



Young Scholars Network (YECREA) Annual activity report for 2020

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1. Organisation:

Membership: The network has currently 431 registered members.

Representation: Since 2019 the vice-chair of YECREA, Corinna Lauerer, has been the Representative of the YECREA Network on the ECREA Board.

2. Activities:

Information dissemination

YECREA continues to provide information to its members on job opportunities, conferences, workshops, and relevant publications mostly through the YECREA Facebook group. The FB group has currently 1100 members (98 more than a year before). It successfully facilitates interactivity and communication among its members. The YECREA website provides more static content as well as news about calls for events, positions, and grants for early-career scholars. It provides information on the objectives of YECREA, how to become a YECREA representative as well as the duties and tasks of representatives. Since 2019, YECREA has aimed to fill all new vacant positions as YECREA Representatives through open calls on the website. In addition to Facebook and the website, YECREA also issues regular updates to all members via newsletters.

Supervision of sections

The YECREA team has issued several calls for YECREA representatives in various sections and collaborated closely with the chairs of these sections during the selection process to implement the new selection criteria introduced in 2019.

Summer school 2020

Due to the COVID19 epidemic, the summer school went online. The YECREA team worked closely with the ECREA organizing team to prepare and evaluate the grants for the participants.

YECREA pre-conference 2020

Dedicated YECREA representatives of several sections helped the YECREA management team to put a YECREA pre-conference together for the ECC conference in Braga. Due to the conference postponement, YECREA also postponed its pre-conference. There will be a new call for participants for this event, once the conference details are in place (specifically whether it will be a physical, digital or hybrid event). The YECREA pre-conference will contain workshops for early-career scholars focused on methods, academic writing as well as labor and health.

YECREA will also issue a new call for a few remaining YECREA grants provided by ECREA to support participation in the ECC conference for early-career scholars without institutional funding.