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histoCON 2022: Frequently Asked Questions

How can I apply for participation, how much is the ticket (it's free! 😊) and when will the final program of histoCON 2022 be announced? We have tried to answer your Frequently Asked Questions.

General Information

What is histoCON 2022 about?

histoCON 2020 is an international history festival by the Federal Agency for Civic Education/Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung (bpb), funded by the German Federal Foreign Office/Auswärtiges Amt.

Whom is histoCON 2022 designed for?

Everybody aged between 18 and 30 who is interested in history, its reception and how it is linked to current issues and future developments is very welcome to apply as a participant to histoCON 2022.

When does histoCON 2022 take place?

histoCON 2022 will take place from Wednesday, September 7th until Saturday, September 10th, 2022. Accommodation for participants will be provided from September 7th to 11th, 2022.

Where does histoCON 2022 take place?

histoCON 2022 will take place in Berlin. We will shortly announce the venue.

What is the event language?

The entire event, including excursions, activities and the evening program, will be held in English. There might be exceptions by guests, holding speeches in German. In this case we will provide English translation.

If there is a need for special assistance or a sign language interpreter, we will arrange things accordingly. Please feel free to contact our event agency at any time (histocon2022-travel@orca-affairs.de).

Are there any parts of the program, that are open to the public?

The workshops as well as evening program will not be open to the public. However, certain parts of the programme will be streamed online.

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Application for Participation

How can I apply for participation?

If you would like to participate in histoCON 2022, please apply by using the application form within the application period. The organizers will contact you as soon as they made their decision regarding all applications. You will be notified via E-Mail by June 30th the latest, whether your application has been approved or not.

Please note: We can only consider complete applications written in English.

Do I have to pay an admission fee for participating in the event?

No, the entire histoCON 2022 event is free for everybody accepted by the organizers! You don't have to pay for tickets or something alike.

Accommodation, meals and participation are free of charge. According to your country of residence, you will also receive a travel allowance. However, it is possible that you will have to pay costs exceeding the travel allowance.

Can everybody who applied for histoCON 2022 participate in the event?

Unfortunately no, since the number of participants is limited. We are sorry that not every application can be accepted in case of high demand. You can increase the chances of your application being accepted by carefully providing all required information during the application process and submitting your application early. Please understand that the organizers cannot state individual reasons for negative replies.

I am still under 18 during the application process, can I still apply?

Yes, as long as you are 18 when histocon 2022 takes place. In order to participate, you need to turn 18 by the date of September 6th, 2022.

What are the terms and conditions for participating in histoCON 2022?

[Here](#) you can find the terms and conditions regarding your participation in histoCON 2022.

What is required for participation?

Participants must be between 18 and 30 years old as of September 6th, 2022. The workshops as well as all other program parts of histoCON 2022 will be held in English. Therefore, English skills that allow you to actively take part in the event and its program (e.g. discussions or group work) are mandatory for all participants.

Furthermore, the participants need to possess a valid identification (e.g. Passport) which is required for check-in at the hotel, to receive the event's badge, and for arrivals from abroad.

In certain cases, a valid visa is required (see [German Federal Foreign Office](#)). We will support your visa application process and assist in every way possible. After we have reviewed your application and



admitted you to histoCON 2022, you will receive further information. Please do not start the visa application process until you have been admitted and received further information by us.

It is the responsibility of the participants to inform themselves about the currently valid entry requirements for their country of origin, also with regard to possible entry restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

I need a visa to travel to Germany. How do I proceed? Can I get an invitation letter for my visa application?

We will support your visa application process and assist in every way possible. After we have reviewed your application and admitted you to histoCON 2022, you will receive further information. Please do not start the visa application process until you have been admitted and received further information by us.

Why do I need to submit a motivational statement?

histoCON 2022 and its program are designed for committed young adults who can contribute diverse backgrounds and perspectives on history and its relation to the present and future. However, participants do not have to be an expert in or have studied history.

Participants should have an outstanding interest in the topic and motivation to contribute their own knowledge and points of view. They should be eager to enhance those during histoCON 2022 and take them back to their home countries and field of activity.

We look forward to welcoming a heterogeneous group of participants engaging in vivid discussions. Please tell us about your interest and why you would like to become part of histoCON 2022 in 1.500 characters max. via the call for application. Please do not submit additional motivation letters by E-Mail as they are not taken into account in the assessment of the participants.

I am accepted as a participant to the event – can I bring a plus one?

Friends of participants cannot take part in histoCON 2022, unless they have also applied via the application tool and been accepted by the organizers.

You are a participant of histoCON 2022 and require personal assistance due to health conditions or impairments? You are welcome to get in touch with our event agency via histocon2022-travel@orca-affairs.de.

What happens after my application?

Once you have applied via the call for applications, you will receive a confirmation of your application via E-Mail. After the application tool has closed, it will take approximately two weeks until we can provide information about the status of your application.



If you have been admitted as a participant of histoCON2022, you will need to bindingly confirm that you still want to take part in the event. You will find the registration instructions in the confirmation email you received from the organizing team.

In case you changed your mind and no longer want to participate in histoCON 2022, please let us know about it as soon as possible, by writing an e-mail to histocon2022-travel@orca-affairs.de.

All this information is submitted via e-mail, so please make sure that we can reach out to you by the contact details you stated during your application for participation.

I have not received a confirmation of my application after applying – what should I do?

If you passed all steps of the application and clicked on “Apply” in the end, your application has been completed. In case you do not receive a confirmation of your application within 24 hours, please get in touch with the organising team at histocon2022-travel@orca-affairs.de (and don’t forget to check your junk folder!).

I have to cancel. How do I proceed?

If you cannot attend histoCON 2022 or do not plan to use the provided accommodation for other reasons, please inform us as soon as possible.

Please note: In case of cancellation after your reconfirmation for participation (final registration) or in case of non-participation without prior notice (no-show), both travel costs already incurred and, if applicable, cancellation fees for the booked accommodation incurred by the organizers must be borne by the participants themselves! We recommend a travel cancellation insurance.

In case of illness on site in Berlin (non-participation in the program) please contact the organization team immediately at histocon2022-travel@orca-affairs.de.

If I have to cancel, can I transfer my acceptance to a friend?

Participation in histoCON 2022 is non-transferable. Only the person that has applied and whose application has been accepted may take part in histoCON 2022.

What should I do when my personal information changes after my application?

It is important that your personal information is up to date. In case of any changes, please get in touch at histocon2022-travel@orca-affairs.de.

I will be unable to attend for the entire duration of the event. Can I still apply?

To qualify for participation in histoCON 2022 and receive travel allowance, you will need to take part in all of the mandatory parts of the event program between September 7th and September 10th, 2022. The histoCON 2022 program and its activities are designed for 250 participants and will be most rewarding to all, if everybody takes part in them. We kindly ask you to not apply as a participant for histoCON 2022, if you already know that you will be unable to attend the workshops in full length due to time constraints.



Will I have time for individual leisure activities?

The event is designed to allow enough time for you to chat and relax on the event location. It will also offer lots of accompanying activities and events. Some of them will also allow you to get to know the city of Berlin.

Please note, that as a histoCON 2022 participant who will receive accommodation and travel allowance by the bpb, your engaged involvement into all mandatory program parts - especially the workshops - is expected. The event's program and its activities are designed for 250 participants and will be most rewarding to all, if everybody takes part in them. Therefore, make sure to be able to attend from September 7th until September 10th, 2022 during the entire program.

Workshops

When will the exact timetable of the program and workshops be announced?

We will successively announce items on the program starting from July, including all the speakers. The final program will be announced shortly before histoCON 2022 and can be looked up on our website as well as in the event brochure.

When will I find out in which workshop I can participate?

You will receive a confirmation for your workshop choices in due time before the event.

How do I pick a workshop?

Further information on workshop registration will be given online after all accepted applicants have been notified.

Can I change my workshop after allocation?

After having been assigned to the workshops it is not possible to change to another.

Accommodation, Arrival, and Catering

Will an accommodation be provided?

Yes, the accommodation during your participation in histoCON 2022 in Berlin from September 7th until September 11th, 2022 will be provided by the Federal Agency for Civic Education/Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung (bpb).

Participants of histoCON 2022 will be housed in gender-segregated hostel dorms together with fellow participants.

Workshop-Hosts of histoCON 2022 will be accommodated in hotel double rooms, together with fellow participants, also separated by gender.



If accommodation is not required for the entire period, this must be communicated to us. Any cancellation fees will otherwise be charged to you.

I would like to stay in another accommodation. Is that possible?

Yes, that is possible. However, you have to pay for the costs yourself. If you want to stay in another accommodation, please inform us as soon as possible: histocon2022-travel@orca-affairs.de.

Is there a catering during the event?

Yes, the bpb will provide catering throughout histoCON 2022. The food will be vegetarian with vegan options. If you have any allergies please let us know via your application form.

Is histoCON 2022 accessible for people with impairments and/or disabilities?

We try to make the festival as barrier-free as possible. If you have any other accessibility requests please get in touch with our organising team via histocon2022-travel@orca-affairs.de. They will try to find solutions for your requests.

More information on the accessibility of the event will follow.

Travel

Do participants receive financial contribution towards their travel expenses arising from their participation in histoCON 2022?

The Federal Agency for Civic Education/Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung (bpb) will provide you with a financial contribution towards your travel costs on the basis of a lump sum (one-off payment). This flat-rate travel allowance will be calculated according to your country of origin, based on your current residential address that you provide when applying. Please note that, regardless of the actual travel costs incurred and without the requirement to submit receipts, only the specified amount will be reimbursed.

Travel allowance for histoCON 2022

List of countries and associated lump sums

Residential address	Amount in €
Berlin & Brandenburg	0
Germany (except Berlin & Brandenburg)	100
Austria, Belgium, Hungary, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland	150
Andorra, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Norway, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, Vatican City	200



Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco, North Macedonia, Moldova, Russia (West)*, Slovenia, Tunisia, Ukraine	300
Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Jordan, Qatar, Kosovo, Kuwait, Montenegro, Saudi Arabia, Russia (East)*	400
USA, Canada, Mexico, Central Asia	500
Central America, South America, Sub-Saharan Africa, Australia, Japan, South Korea, South Asia, East Asia, Oceania	750

We support the use of eco-friendly transportation, especially rail transport. Should rail travel costs exceed the travel allowance, the full amount can be reimbursed when you submit the original receipts. See "Sustainable travel management".

** Rules for Russia: Russia (West) means all places of residence to the west of the Urals; Russia (East) means all places of residence to the east of the Urals.*

The travel allowance can be used to cover all costs for transportation, insurance, visa and luggage fees, etc. Any additional costs that may arise cannot be reimbursed and must be covered by the participant. Climate neutrality: We ask participants from Europe to check whether it is possible to travel by train. If the travel costs for arrival and departure by train exceed the amount of the travel allowance, the full costs for the train journey can be reimbursed upon presentation of the original receipts (2nd class, please use special offers).

Please note: The travel allowance will be paid on the spot in cash and in euro. Payment of the travel allowance in other currencies is not possible! A prepayment or the payment of the travel allowances following the conclusion of histoCON 2022 is not possible.

The continuous participation in the workshop programme as well as in all obligatory programme elements of histoCON 2022 (from Wednesday, September 7th, 6 pm to Saturday September 10th, 9 pm) are prerequisites for the payment of the travel allowance.

More information on the amount of the financial contribution can be found in the Terms & Conditions for histoCON 2022.

Do I have to book my journey myself?

Booking your trip is your own responsibility. Please do not book it until you have received the final confirmation of participation and you have sent your return confirmation to the organisers. You will have no right to receive the travel allowance without the final return confirmation of your participation!

Book as early as possible after receiving your final confirmation of participation to avoid high travel costs. We recommend that you take out a travel cancellation insurance policy. Once you have booked your trip, please send the respective information (arrival and departure times with date and time) to the organisation team: histocon2022-travel@orca-affairs.de.



I don't have the money to pay the travel expenses right now. How can I still participate?

If you have been accepted as a participant to histoCON 2022 and bindingly confirmed your participation, please reach out to us via e-mail to histocon2022-travel@orca-affairs.de and we will try our best to find a solution.

Can I extend my stay in Berlin beyond the duration of histoCON 2022?

Yes, you may extend your stay in Berlin. Please note: Any prolonged stays have to be arranged and paid independently by yourself. This applies in particular to accommodation and meals outside the travel time we have defined.

How can I find out whether I need a visa?

The German Federal Foreign Office provides a [list of visa requirements/exemptions](#) for entry into the Federal republic of Germany. It gives information about whether you need to apply for Schengen visa or not, depending on your nationality and residence.

We will support your visa application process and assist in every way possible. After we have reviewed your application and admitted you to histoCON 2022, you will receive further information. Please do not start the visa application process until you have been admitted and received further information by us.

Workshop Hosts

Do I have to book my arrival and departure myself?

No, the arrival and departure will be booked for you by our agency. Please contact our agency, which you can reach under histocon2022@orca-affairs.de.

How do I apply to be a workshop host?

[Here](#) you can apply to become a workshop host.

What topics should the workshop deal with?

The workshop should deal with at least one topic of our focal themes and, if possible, be characterised by innovative methods of mediation.

I can't attend - How do I cancel?

Please cancel as soon as possible and contact our agency and the bpb.

Do I get the technical equipment at the festival?

A flat rate for material costs is granted, please consult us for specific technical requirements: histocon2022@orca-affairs.de.



Can I participate in the other workshops?

Yes, you can participate in the other workshops.

What is the minimum and maximum number of participants for my workshop?

The workshop should have a minimum of 20 and maximum of 50 participants.

How long should my workshop be?

Two hours. Should 4 hours be necessary, please note that the workshop will be interrupted by a lunch break.

What language does my workshop have to be in?

Your workshop should be held in English.

Coronavirus

What are the Coronavirus rules at histoCON 2022?

A specific hygiene concept will be in place for the event and for all participants on site comprising rules of conduct and entry prerequisites.

To gain admission, one of the following conditions must be met:

- Proof of full vaccination (presentation of vaccination certificate). Proof is valid two weeks (14 days) after the second vaccination.
- Proof of recovery from a SARS-Cov-2 infection, no older than three months. Proof is valid upon presentation of a positive PCR test at least 28 days old.
- Presentation of a negative test result of the same day. The test must be done by a certified provider.

We reserve the right of updating these conditions in case of legal changes.

I get infected with the Coronavirus before departure – how do I proceed?

Please contact us via histocon2022-travel@orca-affairs.de cancel your participation. We will then check to what extent we can still reimburse you for the costs incurred.

I get Corona during the stay – How do I proceed?

Please immediately contact the festival organizing team and all those you have been in contact with during the festival. Please note: participation in histoCON 2022 is at your own risk, unfortunately we cannot cover the costs of a quarantine in the hotel and therefore point out that appropriate insurances can be arranged for this case.



Further Questions?

In case you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us via histocon2022@orca-affairs.de.

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