

**COST Action PIMo (CA18140) - People in Motion: Entangled  
Histories of Displacement across the Mediterranean**

**2<sup>nd</sup> TRAINING SCHOOL**

**OPEN CALL**

**EMPIRES AND EMOTIONS**

**RETHINKING INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL TRANSFERS/TRANSLATIONS  
IN SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN (15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> C.)**

**Belgrade, 25<sup>th</sup> May – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**The University of Belgrade, Faculty of Philosophy  
18-20 Čika Ljubina Street, Belgrade**



*The Proclamation of Dušan's Law Codex, Paja Jovanović, oil on canvas, 1900, National Museum of Serbia*

## CONVENERS

**MARTA BUCHOLC (University of Warsaw), NADEZHDA ALEXANDROVA (University of Sofia), RASTKO JOVIĆ (University of Belgrade), VLADIMIR SIMIĆ (University of Belgrade), LUISA SIMONUTTI (ISPF-CNR, Milan)**

## TRAINERS

**LISA BEAVEN (La Trobe University, Melbourne), DRAGANA GRBIĆ (Universität zu Köln), RASTKO JOVIĆ (University of Belgrade), BENEDIKT PERAK (University of Rijeka), VLADIMIR SIMIĆ (University of Belgrade), GIOVANNI TARANTINO (University of Florence, PIMo Action Chair), MARKO VEKOVIĆ (University of Belgrade), MICHAŁ WASIUCIONEK (Institute of History at Romanian Academy of Science and New Europe College, Bucharest), MEHMET YASHIN ([www.mehmetyashin.com](http://www.mehmetyashin.com))**

## Description of the Training School

The broad world of Southeastern Europe and the Mediterranean from ancient times nourished the great stories that spanned over distant times and places. The focus of the research done within the Cost Action 18140 People in Motion: Entangled Histories of Displacement across the Mediterranean, or PIMo, explores common forms of displacement and dispossession across the Mediterranean from the fifteenth century to the present.

The training school in Belgrade will explore this world, divided among different Empires in the Early modern period, and became the place where different thoughts and ideas crossed visible and invisible borders and overcame language barriers finding carriers among people and objects. Thought in motion, captured on paper, represented in an image, or whispered in the ear, created the intellectual bridge that connected Otherness and unified Diversities. Intellectual/cultural transfer and translation became powerful tools for acquiring, expanding, and sharing knowledge and constant companion of human history. The translation was always a human journey through inner and outer worlds, an emotional and intellectual adventure that challenged certainties, prejudices, and personal convictions. It compared languages and contexts, world views, cultures, and empires. The task of the training school in Belgrade is to shed light on these issues and to equip young scholars with the specific intellectual tools necessary for understanding the central role of translation/cultural transfer in the Mediterranean context and with practical skills for writing grants applications.

## Goals of the Training School

The PIMo Training School aims to explore the “visible and invisible networks” between cultures, religions, and politics in the Mediterranean area from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> century and to show the ways such connections were (and are) artificially separated by political, ideological, and physical borders. The main objective is to offer an opportunity for research development, training, and exchange of ideas for Ph.D. and postdoctoral students working in Mediterranean Studies, Migration Studies, Cultural Transfers, and History of Emotions. The entangled intellectual, cultural, religious,

political and material histories of the Mediterranean will be unfolded following the displacement and resettlement of minority groups and individuals and the emotional responses of displaced peoples and the communities they orbit and join. School sessions will consist of lectures and seminars delivered by prominent professors of history, sociology, arts, theology, and political sciences from various countries and in-depth discussion sessions on the participating trainees' Ph.D. and postdoctoral research projects.

**The language of the School is English.**

**Before the school**, the trainees will be asked:

- to read a few introductory papers and poetry works as a preparation for the seminars.

**After the school**, trainees will be expected to submit – either in the form of a brief video or a brief paper (max 1000 words) – a reflection about how the discussions at the training school connect with their research, ideally by taking the cue from a concrete object. Upon trainees' consent, these contributions will be made openly accessible on the PIMo website.

### **Highlights of the program**

In the Guided tour in the National Museum in Belgrade, participants could see the objects of different origins, from local art to the broader Mediterranean and Western European artworks. One of the activities will be a tour of the Belgrade Fortress, which inherits the rich layers of empires previously present in this area, from the Roman through the Byzantine, Serbian, Ottoman to the Habsburg Empire in the 18th century.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet and listen to the chair of the COST action Giovanni Tarantino, to outstanding scholars on art theory and history of emotions like Lisa Beaven, on digital humanities, such as Benedikt Perak, and on project design when it concern entangled histories of empires, such as Michal Wasiucionek. They will also meet scholars with a local background and international carriers, such as Dragana Grbić and Marko Veković, and test their interpretative skills for poetry with the distinguished novelist and poet Mehmet Yashin.

This training school program aims to provide a critical introduction to some of the most influential frameworks of explanation in historical work today and equip trainees with the expertise they will need for their future projects.

### **Conditions of application**

The applicants must be engaged in an official research program as a Ph.D. Student or an Early Career Investigator (ECI, eight years between the date of the Ph.D./doctorate and the date of application) employed by or affiliated to an institution, organization, or legal entity within its remit a clear association with performing research.

Eligible Applicants must be based in PIMo Full Members / PIMo Cooperating Member or come from Approved COST Near-Neighbor Country (NNC) Institutions (the list of the NNCs is available here: <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18140/#tabs|Name:parties>). The application process is brief

and uncomplicated. PIMo membership is required for the participants to claim reimbursement of their expenses according to COST rules (see below).

Places are limited, with a **maximum of 15 participants**.

**The deadline for applications is 31st March 2022**

**All application documents should be submitted directly to the attention of  
Professor Marta Bucholc at: bucholcm@is.uw.edu.pl  
(in cc to Vladimir Simić: vmsimic@f.bg.ac.rs)**

### **Application documents:**

An application should include:

1. A motivation letter indicating reasons to apply, including the connection between the candidate's research interests and PIMo profile (up to two pages);
2. CV including a list of published and accepted publications and a description of research experience (up to two pages);
3. Description of the Ph.D. research project or the ECI research project (up to three pages);
4. A reference letter (one page).

### **Selection criteria:**

The selection committee will evaluate the applications following the next criteria:

- the connection of the applicant's research project to the research scope of the PIMo project (30%);
- the quality of the applicant's CV (30%);
- the applicant's motivation to participate (20%);
- the applicant's research experience (10%);
- the reference letter (10%).

The selection committee will prepare a ranking list of applicants. Please note that the committee will strive for a reasonable gender and nationality balance concerning trainee participation. The applicants will be notified of the selection process results no later than 10th April 2022 and will be given one week to confirm their intention to participate. If an applicant declines or fails to confirm, their places will be allocated to the next candidate on the list.

### **Selection committee:**

Giovanni Tarantino (University of Florence, PIMo Action Chair)  
Marta Bucholc (University of Warsaw)  
Nadezhda Alexandrova (University of Sofia)  
Rastko Jović (University of Belgrade)  
Vladimir Simić (University of Belgrade)  
Luisa Simonutti ( ISPF-CNR, Milan)

## Expenses will be reimbursed in line with relevant COST rules.

To be eligible for the reimbursement, each participant will be required to sign the School attendance list daily.

For details, please consult the COST Vademecum (<https://www.cost.eu/wpcontent/uploads/2020/06/Vademecum-V8-1-May-20202.pdf>) as well as the COST guidelines on travel reimbursement rules (<https://www.cost.eu/wpcontent/uploads/2020/05/Travel-Reimbursement-Rules-.pdf>).

All participants will be required to register for an e-COST profile at <https://eservices.cost.eu> – each participant must add their bank details to their e-COST profile before receiving their e-COST invitation.

Neither the COST Association nor the local organizer of the Training school can be considered the applicant's employer. The applicants must make their arrangements for all provisions relating to visa, personal security, health, taxation, social security, and pension matters.

Please note that PIMo STSM (Short Term Scientific Mission) Grants cannot be used to fund the participation in a Training School.

## Accommodation and board:

The organizers will assist the participants in finding suitable accommodation and board options. The participants will be obliged to make their hotel reservations, travel arrangements, and meals. We strongly suggest the participants make travel arrangements and hotel bookings with a cancellation option and purchase cancellation insurance.

**Inquiries:** Please send your inquiries to Prof. Marta Bucholc ([bucholcm@is.uw.edu.pl](mailto:bucholcm@is.uw.edu.pl)).

## COVID-19 Prevention Guidance:

The PIMo Training School will be organized following the public health regulations of the Government of the Republic of Serbia. The participants are obliged to inform themselves about possible COVID-19 restrictions for entering and staying in Serbia and returning to their home countries.