

Walter-Markov-Prize



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The European Network in Universal and Global History (ENIUGH) proudly announces the Walter Markov Prize 2021 and calls for applications.

The prize honours an outstanding PhD- or MA-thesis that contributes to the research fields of Walter Markov, especially the comparative exploration of revolutions; social movements and decolonisation processes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America; historiographical traditions in various national contexts, and academic internationalisation in the course of the 20th century.

Papers that are submitted for the Walter-Markov-Prize are expected to take a global perspective on its subject, either by addressing it from a comparative point of view, by examining processes of cultural transfers, or by seeking to understand the entanglements of various spatial frameworks.

The successful applicant will receive € 1,500 which is meant to support the publication of his / her research.

Walter Markov (1909–1993) was a historian whose life and thinking was influenced by his opposition to National Socialism and later, during the Cold War, by his Marxist leaning and investigations of French social history around the Annales School. Markov's way of addressing history can be best described as "history from below". Examining revolutions and revolutionary moments in history, he became one of the most important German historians working on the French Revolution. In continuing the Leipzig tradition in world and global history, initiated by Karl Lamprecht and the Institute for Cultural and Universal History, Markov became the director of this institute in 1949 and tried to bring all area studies at his university under one roof for comparative studies. Pursuing international cooperation with scholars on the other side of the iron curtain — especially with scholars from Latin America, Africa (where he was the first German guest professor) and Asia — he hoped to stand against any withdrawal of his university from border-crossing dialogue and mutual learning.

The jury will consider manuscripts (in German, English, or French) that had been submitted to the respective institution after January 2019. Applicants should submit their manuscripts, a summarizing abstract of 250 words and a brief CV electronically and as one PDF file to: headquarters@eniugh.org. The deadline for submissions is 30 April 2021.

Female candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

An committee nominated by the Steering Committee of the European Network in Universal and Global History will select the awardee among the candidates.



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