

# History Campus

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## Join EUSTORY!

Share and discuss your history  
with young people  
from more than 25 European countries!



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Dear award winners,

Congratulations to your successful entry in a national history competition that is a member of EUSTORY!

EUSTORY is a network of foundations, associations and other civil society organisations from 25 European countries which organise national history competitions. All of us at EUSTORY are convinced that history really matters – it helps us to understand what shaped our lives and our identities.

You, who succeeded in one of the EUSTORY competitions, have made a contribution to this. You delved into your local or family history, you researched sources, searched the archives, you spoke to contemporary witnesses. And with you, by now about 190.000 young Europeans between the North Cape and Sicily, between Cardiff and Vladivostok looked for traces of history in their individual surrounding and analysed the influence of the so-called “big” history on the lives of people and communities.

### Join the EUSTORY community!

We want to invite you to continue and to reflect the past and present on an international level. Together, you all can deepen your understanding of the continent’s history. Use history as a starting point for cross-border dialogue, even if our historical experiences were at times conflictual and painful. What unites, what divides us and how can we bridge gaps? Share and compare your personal views on history. Check your knowledge as well as possible prejudices about your neighbouring countries according to the claim of EUSTORY »Understanding Differences, Overcoming Divisions«.

Join us on the History Campus Platform, our virtual sharepoint for debates on history and identity for young people. Apply for our History Camps and travel with EUSTORY to spots throughout Europe. Meet history competition prize winners from other countries and discuss historical dimensions of current events together. Last but not least, make friends and stay in touch! Once you have found personal answers related to questions of history and identity, become an author on the History Campus blog and present and discuss what history has taught you.

I would be happy to welcome many of you as active members of events of the History Campus and beyond. I am certain that many interesting and challenging personal experiences are waiting for you that you wouldn’t want to miss!

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katja Fausser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Katja" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Fausser".

Katja Fausser  
EUSTORY Managing Director

# History Campus

## About

Since 1999 EUSTORY together with various partners from all over Europe successfully organises History Camps every year. These youth encounters promote international understanding among students from more than 25 countries, most of them prize winners of EUSTORY history competitions. In April 2014, the History Campus platform was launched to intensify the outreach and sustainability of EUSTORY's and the Körber Foundation's activities in the field of history and civic education. By making use of the potentials of the internet and social media, the interactive platform serves young Europeans as public display, as flipped classroom and as a sheltered space for cross-border dialogue.

The History Campus

- tackles current matters of commemoration and the public use of history,
- focuses on current traces of past totalitarianisms, wars, migration movements and the co-existence of different religions and traditions throughout Europe,
- reflects conflicting and shared values within Europe, in history as well as in present-day politics,
- offers young Europeans a unique personal approach to the past,
- aims at opposing the abuse of history as an ideological weapon,
- contributes to shaping a Europe the young generation wants to live in.

## In numbers

**40 international Camps**

in 18 European countries

18 alumni projects

**History Camps**

1.588 participants

273 posts by young Europeans

More than 22.716 page visitors with a growing readership

**22 internal discussion groups**

**Online Platform launched in April 2014**

7 young editors

**419 registered users**

**from more than 31 European countries**

32 authors

94.949 page views

## In quotes

- *»I feel much more like a European now; thanks to the History Camp I am connected with so many other European countries.«  
Participant History Camp 2015*
- *»Before, I was prejudiced about the attitude of people coming from certain countries, but actually meeting and working with them convinced me that what I was thinking before was wrong.«  
Participant History Camp 2015*
- *»It was great to work with people with the same interest in history.« Participant History Camp 2015*

## In 2016

Join us at

- **History Camp Visegrád**
- **History Camp Georgia**
- [Discussions on the History Campus Platform](#)
- [History Campus Blog](#)
- [History Campus Editors Program](#)

# History Camp

## »Backpacking Visegrád with Pen and Camera. Traces of Social Movements in Past and Present«

9 days, 3 countries

When: 22 September to 1 October 2016

Where: Budapest, Hungary; Prague, Czech Republic; Gdansk, Poland

Who: 20 prize winners from EUSTORY competitions

Age: 16 to 19 years old

Working language: English

Organised by: EUSTORY

In cooperation with:

European Solidarity Centre and  
Civic Initiative PANT

Closing date for applications:

19 June 2016



Social movements have changed systems in 20<sup>th</sup> century Europe. In 1991 the Soviet Union collapsed and the former Eastern Bloc was transformed into today's Central Europe, accompanied by various civic movements fighting for independent national states: in 1956 the uprising in Budapest/Hungary, in 1968 the Prague Spring/Czechoslovakia and in the 1980s the Solidarność in Poland.

Today again people are flooding the streets of Europe protesting against the politics of their countries. While their objectives could not be more oppositional, they have their rigidity and commitment in common. In all of the movements media plays a key role either as their opponent or supporter. Reason enough to have a closer look on the relation between media and protest in the past and today.

This year's History Camp will visit Hungary, the Czech Republic and Poland; three of the so-called Visegrád countries that were in the center of political changes in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and are still today. The participants will discuss the role of media in the protests of 1956, 1968 and the 1980s and how the media is reporting about civic movements today. The group will meet representatives

of the media, both state and independent, interview contemporary witnesses and visit places where protest and media met.

The participants will learn first-hand what it means to work as a journalist. They will report about their experiences and present their findings in journalistic products, visual and written, that will be published. The History Camp will be accompanied by a journalist who will prepare and train the participants in journalistic writing before attending the seminar and help them to edit their interviews, features and opinion pieces.

## How to Apply

### Compulsory:

- Write a letter of motivation: Please give us your main reasons for wanting to take part in the journalistic History Camp and tell us why you are especially interested in the topic (e.g.: What do you want to learn about the topic? What relevance does it have today? Do you have journalistic experience?). Format: pdf or word document (1–2 pages)
- Introduce a journalistic article, podcast, video or comment dealing with civic movements in your country that made an impression on you. Explain what it is about (also attach a link or screenshot please) and why you have chosen it. Format: pdf or word document (1–2 pages)



A generation standing tall for their beliefs?!

### Optional:

- Video: Tell us something about yourself in English. A video may give us a first impression of you and can help us see how you express yourself in English. We don't need a professional video, so please feel free to record your video with any available means (mobile phone, webcam, etc). Format: Upload your video to youtube.com or vimeo.com and share the link (max. 2 minutes).

Please note that this is completely optional. Applications with this feature will not be prioritised.

For more information please check pp. 12.

# History Camp

## »United or Divided in Diversity? National Identities in Europe«

**When:** 2 to 8 October 2016

**Where:** Tbilisi, Georgia

**Who:** 25 prize winners from EUSTORY competitions

**Age:** 16 to 19 years old

**Working language:** English

**Organised by:** EUSTORY

**In co-operation with:**

The Institute for International Cooperation of the German Adult Education Association (DVV International), Project Office Tbilisi, Georgia

**Closing date for applications:**

19 June 2016



Europe is known for its diversity in culture, traditions and languages. Being Norwegian, Russian, Portuguese or Slovenian: What does it mean to you personally? And how do you define the fine line between national identity and nationalism?

After the devastating experience of Second World War, European countries experimented with balancing political interests among each other in different ways. They were trying to create a European unity based on shared values that takes different national backgrounds into account. However, both in the past and today there are different ideas about how to handle national interests and a European confraternity.

This year's History Camp in Georgia examines the question if Europe is united or divided in its diversity and values. National identity plays a key role within this debate. In times of crises the slip towards nationalism seems to be just one financial or refugee crisis away. You will visit places typical for nation building, discuss the meaning of national identity, both in your home country and Georgia, and research: Where do you face the topic of national identity in your everyday lives?

Georgia is a good place due to its geographical position, its diverse ethnicities and religions as well as its history to question the importance of national identity for a country and its people. Since its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, the country is struggling for national unity and identity. The secessionist conflicts with the provinces Abkhazia and South Ossetia are examples of ethnic independence movements in Georgia. They are also markers for the continuous presence of the country's past as part of the Soviet Union.

Present the results of your local research, teach each other about your national history and learn



The Holy Trinity Cathedral of Tbilisi is built upon an Armenian cemetery.

about national identity in European history. Compare it with the present situation in Georgia, challenge your own view on Europe and develop a multimedia presentation of your findings. After a week's research, your joint results and the progress of your work will be presented in a closing ceremony.

## How to Apply

### Compulsory:

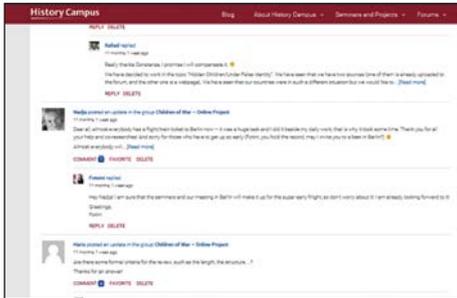
- Write a letter of motivation: Please give us your main reasons for wanting to participate in the History Camp in Georgia. Tell us why you are especially interested in this topic (e.g.: What do you want to learn about it? What relevance does the topic have today?). Format: pdf or word document (1–2 pages)
- Information about your competition entry: Please fill in the form about your research paper provided on the History Campus application site.

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- Video: Tell us something about yourself in English. A video may give us a first impression of you and can help us see how you express yourself in English. We don't need a professional video, so please feel free to record your video with any available means (mobile phone, webcam, etc). Format: Upload your video to youtube.com or vimeo.com and share the link (max. 2 minutes). Please note that this is completely optional. Applications with this feature will not be prioritised.

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# Join us online!



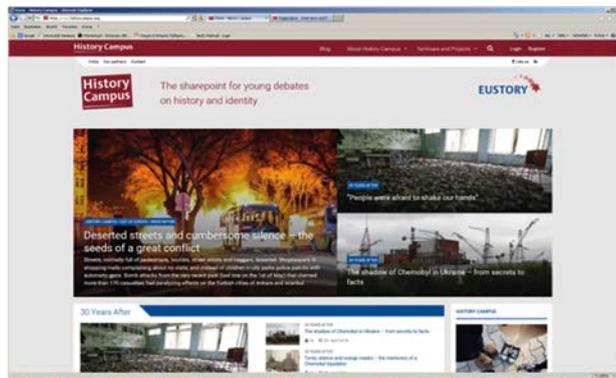
Take part in lively discussions on the History Campus!

✓ Sign up on [www.historycampus.org](http://www.historycampus.org) now and enter the discussion group for all EUSTORY prize winners of 2016!

✓ Contact our Editors Group who will help you to create an attractive post: [editors@historycampus.org](mailto:editors@historycampus.org)

## History Campus Platform

Challenge the past – shape the future! Discuss your views on history and identity in Europe in the sheltered environment of an internal group and get to know young people from all over the continent. Why did you participate in a history competition and what did you learn from this experience – about you, about your family or about local history, about the history of your country? Debate what history means to you and whether it matters for your everyday life!



Take a look at the latest articles!

## History Campus Blog

You have a personal approach to some aspects of the past you want to present and discuss with people from different countries? Become an author on our History Campus blog and share your knowledge and considerations with others from all over Europe and beyond.

### Columns:

- #CallEurope
- X Years After
- Out of Europe
- Memory Suitcase

## History Campus Editors Program

You are a university student with first journalistic experiences or an interest in new media? Join the Editors' Group and develop the topical agenda and new formats for the History Campus blog. Professional journalistic training and supervision alongside monthly online meetings sharpen your editorial skills.

✓ Each year new members are selected. If you have a soft spot for editing: sign up for the History Campus and be on the lookout for the next call in autumn 2016!



Get to know the editors!

*»The History Campus is OUR platform and waits for OUR contributions – and YOU can set the agenda. Is there any question you would like to ask a young European community? Something you want to share with us? Become a member!« Gregor, Editor since 2015*

# How to apply for History Camps ... step by step

## Step one

- Read the announcement carefully.
- Be aware that in the run-up to the History Camp you need about three to four weeks of preparation on the History Campus Platform.
- Decide on the History Camp of your first and second choice.
- One motivation letter and one task are enough. In case you want to apply for both History Camps you do not need to apply separately for each. Just indicate your preference.

**Important notice:** Even if you won the prize as a member of a group, your participation in the History Camp will be individual. Therefore it is essential that you apply individually and not as a group.

## Step two

- Prepare the documents that are needed for your application. For details see the announcement in this brochure.

## Step three

- If you are under 18, please ask your parents to complete the »declaration of consent for the participation of minors« that is enclosed at the end of this brochure. You can send an e-mail with a scan or photo, or you send the signed declaration to

History Campus c/o Körber-Stiftung  
Kehrwieder 12  
20457 Hamburg  
Germany

## Step four

- Visit [www.historycampus.org](http://www.historycampus.org) and find under the tab »Seminars and Projects« the »Apply« button. Carefully fill in the application form. Please upload all documents and the video film (if you have made one) to the platform in one session. You will receive a confirmation upon successful submission. In case of technical problems please contact [info@historycampus.org](mailto:info@historycampus.org).

In co-operation with the organisers and partners of the History Camp, the History Camp team will select the best candidates. A comprehensive set of criteria will be taken into consideration: Not only are the prize category and language proficiency important; the personality and motivation of an applicant count just as much.

If you have been selected, you will receive an official invitation letter. You have to confirm or withdraw your participation within one week after you have received the letter. We are looking forward to your application!

# Terms and conditions

## Costs

The Körber Foundation and its partners cover the costs for the entire programme (e.g. accommodation, meals, local transport costs) and the travel costs from the home country to the foreign country, including visa fees. In some cases it will be necessary to spend one night before departure in a hostel – these costs will also be covered by the Körber Foundation and its partners. However, participants must cover the following costs:

- Items for private use (incl. telephone costs)
- Travel costs within the home country to the airport or train station (both ways)

## Visa

Should the participant require a visa for the country where the History Camp takes place, this will be arranged in cooperation with EUSTORY and its local co-operation partners.

## Travel

The participant is responsible for planning the journey within the home country to the place of departure (bus or train station/airport). This means that he/she must purchase tickets for local travel. In the country of the seminar the participants will be met at the airport, bus or train station by a member of the EUSTORY team and are taken to the seminar location. For the return trip, similar arrangements will be made.

## Accommodation

Participants are usually sharing rooms with two or three people of other nationalities.

Applicants who have not reached the age of 18 at the time of the seminar may only apply for the workshop with the legal consent of a parent/legal guardian. Furthermore, a signed Declaration of Consent for the Participation of Minors that can be found online

and at the end of this brochure must be submitted together with the application. For all the History Camps, safety and security are top priorities. The seminar team supervises the participants during the day and stays with the group over night, however, there are no security checks during the night.

## Insurance

The participants must take out travel health insurance that is valid abroad. Additionally, participants may take out their own insurance against accidents or theft of luggage.

## No legal right to participation

It will not be possible to invite all applicants. In some cases it may become necessary to cancel a workshop because there are not enough participants. Even after an invitation has been issued it may occur that a workshop has to be cancelled due to illness or a force majeure.

## Withdrawal from participation

Pedagogical projects like the History Camps are expensive (honoraria, preparation, travel costs, lodging, meals etc.) and costs do arise even when a participant withdraws. Therefore, the following rule is applied: after having received an invitation for the seminar, the invited candidate can decline within one week. In case the withdrawal is announced at a later stage, the organisers will try to find another participant. In case nobody can be found the organisers reserve the right to charge a withdrawal fee (25 Euro per seminar day). This does, of course, not refer to cases of illness confirmed by a doctor's certificate.

## A general remark

It is very important that you carefully check in advance that you really will be able to take part in the History Camp you selected. The History Camps might interfere with school or university schedules. Should you require assistance to obtain a leave from school/ university you may ask EUSTORY to issue a respective request to the principal of your school or university.

## Rules & regulations during the History Camps

Due to reasons of liability and with respect to minors, smoking and the consumption of alcohol are prohibited. For reasons of liability and responsibility on the part of the team members, it will only be possible to separate from the »main group« in smaller units of at least three people. Participants who disturb, boycott the programme, or disregard the instructions of the seminar team, may be excluded from the History Camp. The participant may be charged with any extra costs that might occur in connection with his/her earlier departure.



## Declaration of consent for the participation of minors

**Participant:**

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Name, First Name

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Address

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Date of Birth

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Telephone

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Mobile phone

I herewith allow my daughter/son to take part in the History Camp for which she/he is accepted.

I have taken notice of the programme and acknowledge that my child participates in all parts at his/her own risk unless I do declare objections below.

For the duration of the History Camp I will put the responsibility for my child will on the History Camp advisors, unless I have relieved them from their duties or the duty of custody is extinguished.

I particularly agree that:

- travel to and from the agreed meeting point lies within the responsibility of my child;
- she/he will be met by a member of the EUSTORY team at the airport/station and will be taken back there, too.
- the advisors can be approached with all problems that might arise at any time, but that it will not be possible to secure a 24 h supervision and that there will be no control rounds during the night.
- it is strictly forbidden to smoke or consume alcohol during the History Camp.
- the advisors have to agree to all dangerous activities even within a group (e.g. swimming and other sports activities).
- the programme of the History Camp is compulsory and that the instructions of the advisors have to be followed.
- that photos, audio recordings or motion pictures taken of my child on the occasion of the event may be used for publication in all media e. g. in the internet, in video-clips and print media. In addition, the participants agree to the publication of their work results (texts, photos, audio recordings, video-clips) for documentation purposes in print, radio, television or online. In case they do not agree they have to declare that explicitly in written form.

\_\_\_\_\_  
1. Does your child have any illness/disease that has to be monitored? Yes  No   
If yes, which one:

\_\_\_\_\_  
2. Does your child have to take any medicine? Yes  No   
If yes, which:

\_\_\_\_\_  
3. Does your child suffer from any allergy? Yes  No   
If yes, which one:

\_\_\_\_\_  
4. May your child eat everything? Yes  No   
If not, what has to be avoided? Vegetarian

\_\_\_\_\_  
5. May your child leave the premises during spare time without any team member until 23 hrs? (The condition will be that only groups of three participants will be given leave.) Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  
6. What should the team members take into special consideration?  
\_\_\_\_\_

I guarantee that my daughter/son will only take part in the History Camp if she/he is free of any severe and/or contagious diseases. In case of accident or illness during the History Camp I leave it to the discretion of the doctor to initiate any necessary medical treatment. If possible, though, the team and the doctor will always first seek to consult the parent/legal guardian on any steps to be taken.

Contact address of parent/legal guardian during the History Camp:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge the fact that the responsibility of the advisors/team expires if my child leaves the premises without notification or if she/he acts against the instructions/rules. In case of severe obstructiveness my child can be sent home at my expense.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Place, Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/legal guardian