

Call for papers

Heritage voices in and of Central and Eastern Europe: situated perspectives and their global implications

Venue and Date

Poland, Warsaw
University of Warsaw
27—29 August 2025

Deadline for Submissions

28 February 2025

Organizers

Faculty of Political Science
and International Studies
Faculty of “Artes Liberales”
University of Warsaw

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In recent years, critical approaches to heritage have gained significant momentum. Groundbreaking publications and the establishment of the Association of Critical Heritage Studies have catalyzed the growth of (critical) heritage scholarship as a vibrant and interdisciplinary field, attracting scholars worldwide. This conference aims to foreground perspectives from Central and Eastern Europe.

This region bears witness to complex historical events, cultural processes, and social transformations that have shaped the discourse on heritage and of heritage at both regional and global levels, while still continuing to affect our present. Yet, we acknowledge that this is high time that the perspectives of local / regional scholars—those who live with and navigate the heritage of this region—shall be more visible and acknowledged in the mainstream heritage discourse.

What does living with, making and researching the heritage (-making) in and of Central and Eastern Europe mean? How do local experiences inform global approaches to heritage both within and beyond the region? How does situated knowledge from our regional context contribute to broader critical heritage studies? These questions form the core of the discussions we aim to foster during the **Second Conference of the Association of Critical Heritage Studies’ Central and Eastern Europe Chapter, planned at the University of Warsaw, 27—29 August 2025.**

We invite contributions that amplify voices of scholars working in or on Central and Eastern Europe. Potential topics include but are not limited to:

- » Central and Eastern European heritage
- » The situatedness of heritage and its global implications
- » Current heritage politics in the region and beyond
- » Critical approaches to heritage studies rooted in Central and Eastern Europe
- » Transcultural perspectives on heritage
- » Heritage theories and concepts emerging from the region

Practical Information

The conference is organized jointly by the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies and the Faculty of “Artes Liberales” at the University

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Important Dates

Please submit a **500-word abstract** along with a **100-word biographical note** by 28 February 2025 on the address: heritageincee@gmail.com

Notification of acceptance by
31 March 2025

Start of registration
15 April 2025

End of registration
30 June 2025

Final programme
1 August 2025

Conference Fee

80 euro

of Warsaw (location: Faculty of Political Science and International Studies) as an on-site event from **27 to 29 August 2025**. We welcome **20-minute presentations**, followed by thematic panel discussions.

Selected papers will be considered for a special issue of the *International Journal of Heritage Studies*. If you wish your work to be considered for publication, please indicate this below your abstract.

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