

**Call for Papers**  
**20th Young Forum of Slavic Literary Studies (JFSL)**  
**10-12 September 2025**  
**Institute for Slavic Studies, University of Giessen**

The Young Forum for Slavic Literary Studies (JFSL) has been an exchange platform for young Slavists researching in the fields of literary studies, cultural studies and comparative literature since 1996. It provides the opportunity to present doctoral or postdoctoral projects, to discuss them with the participants and to network with other doctoral candidates and postdocs in the field of German-language Slavic studies.

The upcoming conference will take place from **10 to 12 September 2025** at the **Justus Liebig University Giessen** and will be jointly organized by the Institute of Slavic Studies, the Giessen Centre for Eastern European Studies (GiZo) and the International Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture (GCSC). Traditionally, the forum does not prescribe a conference topic; philological, comparative, as well as interdisciplinary contributions in Slavic literary and cultural studies are welcome. The presentation time allotted is 15 minutes, followed by a 15-minute discussion. The conference languages are **German** and **English**. Since the exchange of ideas and networking among young scholars are essential aspects of the forum, it is planned as an in-person event.

We would like to encourage doctoral students and postdocs from all Slavic countries to participate in the conference. While travel and accommodation expenses cannot be covered, we will endeavor to fund a certain number of travel grants for the applicants who do not have institutional support. We do not charge a conference fee; a subsequent publication of selected contributions is planned.

Please send your application (a **presentation title**, an **abstract of max. 300 words** and a **short biography**) to [jfsl2025@uni-giessen.de](mailto:jfsl2025@uni-giessen.de) by **31 December 2024**. Notifications of acceptance will be sent on 31 January 2025 at the latest.

We are looking forward to receiving your applications and to a fruitful exchange at the JFSL Anniversary Conference 2025!

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