



Portal on Central Eastern and Balkan Europe
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PECOB Portal on Central-Eastern and Balkan Europe

Open call

PECOB will be a connecting space between Italy and Eastern, Central Europe, the Balkans and the Post-Soviet space. The Portal aims to provide expert or generic users with scientific contents such as Politics, Economics, History, Society, Language Literature and Culture, and the Media concerning the countries involved.

The Portal is being developed by the Institute for East-Central Europe and the Balkans with the collaboration of the Italian Slavistic Association (AIS) and the "Europe and the Balkans" International Network. It will permit to diffuse up-to-date information, to produce new scientific contents, to enforce international collaboration among research groups, scholars, PhD and Master's students on specific issues.

PECOB's project leaders hope to engender a multidisciplinary discussion and to foster the dialogue between scholars, researchers, area experts and enthusiast users.

The Project's Leaders

About the Istituto per l'Europa Centro-Orientale e Balcanica (IECOB)

Founded in December 1995, the Istituto per l'Europa Centro-Orientale e Balcanica, University of Bologna, is based on an interdisciplinary and multinational network - the "Europe and the Balkans International Network" - of over 250 scholars from 36 European countries, the United States, Canada, Egypt, South Africa, India, Japan and Australia, which constitutes the Academic Board of the Institute and guarantees an international dimension to all its initiatives.

The Institute is located in Forlì, in headquarters provided by the Alma Mater-University of Bologna at Forlì Campus. The relations with the University have become stronger with the passing of years, because of the collaboration in promoting Master's Degree Programmes.

Since 1995 the Istituto has contributed to the training of more than 1900 graduate students at undergraduate and graduate level by promoting a yearly Summer School in Cervia, MA Programmes and vocational courses organised on its own or in cooperation with the University of Bologna. Thanks to the active cooperation with the "Europe and the Balkans International Network", the University of Bologna has just established a consortium and is going to launch a new Joint PhD Programme in "Diversity Management and Governance".

About the Associazione Italiana Slavisti (AIS)

The "Association of Italian Slavists" is a free association of scholars with the aim to facilitate the progress of Slavic studies by creating a strong network connecting the individuals, study centres, foreign and Italian institutes that deal with the Slavic world, both on the national and on the international level. The members of the Association are experts in the various Slavic disciplines - proof of their scientific activity being provided by published works or teaching commitments - and academics or university professors with an interest in the Slavic world from different aspects. It is in this perspective that AIS takes care, keeping in touch with CUN and other associations belonging to the same area, of the position and development of the teaching of Slavic disciplines within the Italian university system on the national level.

AIS promotes and supports initiatives and publications covering the various fields connected with Slavic studies; in particular it publishes the journal "*Studi Slavistici*" and edits the related series of monographs.

Every five years, AIS organizes its own *National Congress of Slavic Studies*" (the last one was held at Udine in September 2006). It is promoting, together with IECOB, the Portal on Central-Eastern Europe and the Balkans (PECOB). As a permanent member of the International Committee of Slavists, the body in charge of organizing the International Conferences of Slavists (held on a regular basis every five years in one of the Slavic countries), AIS keeps in close touch with the other European and extra-European national associations of Slavic studies. Furthermore, AIS cooperates with the *International Council for Central and East European Studies*. AIS takes part in or supports initiatives concerning the literature, culture, arts, history, politics and economy of the Slavic countries.

Do contribute

To create PECOBS collection the Institute for East-Central Europe and Balkans hereby invites you to submit scientific and information materials, according to the guidelines.

"Scientific documents" is meant in the broadest sense, and includes all documents, theses, dissertations, papers, articles and research projects related to the Scientific Areas of Politics, Economics, History, Society, Language Literature and Culture, and the Media.

"Information documents" includes any up-to-date academic information regarding calls, conferences, events, educational courses, journals, books, reports on academic events, and photographs related to the Eastern European countries, the Balkans and the Post-Soviet Space. It also includes information about institutions operating in the political, economic, academic and civil sectors. Requirements for the documents

Proposals for "scientific documents" must be sent only in digital format by CDrom/DVD or by e-mail. Paper format contributions will not be considered.

Each submission should include specific components and abide by the guidelines (see the guidelines for contribution).

Proposals for "information documents" must be sent by email using the proper forms for submitting contents (<http://www.pecob.eu/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/EN/IDPagina/2190>).

Contributions that do not meet the above requirements will not be considered.

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