



## **INFORMATION BOOKLET OF THE**

**COST ACTION**

**TRAINING SCHOOL**

**Increasing Resilience for young researchers of anti-gender politics and mobilizations in CCE and NME countries**

**9-10 February 2026**

Organised by Andrea Peto, CEU, Vienna and Bennoit Josset, University of Rennes

**9 February, Monday**

**9.00 – Registration**

**9.30 – Opening (online)** Heidi Hein Kirchner, Ruhr University, Germany

An introduction to the goals of the event and an overview of what participants should expect to achieve together.

**10.00–12.00 – Understanding Self-Censorship**

A session explaining what self-censorship is, why it occurs, and how individuals can be aware of it. Includes practical guidance on how it may be used strategically or managed constructively, followed by an applied exercise.

**12.00–13.00 – Lunch**

**13.00–15.00 – Digital Security**

An introduction to digital safety, exploring risks academics face online and outlining steps to build stronger digital protection practices.

### **15.00–16.00 – Higher Education in Turkey**

An analysis of recent developments affecting universities in Turkey, using a major campus resistance movement as a case to draw lessons about academic freedom and institutional pressures.

### **16.00–17.00 – Studying the Far Right from a Feminist Perspective**

A discussion on how far-right movements can be examined through feminist research methods and why this perspective matters.

### **17.00–18.00 – Researching Far-Right and Neonazi Groups**

An exploration of how to conduct research on extremist groups, focusing on methodological challenges, safety concerns, and the broader consequences for researchers and knowledge production.

## **10 February, Tuesday**

### **9.00–10.30 – Academic Employment Challenges**

Guidance on navigating situations of being hired and fired in academic institutions, including practical strategies for resilience and career continuity.

### **11.00–12.00 – Role of Trade Unions**

An overview of how academic trade unions can support scholars, including available protections, advocacy work, and ways to get involved.

### **12.00–13.00 – Solidarity Networks in Academia**

A session on how academics create and sustain solidarity networks, illustrated through experiences from a regional academic community facing political pressures.

**13.00–14.00 – Lunch**

**14.00–16.00 – Mental Health in Academia**

A discussion of why mental health is crucial in academic work, how academic environments affect well-being, and what individuals can do to support themselves.

**16.00–18.00 – Safety Training for Academics**

Lessons from safety training used in journalism, adapted to academic contexts—focusing on risk awareness, secure communication, and personal safety strategies.

*This training school is a collaboration between the Antigender-Politics Action (CA23149) and the OPEN Action (CA22121).*