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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CEU SUMMER UNIVERSITY COURSE ON

REWRITING HISTORY: EMERGING IDENTITIES AND NATIONALISM IN CENTRAL ASIA

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The course will use interdisciplinary perspective to examine the phenomenon of Revising and Rewriting of the History in Central Asia. It will examine the roots of this phenomenon going back to the colonial time of print-capitalism, which fostered the emergence of 'imagined communities' in Central Asia and look at the problem from a theoretical point of view placing it rightly within the theoretical concepts existing in Historical Anthropology, Post-Colonial Studies and Area Studies.

The course will focus among others on such problems as the complex interplay between Invention and Mythologization of the History and Ethno-Nationalism as well as emerging new State based Identities. It will introduce the multifaceted debate on the nature of invention of the History and reveal its correlation with state building, politics, and political regimes and show the role of History Writing in social and cultural life of societies during the transition period. The comparative analysis of the History Writing process in Central Asian states with those in other post-Communist societies (Caucasus, Mongolia) as well as Chinese Central Asia (Xinjiang) will enable to reveal general tendencies in the process of Rewriting of the History and describe it as a natural phenomenon for the contemporary post-colonial societies. The course will give participants the skills necessary to apply academic theories, concepts and methodology to their own researches and curricula.

The Summer University was established in 1996 primarily as a vehicle for helping young faculty, researchers and professionals in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union by promoting academic cooperation and curriculum development in the social sciences and humanities. The program is aiming to involve a high-level international faculty (including CEU faculty), and excellent advanced doctoral students, junior or post-doctoral researchers, teachers and professionals as participants. While application from all over the world is encouraged, continued priority is given to applicants from Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and countries experiencing emerging democracies worldwide. Applicants from these countries, when admitted on merit, will be eligible for scholarship, while those from developed countries will usually be expected to pay fees.

Further information on the course (detailed course description, faculty CVs, etc.), on eligibility criteria and funding options available at <http://www.ceu.hu/sun/index.html>

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