

Name of the Blended Intensive Program:

Plurality in History: Theory and Case Studies

March 31 – April 4, 2025 Language: English

ECTS: 3

Catholic University in Ružomberok, Slovakia

with participation of the University of Ostrava, Czech Republic

and Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland

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This BIP targets BA and MA **students of history, philosophy or related programs within humanities**. It aims to discuss the issue of plurality in history, which is common when it comes both to events such as the fall of the Roman Empire or the French Revolution and to larger periods such as histories of Europe. In history, it happens quite often that various historians approach the same events or periods in a different way and, subsequently, they offer different or even competing accounts of them. Is plurality inevitable? Should it be welcomed? Should it be avoided? Could it result in relativistic approach to the past? During the BIP we will first address theoretical issues of objectivity, plurality, nature of history and, consequently, we will focus on concrete examples of plurality (case studies comparing various works about history of Europe, about the fall of the Roman Empire etc.)

Students will learn more about the problem of plurality. They will have a chance to find out more about related theoretical issues but also to discuss concrete examples. In conclusion, they will be asked to select their own examples of plurality and prepare in groups their own case studies.

General Program

A. Physical (in-person) activity, Faculty of Arts and Letters, Catholic University in Ružomberok, Slovakia

Monday March 31, 2025, room F ...

9:00 – 9:30 A Round of Introductions

9:30 – 12:00 Topic: History and Theory/Philosophy of History

13:00 – 15:00 Topic: Plurality in History

Tuesday April 1, 2025, room F ...

9:00 – 12:00 Topic: Case Study I

13:00 – 15:00 Topic: Case Study II

Wednesday April 2, 2025, room F ...

9:00 – 12:00 Topic: Case Study III

13:00 – 15:00 Topic: Case Study IV

Thursday April 3, 2025

fieldtrip

Friday April 4, 2025, room F ...

9:00 – 12:00 Discussion

13:00 – 15:00 Concluding Remarks

B. Virtual component after physical (in-person) activity, from April 7 to April 10, 2025

2-3 online meetings

Topic: Students' Examples of Plurality in History