3rd Corridors Workshop

Developing Joint Learning Opportunities Across Protracted Conflicts in the Post-Soviet Space and Beyond

August 27 – 30, 2018, Weingarten (Germany)

Protracted conflicts in the post-Soviet space are characterized by shrinking spaces for dialogue, limited cooperation, and (self-)isolation of societies. Corridors is an initiative that aims to foster dialogue through cooperation between societies affected by protracted conflicts and beyond. Together with our partners, we develop and implement projects that enhance knowledge transfer and create new opportunities for direct people-to-people contact. In a cross-regional framework, we strive to facilitate cooperation between academic and civil society stakeholders to revitalise dialogue between communities. Corridors was founded in 2016 at the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) in Regensburg, Germany, and is supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The 3rd Corridors Workshop brings together 16 academics and civil society stakeholder from the regions of the European Union Eastern Partnership, Russia, Switzerland and Germany. During the four-day workshop, the participants aim to develop new joint learning and capacity building projects for students and recent graduates from the project region. One of the primary goals is to develop a joint distance learning platform in the field of peace- and conflict studies and practices. This idea has been developed in a previous workshop based on a shared need analysis and initiative from our local partners. Furthermore, participants are encouraged to use the opportunity to develop other project ideas together with their peers. In this way, Corridors-Workshops function as a safe space for social innovation and demand-driven cooperation between stakeholders from different conflict-affected regions.

The workshop will take place August 27 – 30 at the conference centre Weingarten, nearby the beautiful Bodensee. The organisers cover all workshop-related costs including travel, excursions, accommodation and full board for the selected participants. The workshop will be organised by the IOS in cooperation with the Akademie der Diözese Rottenburg-Stuttgart and is founded by the DAAD.

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