



## Totalitarianism in East-Central Europe 1939–1989

### History and Memory

#### GRADUATE ACADEMY

## Call for Applications

**deadline: 30 June 2021**

### Program

The aim of the program is to foster reflection on the experience of facing two totalitarian regimes (Nazi-German and Soviet) in East-Central Europe in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Studying and sharing the history of the Second World War, mass-violence and genocide on a scale never seen before will conclude in the examination of how these experiences relate to the modern day. The program 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 acknowledged 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)

Dr. John Dunn (Valdosta State University)

Jack Fairweather (author, former war correspondent)

Prof. Peter Fritzsche (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)

Dr. Wojciech Kozłowski (Pilecki Institute)

Roger Moorhouse (author and historian)

Prof. Andrzej Nowak (Jagiellonian University)

Prof. Richard Overy (University of Exeter)

Prof. Johannes-Dieter Steinert (University of Wolverhampton)

Dr. Anna Stróż-Pawłowska (Former Director of The Ulma Family Museum of Poles Saving Jews in World War II)

The joint program will be prepared especially for the students of 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 program you will be obliged 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 30 June 2021 by email: [academy@instytutpileckiego.pl](mailto:academy@instytutpileckiego.pl).

A complete application must include:

- academic biographical note
- short papers of up to 1.500 characters each describing
  - the applicant's reasons for applying
  - a proposal of the project 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](http://instytutpileckiego.pl)). Any questions or concerns should be sent to the address: [academy@instytutpileckiego.pl](mailto:academy@instytutpileckiego.pl). The results of the recruitment procedure will be announced by 30 July 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.

This document will constitute an attachment to the agreement concluded between each participant selected for the program and the Pilecki Institute.