



Totalitarianism in East-Central Europe 1939–1989

History and Memory

GRADUATE ACADEMY

Second Call for Applications

deadline: 29 August 2021

We have decided to create more places on the program. Apply now!

Program

The aim of the program is to encourage participants to reflect on the experience of suffering under two totalitarian regimes (Nazi-German and Soviet) in East-Central Europe in the 20th Century. They will also study the history of the Second World War, mass violence and genocide on a scale that has never been seen before. The Graduate Academy will conclude in the examination of how these experiences relate to the modern day. The programme will be implemented jointly by The Pilecki Institute (Poland) and Valdosta State University (Georgia, USA).

Fields of Research & Eligibility

The program is open to graduate and doctoral students from the United States, especially those involved in education, history, political science, law and East-Central European studies. The long-term international program will bring the participants closer to key issues related to the subject matter of the project:

- The 20th century in East-Central Europe
- The theory of totalitarianism and its contemporary meaning
- The genesis and significance of the concept of genocide
- Domination, social engineering and mass violence – totalitarianism and civilian population: the Holocaust, the Holodomor, killing of the intellectuals, the Katyń and Wola massacres, and others
- Survivors of totalitarianism and their testimonies
- The Second World War in different cultures of memory

Program & Timeline

Participants will attend classes which include lectures, seminars and workshops led by distinguished academics from the two partner institutions, as well as other renowned scholars. These will include:



Dr. Robert Citino World War II Museum in New Orleans — an award-winning military historian and scholar, Dr. Citino is Executive Director of the Institute for the Study of War and Democracy and the Samuel Zemurray Stone Senior Historian.



Prof. Andrzej Nowak Jagiellonian University — Polish historian, renowned public intellectual and an author of more than 30 books. He is a professor at the Institute of History of Jagiellonian University and head of the Comparative Imperial Studies Section at the Institute of History at the Polish Academy of Sciences.



Dr. John Dunn Valdosta State University — author and professor of History at Valdosta State University. His course load includes Slavic Europe since 1700, and directing study abroad in Poland. He is currently writing a history of Poland's November Uprising.



Prof. Richard Overy University of Exeter — Fellow of the British Academy and Honorary Research Professor at the University of Exeter, UK. He has written extensively on the European dictatorships and World War II.



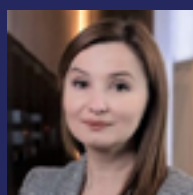
Jack Fairweather author, former war correspondent — the bestselling author of "The Volunteer", the Costa Prize winning account of a Polish underground officer who volunteered to report on Nazi crimes in Auschwitz. His war coverage has won a British Press Award and an Overseas Press Club award citation.



Prof. Johannes-Dieter Steinert University of Wolverhampton — Professor of Modern European History and Migration Studies at the University of Wolverhampton, UK. Winner of Yad Vashem International Book Prize for Holocaust Research 2020 for his book on Jewish child forced labourers.



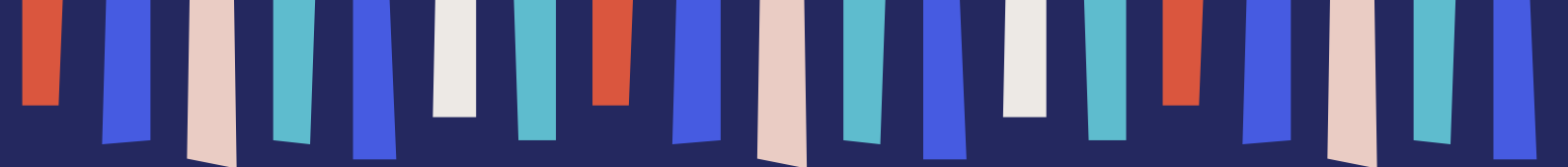
Dr. Wojciech Kozłowski Director of the Pilecki Institute — director of the Pilecki Institute, a research institution based in Warsaw, and the chief editor of its scholarly journal "Totalitarian and 20th Century Studies".



Dr. Anna Stróż-Pawłowska Former Director of The Ulma Family Museum of Poles Saving Jews in World War II — art historian, museologist, academic teacher. Former director of The Ulma Family Museum in Markowa responsible for the Museum's strategy, including numerous initiatives honoring Polish Righteous.



Roger Moorhouse author and historian — historian specializing in Germany and Poland in World War Two. He is the author of a number of books on the subject, including "The Devils' Alliance" (2014), "Berlin at War" (2012) and the award-winning "First to Fight" (2019).



The joint programme will be prepared especially for students from American Universities. The participants will develop specific areas of interest to be implemented in the form of individual projects in cooperation with an assigned tutor.

The international program will be carried out over 16 months – from September 2021 to December 2022, and will consist of the following elements:

- Online Summer School – September 2021
- A two-week study trip to Poland – December 2021*, including key locations, memorial sites and museums, as well as cultural and research institutions in Poland
- Series of monthly thematic seminars in 2021 and 2022
- Constant tutoring from our experts over the course of the entire program
- Individual research and cultural projects – over the course of the programme you will be required to conduct your own research in your chosen area, and write an essay to summarize your work. You will also be expected to organize an event such as a panel discussion, film screening, exhibition etc. at your university or in a local public place. Each participant will be able to get separate funding for their work connected with these goals.
- Final conference held at the Valdosta State University to summarize all the completed projects (Fall 2022)

*note: due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the study visit to Poland may be rescheduled to spring 2022. The final program of the visit will be tailored to the interests and fields of research of the participants.

Opportunities for Participants

- Participation in the Summer School Online
- Lectures and workshops held by experienced and acclaimed experts and researchers
- Study visit to Poland (including accommodation and transport), although you will be expected to contribute to the cost of airfare in the amount of \$300
- Funding for individual projects with support from experts and coordinators from both institutions
- Unlimited access to the resources of The Pilecki Institute including archives in English (Chronicles of Terror), mobile exhibitions, publications, film materials
- Participation in the Valdosta State University conference in 2022 (including accommodation and transport)
- Individual contribution to a publication summarizing the program

How to Apply

Totalitarianism in East-Central Europe 1939–1989: History and Memory. Graduate Academy 2021-2022 is open to graduate and doctoral students from the United States.

Candidates are invited to submit their applications by 29 August 2021 by email: academy@instytutpileckiego.pl.

A complete application must include:

- academic biographical note
- two short essays, up to 1.500 characters each describing
 - the applicant's reasons for applying
 - a proposal of the project that you wish to carry out or description of other goals (academic or cultural) that you would like to achieve through this program

Additional information

Application documents will be accepted only in English. Classes and workshops will be held in English. Detailed information about the program is available on the website of The Pilecki Institute (instytutpileckiego.pl). Any questions or queries should be sent to the address: academy@instytutpileckiego.pl. The results of the recruitment procedure will be announced by 2 September 2021, and the list of selected participants will be published on the website of The Pilecki Institute.

The organizers are not under any obligation to substantiate the decisions of the enrolment committee. No appeal procedure has been provided for.