

CALL FOR PAPERS

EC2U Doctoral Workshop

**Linguistic and cultural diversity:
European dynamics and
intercontinental entanglements**

24–26 March 2026

Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena



The University of Jena, Germany, in collaboration with its EC2U Partner Universities, invites submissions for the Early Career Researchers' Meeting in Jena, a three-day live event taking place from 24 to 26 March 2026.

This gathering provides doctoral researchers with a valuable opportunity to present their research, engage in scholarly discussions, and foster connections within the framework of the EC2U Virtual Institute of Quality Education (VIQE).

The meeting will focus on the following broad theme: **Linguistic and cultural diversity: European dynamics and intercontinental entanglements.**

Practical Information

WHEN: 24–26 March 2026

WHERE: Friedrich–Schiller–University Jena, Germany

FORMAT: In presence

DEADLINE (University of Jena): 15 January 2026

LANGUAGES OF THE EVENT: English

Objectives and Thematic Focus

The PhD workshop focuses on the role of linguistic and cultural diversity in Europe. It examines multilingualism and cultural diversity in European societies and explores ways of shaping and developing them. In doing so, it focuses on minorities and their languages as well as current challenges in the postmigratory society, including in literary and media forms. Contributions that examine intercontinental interrelationships, including from a historical, postcolonial, or cosmopolitan perspective, are also welcome.

Possible topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Multilingualism, multiculturalism, diversity, discrimination
- Minority languages, lesser taught languages
- Intercultural learning, intercultural competence, foreign language teaching
- Post-migrant societies
- (Post-)colonial relations and intercultural identity constructions
- Globalization, resistance, cosmopolitanism
- Literary and media (including social media) dimensions of multilingualism and cultural diversity

Selected participants will be invited to present their work during the event (presentation or poster).

Eligibility, Funding and Application

Eligibility

Partner Universities will select their candidates internally. Submissions should showcase innovative approaches, interdisciplinary insights, or emerging trends relevant to the theme mentioned above.

Partner universities must send the list of selected participants and their abstracts to the organizing committee at christoph.vatter@uni-jena.de (cc: thomas.schmidtgall@uni-jena.de) by 15 January 2026.

EC2U Grant

The EC2U grant covers mobility costs for up to three (3) doctoral researchers and one (1) staff member. Notice that two travelling days are included (Monday 23 March and Friday 27 March 2026).

For further details, please contact your local EC2U coordinator.

Contact

If you require additional information, please get in touch with the organizing committee at thomas.schmidtgall@uni-jena.de