasis on Southeastern Europe) and the Americas on global affairs by attending the offered research training lab, seminar modules, academic evening program and GUSEGG Academy events:

■ Research Training Lab

Format: In-Person/Seggau Castle
(ONLY FOR STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ)
Students based at Seggau Castle will participate in a method-oriented training lab in the context of Gender Studies.

■ Seminar Modules

Format: Hybrid/Global
(FOR ALL STUDENTS)
In a hybrid setting, students will attend six parallel seminar modules:

1 Unhappy Nations: Histories and Politics

2 Media, Generations, and Gender

3 Economics and Inequalities: GDP and Happiness

4 Narratives of Jewish Migration

5 Age/ing Masculinities: In Pursuit of Happiness

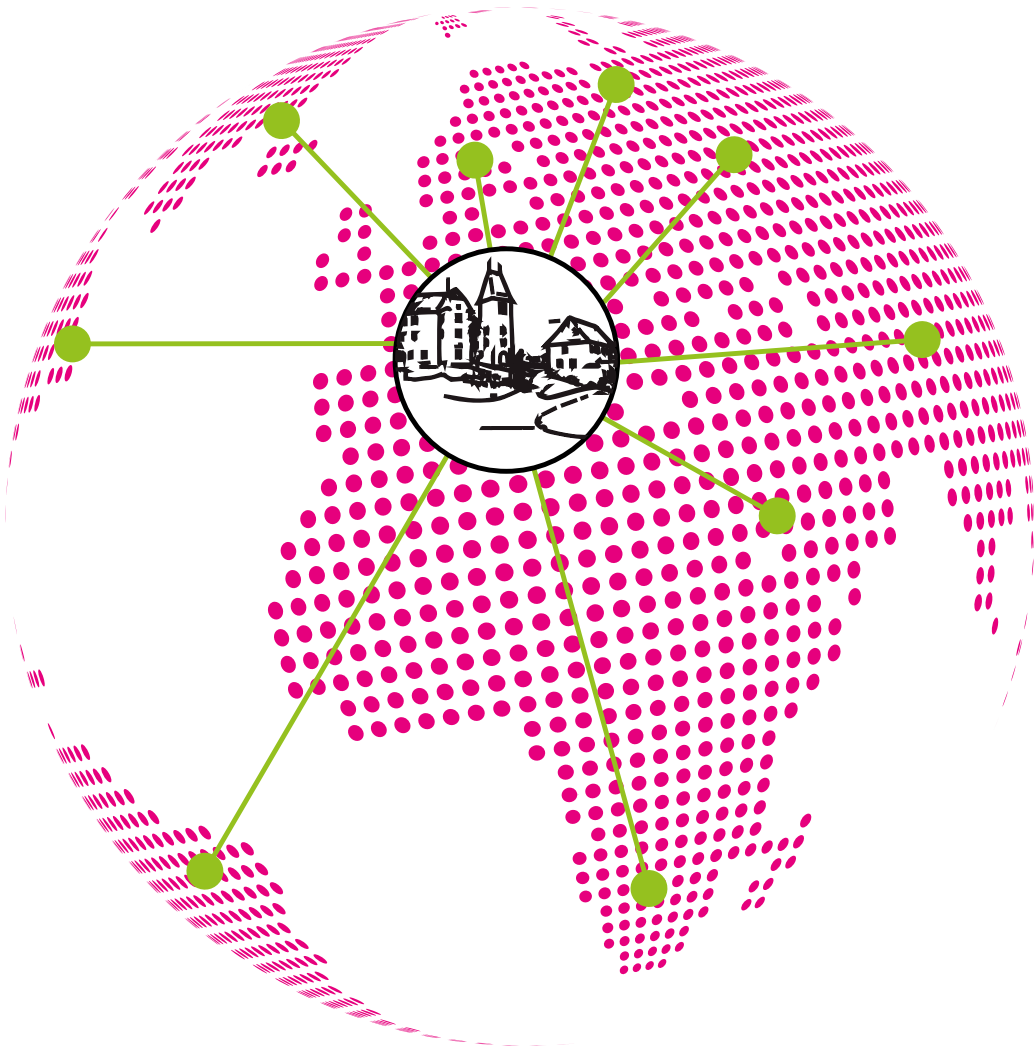6 Sociology of Emotions: Happiness and Nostalgia

■ Academic Evening Program

Format: Online
(FOR ALL STUDENTS)
In the course of panel discussions and lectures, students, lecturers, and participants will engage in academic exchange, drawing on the contents of the seminar modules. This program will invite everyone interested to join via livestream.

■ GUSEGG Academy

Format: Online
(FOR ALL STUDENTS)
Throughout the year 2021, the GUSEGG Academy will invite GUSEGG students, alumni, and interested participants to further discuss on issues and topics in the context of the GUSEGG 2021 topics.

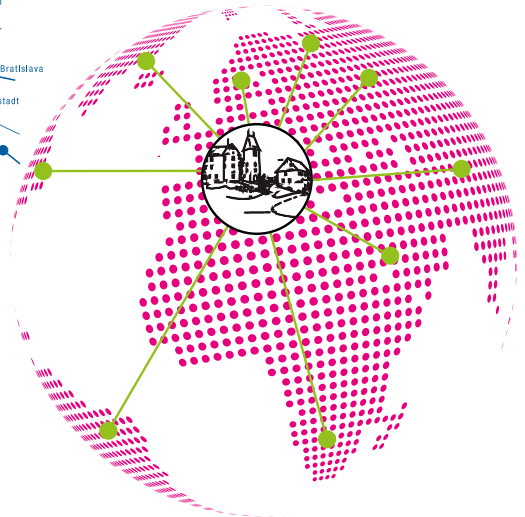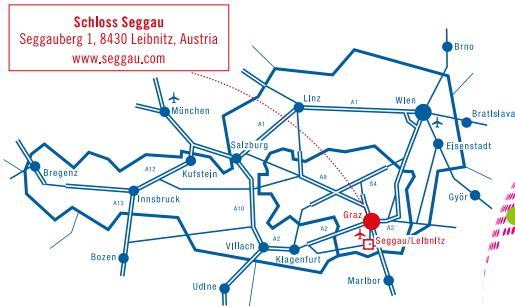Participate in the Virtual Poster Presentation and the Science Slam!

THE VENUE

University of Graz Students

The venue of the summer school is Seggau Castle, located 45 km south of Graz, Austria. The castle is located on top of a hill overlooking the city of Leibnitz, amidst the vineyards of southern Styria.

International Students

International students, professors, and lecturers join remotely from their homes and home universities via online platform, and form the 'clouds' of GUSEGG 2021.

Schloss Seggau
Seggauberg 1, 8430 Leibnitz, Austria
www.seggau.com

APPLICATION DEADLINE
March 31, 2021

How to Apply
Please see our website
https://international.uni-graz.at/de/summerschools/graz-international-summer-school-seggau/
for more information.

Costs and Funding
On-site participation fee: EUR 250,- covers the course costs, tuition, and room & board for the entire week.
(only for students of the University of Graz)
- Remote participation fee: EUR 10,-€ covers course costs and tuition for the entire week.

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