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IEG ALUMNI-NEWSLETTER

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Dear Alumni,

summer days are over and autumn has arrived in Mainz, which is also the time of the arrival of our new doctoral and postdoctoral fellows at the Institute. In our *October Alumni Newsletter*, we therefore have a look at fond memories of old times at the IEG, as well as new academic paths and opportunities.

Our goal, to bring alumni and current fellows together, will soon be celebrated with our next alumni meeting from **12 to 13 November 2026**. We look forward to welcome you (back) at the IEG very soon!

Your IEG Alumni Team

Alumni Spotlight: Anna-Marie Pípalová



After completing her dissertation on *“Historical Scholarship and the Re-Creation of Bohemian Identity, c. 1650-1690”* at the University of Cambridge, Anna-Marie Pípalová now works as a postdoctoral researcher at Charles University in Prague.

[Read the full interview here.](#)

“Welcoming; social; exciting!”

With this fond memory, alumna Anna-Marie Pípalová describes the first week of her research stay as a PhD Fellow at the IEG in 2023.

Towards the end of her time at the Institute, she particularly appreciated the mutual support amongst the doctoral fellows and the benefits of living and working together at the IEG: “I often worked in a shared office in the second IEG building with other fellows, and I found that to be a very productive space”.

Call for Applications



Call for Applications for IEG Fellowships for Postdoctoral Students

(Application deadline: 15 October, 2026)

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The IEG funds research projects on **European history** from the early modern period to contemporary history. We are particularly interested in projects

- with a comparative or cross-border approach,
- on Europe in its relation to the wider world,
- on topics of intellectual and religious history,
- with digital tools and methods,
- or on environmental history.

Application Deadline: 15 October 2026

Start: from April 2027

Duration: 6 to 12 Months

Stipend: 2.100 Euro

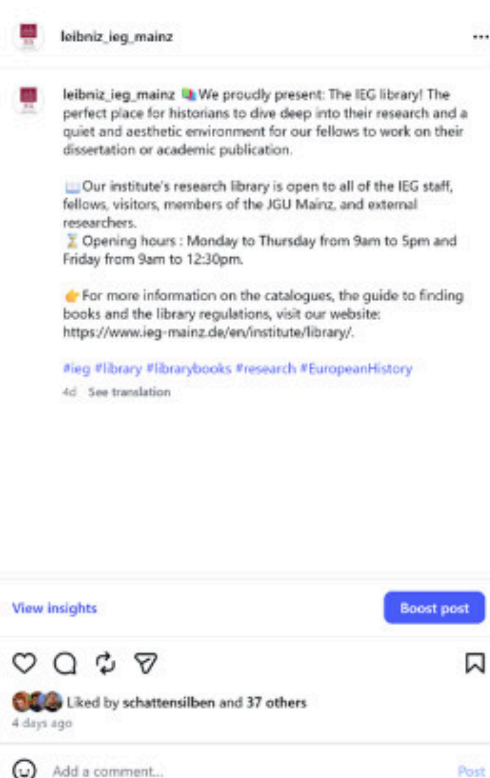
[Click here for more information on Fellowships for Postdocs](#)

Rev. Dr. Luka Ilić

(IEG 2010/2011)

Congratulations to IEG alumnus Rev. Dr Luka Ilić and his appointment as Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of South Africa (UNISA)! Rev. Dr. Ilić will be a fellow in the Department of Philosophy, Practical & Systematic Theology at the College of Human Sciences.

IEG Alumni on Instagram

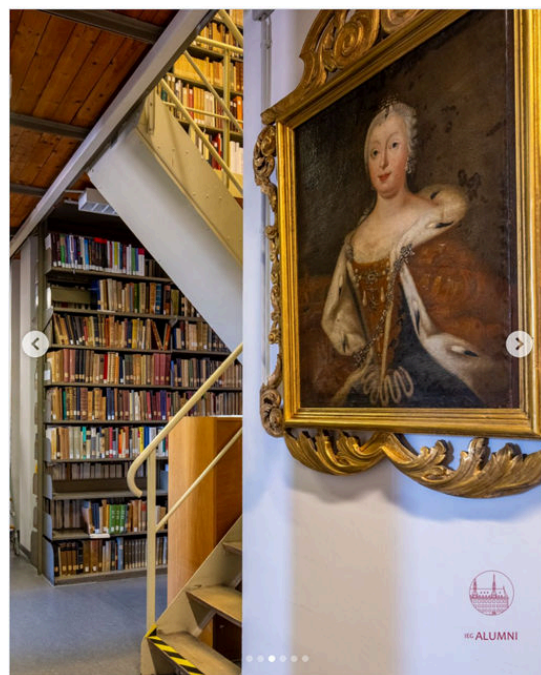


On our Instagram channel (@leibniz_ieg_mainz) we share glimpses into our fellowship programmes, alumni activities as well as research life at the Institute and in Mainz.

One of our most recent posts presents the IEG library and provides interesting facts about its collection as well as tips for research catalogues.

If you are interested to share your experiences of your academic path as one of our alumni for an interview, please send us an email.

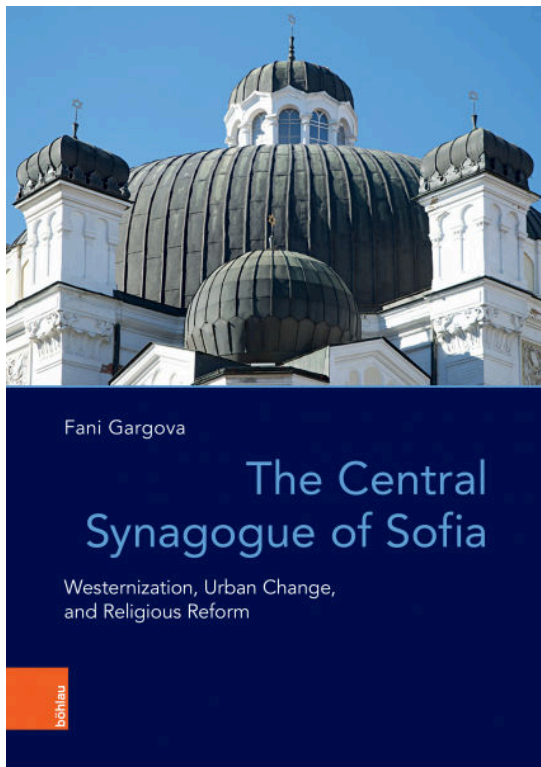
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IEG Podcast *Epochal* - new episode

In the third episode of the IEG Podcast *Epochal*, IEG research associates Dr Fani Gargova and PD Dr Manfred Sing dive deep into the history of the central synagogue of Sofia. They talk about Gargovas book *“The Central Synagogue of Sofia: Westernization, Urban Change, and Religious Reform”* and explore how the synagogue is far more than just a religious building.

The new *Epochal* episode thereby deals with questions of monuments being political symbols and reflecting social change in the transition from the 19th to the 20th century in South-Eastern Europe.



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You can listen to the new episode here: [Epochal – Podcast des Leibniz-Instituts für Europäische Geschichte \(IEG\)](#).

NFDI4Memory FAIR Data Fellowships 2027

Call for FAIR Data Fellowships 2027 of NFDI4Memory:

Research data can often be edited for re-use and publication in disciplines working with historical sources. *NFDI4Memory FAIR Data Fellowships* offer support in this endeavour. For research data from finished or nearly finished projects, it offers the chance to prepare a publication with help from experts from one of the following institutions: *Data Center for the Humanities at the University of Cologne, Deutsches Museum, Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe of the Leibniz Association, Leibniz Institute of European History, or Herzog August Bibliothek Wolfenbüttel.*

- **1.500€ stipend**
- Duration: **one month**, starting between February and December 2027
- Possibility to work **remote**
- Application possible in German or English
- **Application deadline: 18 November 2026**

The application is open to Master's students, doctoral students, postdocs, museum employees, librarians, archivists, university employees and employees of research institutions as well as independent scholars.

Have a look here for [more information](#) and details on [required application materials](#).

Alumni Meeting 12-13 November 2026

Following the first alumni meeting last year, our next alumni meeting will take place at the IEG in November 2026. Through talks, discussions, and activities in Mainz, alumni (and fellows) will have the opportunity to catch up, reminisce about the past, make new connections and gain new insights in current research topics.

- **When?**

From 12 to 13 November 2026 | **Starting** at 3pm on 12 November 2026

- **Where?**

Domus Universitatis, Alte Universitätsstraße 19, 55116 Mainz (Germany)

- **Contact?**

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