

# Public Spaces in Transition

## Vienna International Summer Schools (VIS)

### Call 2013

The first call "**Public Spaces in Transition**" within the *Social Sciences and Humanities in Vienna* programme by the Vienna Science and Technology Fund (WWTF), funded with financial means of the City of Vienna, addresses

- universities and non-university research institutions as well as scientists in Vienna
- that intend to organize an **international and interdisciplinary summer school** of between **5 and 14 days** in Vienna.
- The call broadly invites institutions in the social & cultural sciences and humanities to submit a proposal for a summer school on the topic of "public spaces in transition".
- Both the participation of international lecturers and students and the ability to bridge disciplines will be key criteria in the evaluation of proposals.
- The proposed summer schools should strive to increase the visibility of Vienna (and its scientific institutions) in the international scientific community.
- In total, 100.000 € are dedicated to this call. Maximum funding of 25.000 € will be granted to successful proposals.



**Proposals can be submitted until March 20, 2013 at 2 pm.**

**Decisions will be made in June 2013.**

**Detailed information is available online at [www.wwtf.at](http://www.wwtf.at)**

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## WWTF Call 2013 "Public Spaces in Transition" Vienna International Summer Schools (SSH-VIS13)

### Focus and Key Facts

With the "Social Sciences and Humanities in Vienna" programme, which has had five calls so far, for the first time WWTF wants to support international and interdisciplinary summer schools. The call addresses universities and non-university research institutions as well as scientists and researchers in Vienna working very broadly in the fields of social sciences, cultural studies and humanities.

**Funding:** The overall budget allocated for the 2013 VIS call is a maximum of 100.000 €.

**Deadlines:** The call "Public Spaces in Transition" 2013 opens on September 14, 2012 and closes on March 20, 2013 at 2 pm. Decisions will be made in June 2013.

#### WWTF provides funding for summer schools which should ...

- deal with the meaning and the challenges of public spaces in transition, including material/physical places as well as symbolic, medial and cultural public spaces. The second central aspect of the thematic scope of the call is the political dimension of public spaces in terms of democratic governance, participation and decision making
- bridge several disciplines and thus allow for interdisciplinary exchange
- invite both international and local students to engage with top quality scientists as lecturers from international and national scientific institutions
- reflect and engage with the state of the art of scientific research in the fields addressed by the proposal
- take place in 2014
- last between 5 and 14 days and request a maximum budget of 25.000 €.

#### WWTF evaluation process:

- All projects submitted within the application deadline will first undergo a formal eligibility check by WWTF staff. Proposals that do not meet the formal criteria will be rejected at this stage.
- A comprehensively composed international expert panel acting as a jury will evaluate the proposals based on the expert panel members' expertise, resulting in a recommendation "to be funded" or "not to be funded" for each proposal.
- The assessment process is completed by the formal funding decision of the WWTF Board of Directors. The decision making is scheduled for June 2013.

In general, the summer school proposals submitted need to be characterized by their innovative nature in terms of both their content and their format. A crucial criterion is also the standing and reputation of the applicant(s) and in particular of the invited lecturers. For more details kindly refer to the "WWTF Funding Guidelines" and to the "Guide for Writing a Proposal", both available online at [www.wwtf.at](http://www.wwtf.at).

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