

## [Visegrad Scholarship at the Open Society Archives](#)

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Hungary

Subject Fields:

Archival Science, Political History / Studies, Human Rights, Social Sciences, European History / Studies

### **Research theme within the Visegrad Scholarships at OSA in 2022/23**

#### **Lessons of the Cold War?**

In the context of the current invasion of Ukraine and the ongoing tragic war, many analysts have claimed that we face the real end of (or the confirmation) of the Cold War and its dichotomies. What we witness would be the outright confrontation between civic liberalism and autocracy, or the “West” and the “East”. According to Stephen Kotkin, even if post-communist societies have changed, a military-police dictatorship in some former satellite countries is still fighting a “West” seen as an enemy, and this has the reverse consolidating effect on the West which re-emerged and stood up against Putin.

We invite historians, researchers, political scientists, sociologists, and socially engaged artists to reflect on the **Lessons from the Cold War** by taking cues from the Blinken OSA collections. The applicants are encouraged to reflect on the connections as well as on the differences between current times and the past by following some recommended sub-topics.

#### **OSA research program**

The current call is part of a reflexive-research program at OSA interested in connecting past issues related to oppressive regimes, censorship, violence and information manipulation to current phenomena. **We would like to assess the potential of a genealogical project linking the contemporary epistemic and political crisis of democracy to past modes of inquiry and activism.**

#### **Admission**

We seek to promote exchanges among people with backgrounds in the arts, humanities and social sciences in the way they think through and about archives while being concerned with current problems. From this point of view, the invitation is not only addressed to scholars working specifically on Cold War topics, but to all those interested in theories of knowledge, who would use OSA documents as props for larger reflections and activist concerns.

### **About the Fellowship**

The twenty grants of 2.700 euro each are designed to provide access to the archives for scholars, artists, and journalists, and to cover travel to and from Budapest, a modest subsistence, and accommodation for a research period of eight weeks. Stipends for shorter periods are pro-rated.

Applicants, preferably but not exclusively, from a V4 country, may be researchers, students after their second degree carrying out research, or artists, journalists, academics, or both.

**Scholars at risk from war zones as well as refugees of conscience (scholars fleeing authoritarian regimes) are especially invited to apply.**

### **Submission deadlines for the 2022/23 academic year**

- July 25, 2022.
- November 15, 2022.

The Application letter, C.V., the Research description/plan, the copy of a language exam certification and the Referees' contact information should be sent by email to Katalin Gadoros at [gadoros@ceu.edu](mailto:gadoros@ceu.edu).

To find out more about the research topics and conditions please visit: <https://www.osaarchivum.org/work-with-us/fellowship/visegrad-scholarship>

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