



## 2<sup>nd</sup> International Winter School “The method of imagination”

### “The Hidden present and visible absent”

#### Call for participants

##### *Overview*

The Centre for Cultural Psychology ([www.ccp.aau.dk](http://www.ccp.aau.dk)) at Aalborg University and the Faculty of Psychology of Sigmund Freud University in Vienna (<https://psychologie.sfu.ac.at/en/>) are organizing the second International Winter School on “The method of imagination”. The target of this event is to explore on the topic “The Hidden present and visible absent”: whereas part of the scientific work is about accessing phenomena and generating new knowledge. Some phenomena are hidden while present (e.g. the mental activity) and some of them become acknowledgeable by their absence (e.g. the latent variable). How imagination, aesthetics, apparatus and instruments, social life and atmosphere work together in the emergence of scientific ideas? Some particular combinations of those dimensions occur and produce unique milieu, as for instance the 19<sup>th</sup> century’s Vienna, in which several scientific and philosophical endeavors lived together with literary and artistic explorations. From this peculiar experience, participants will rediscover the sensitivity to imaginative and aesthetic aspects of thinking of that intellectual life. They will then learn how to apply it in idea generation for their own research.

Participation is open (but not limited) to advanced students, PhD and Post-doc students and early stage researchers in the fields of psychology, philosophy, semiotics, art, medicine, anthropology and history of ideas. The winter school will take place in Vienna December 18-20 2017, Sigmund Freud Privat Universität, Campus Prater in Freudplatz 1.

The winter school goal is to mobilize interested early-stage researchers’ to develop epistemological, methodological and theoretical new ideas, starting from the concepts of imaginative processes and looking back at original sources to boost the future horizons of social and human sciences. The “method of imagination” consists, indeed, in the systematic exploration and exploitation of the imaginative processes in both everyday life and scientific work of the researcher as a form of enrichment and innovation of the methodological approach. Nowadays, representations of events generated on numerical basis (i.e. FmRi, big data, etc.) apparently make visible the hidden, filling with colored images the absent. Yet these products of instrumental activity require the imaginative and aesthetic activity to be interpreted. What used to happen when instead the medical apparatus had to deal with the physical object (e.g. observing a real brain)?

During the three days of intense and compelling study, participants will explore one of the 19<sup>th</sup> century capitals of science. Activities will start in one of the most amazing places in the history of psychology and medicine: the *Narrenturm*, the first panoptical mental asylum which today hosts the worldwide biggest anatomic and instrument collection. The second day, participants will try to catch the atmosphere of the university medical district and its cafés in the streets of the town that has been at the same time the center and the border of European civilization. The third day, at Sigmund Freud Prater campus participants will further develop the concepts in relation with their own research projects.



### *Teaching staff and activities*

The winter school series is organized by the Centre for Cultural Psychology, Aalborg University, that is becoming a leading location in the field of cultural psychology. Invited teachers are:

- Gerhard Benekta, Sigmund Freud University, Austria
- Giselher Guttman, Sigmund Freud University, Austria
- Irina Mironenko, St. Pietersburg University, Russia
- Paul Rhodes, University of Sydney, Australia
- Ernst Schraube, Roskilde University, Denmark
- Jaan Valsiner, Aalborg University, Denmark

The teaching and learning activities will consist of preliminary selected readings that the participants will carefully read and appropriate beforehand. During the activities in Vienna there will be short lectures and nomadic experiences, collaborative discussions and writing workshops to finalize a publication.

### *Registration*

Early stage researchers (advanced students, PhD, Post-doc, young researchers) in all disciplines are welcome, with particular focus on psychology, philosophy and history of ideas. Participation is open to 15-20 participants, who need to provide a short (approx. 300 words) description of their research interests/projects.

Registration fee (including coffee break and materials) is €150. All the information on registration and payment, scientific program and invited lectures will be available from October 1st 2017 until December 10th 2017 on the Centre for Cultural Psychology website ([www.ccp.aau.dk](http://www.ccp.aau.dk)).

To register and pay, please visit the following [LINK](https://goo.gl/forms/7CikvOiSEsnUh0S32) (or copy and paste in your browser <https://goo.gl/forms/7CikvOiSEsnUh0S32>)

You can also scan the tag below with your mobile device:



### *Further information and contacts*

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The organizing committee is composed by: Luca Tateo, coordinator, Aalborg University; Jaan Valsiner, director of the Centre for Cultural psychology; Pina Marsico, Aalborg University and University of Salerno; Dominik Mihalits, Sigmund Freud University; and Morten Kattenhøj, Project Academic Officer, Aalborg University.

### **Hotel Accommodation**

Participants to the winter school "The Method of imagination" can benefit of special fares in the hotels listed below. Once you register as participant to the winter school, you will receive a special discount code you can use to book the hotel.

#### **1) AUSTRIA TREND HOTEL MESSE PRATER WIEN,**

Messestrasse 2, 1020 Vienna

<http://www.austria-trend.at/Hotel-Messe-Wien/de/hotel.asp>

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Booking link: [www.austria-trend.at/book/sfu2015](http://www.austria-trend.at/book/sfu2015)

SFU-price per night including breakfast EUR 72,- (inkl. WIFI)

DISTANCE: direct bus 82A (circa 15 min)

#### **2) MOTEL ONE VIENNA- PRATER,**

Ausstellungsstraße 40, 1020 Vienna



<http://www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/wien/wien-prater/>

Tel.: +43/1/729 7800

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Email: [wien-prater@motel-one.com](mailto:wien-prater@motel-one.com)

Contact person: Daniela SIEGEL

Price per night EUR 71,01 (inkl. WIFI)

DISTANCE: just cross the street

### **3) AUSTRIA TREND HOTEL LASSALLE,**

Engerthstraße 173-175, 1020 Vienna

<http://www.austria-trend.at/de/hotels/lassalle>

Tel.: +43 (1) 213 15 – 151

Email: [lassalle@austria-trend.at](mailto:lassalle@austria-trend.at)

SFU-price per night including with breakfast max. EUR 75,- (inkl. WIFI)

DISTANCE: Metro U2 and bus 11 A (circa 30 min)

### **4) Best Western Plus**

#### **Hotel Arcadia**

WIPOI Handels- und Hotelbetriebsges. M. b. H.

Mac-Winter-Platz 5, 1020 Wien,

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Homepage: [www.hotelarcadia.at](http://www.hotelarcadia.at)

SFU-price per night including with breakfast max. EUR 75,- (inkl. WIFI)

DISTANCE: Direct bus 82 A (circa 10 min)

### **5) ARCOTEL Wimberger**

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SFU-price per night including with breakfast max. EUR 89,- (inkl. WIFI)

Distance: Metro line: U2, Tram: 49 (circa 30 min)

#### **6) ARCOTEL Donauzentrum**

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SFU-price per night including with breakfast max. EUR 93,- incl. Grab&Go Breakfast, (inkl. WIFI)

Distance: Metro line: U2 and U1 (circa 35 min)