20 YEARS AFTER THE FALL OF COMMUNISM CULTURAL POLICY IN CENTRAL EUROPE 8 – 19 July, 2009

Aims & objectives: 2009 marks the 20th anniversary of the collapse of Communism in Central and Eastern Europe. The 4^{th} of June 1989 – the date of the first free parliamentary elections in Poland – was the climax of the Solidarity efforts and the beginning of political and social transformation in that part of Europe. Since then, culture has gone through major changes and faced a great number of new challenges not only in the post-communist countries. Thus, the summer session is aimed at providing participants with a wider perspective on changing cultural policy in European countries; working out a comparative study of the cultural policy trends and challenges in the countries represented by the participants in the programme; exchanging views on the culture in both post-communist Europe and "old" EU member states.

Curriculum and structure of the session:

The programme will be run in the form of lectures, seminar meetings and workshops. **Issues to be covered**:

- some history: Europe around 1989 and the following changes
- definitions, models and instruments of cultural policy
- examples of cultural policy development in Eastern and Western European countries (comparative approach: legislation, funding, problem of decentralization and desetatization)
- international organizations and culture: the Council of Europe and its former and current priorities, UNESCO, cultural policy of the EU
- culture in the market economy/ civil society and cultural policy/ international cultural cooperation / cultural industries / contemporary art
- national cultural policies and European perspectives
- mass media: shift from traditional tools to new technologies

The programme jointly **organised with Institut für den Donauraum und Mitteleuropa in Vienna** welcomes graduate and advanced undergraduate students, young scholars, representatives of cultural administration, NGOs and other candidates active in the field of cultural management from Eastern and Western European countries.

In order to apply, please send:

□ Application letter including the applicant's full name, date of birth, gender, nationality, address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail address, educational background, degrees received, and current affiliation (CV/resume);

□ Evidence of substantial English language skills (certificate of proficiency or statement by an English speaking faculty member);

□ essay of about 600 words on *Development of culture & cultural policy in your home country*

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 15 MAY, 2009

For more details and to apply: sekret@mck.krakow.pl