

Call for Papers

21st Conference of the Junior Forum for Slavic Literary Studies (JFSL)
24–26 February 2027
ISTziB, Department of Slavic Studies, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

The Junior Forum for Slavic Literary Studies (JFSL) is a platform for exchange, established in 1996, for early-career scholars of Slavic studies conducting research in the fields of literary studies, cultural studies and comparative literature. The forum regularly offers opportunities to present current PhD or postdoctoral research projects, discuss them with participants and network with other PhD students and postdocs within the German-speaking Slavic studies community.

The next conference will take place from **24 to 26 February 2027** at **Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz** and is organised by the Department of Slavic Studies at the ISTziB. The Forum traditionally does not specify a conference theme. Philological, comparative and interdisciplinary contributions from Slavic literary and cultural studies are warmly welcome. Presentations should not exceed 15 minutes, followed by a 15-minute discussion. The conference languages are **German** and **English**. As direct exchange and networking among early-career researchers are a key aspect of the forum, the conference is planned as an in-person event only.

We especially encourage PhD students and postdoctoral researchers from the German-speaking and international Slavic studies community to attend the conference. Travel and accommodation costs will not be covered; however, we will endeavour to provide a grant to those applicants who do not receive institutional support. Due to a lack of sponsors, we unfortunately have to charge a contribution of 50 euros to cover conference catering costs. This must be paid by bank transfer once your participation has been confirmed. Following the conference, we plan to publish an anthology featuring selected papers.

We ask all interested parties to apply by **15 August 2026** by emailing jfsl2027@uni-mainz.de with an **abstract** of their paper (including the title) of approximately **300 words**, along with a **short biography** stating their institutional affiliation. Feedback will be provided by mid-October 2026.

We look forward to receiving your applications and to an interesting exchange at the 2027 JFSL Conference in Mainz!

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