

## Editor's Annual Report | *Central European History* | 2021

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This report summarizes aspects of *CEH*'s operations for the 2021 calendar year. It provides highlights, an overview of the journal's production and publication functions, and statistics concerning submissions.

### The 2021 publication year, in brief

After experiencing a dip in submissions in 2020, 2021 seems to have been a normal—even surprisingly robust—year for submissions, considering the COVID pandemic's various dislocations. The quality of submissions has also been very good. To keep within our page budget, we have had to be exceedingly selective. Beginning in 2022, however, we will have a new template and an expanded page budget that will allow us, when desired, to publish more research articles.

The editor would like to take this opportunity to mention some very welcome news concerning accolades for our contributors: Stephanie Rauch's "Good Bets, Bad Bets, and Dark Horses: Allied Intelligence Officers' Encounters with German Civilians, 1944–1945," which appeared in *CEH* 53:1 (March 2020), won the 2021 Vandervort Prize from the Society for Military History. Yanara Schmacks's "'Motherhood is Beautiful': Maternalism in the West German New Women's Movement between Eroticization and Ecological Protest," published in *CEH* 53:4 (December 2020), was awarded an honorable mention by the Annelise Thimme Article Prize committee of CEHS.

It was also a special thrill to see *CEH*'s forum on *Babylon Berlin* (53:4, December 2020, co-edited by Veronika Fuechtner and Paul Lerner) discussed in the Geisteswissenschaften section of the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* on April 28, 2021.

The editor would like to thank editorial board members Matthew Fitzpatrick, Tiffany Florvil, and Michelle Moyd, along with CEHS board member Andrea Orzoff, very sincerely for the excellent work they did to help the journal develop a set of editorial guidelines. Thanks also to Brendan Karch for publishing the guidelines on the CEHS website.

**Upcoming editorial highlights:** A special issue on sovereignty, guest edited by Heidi Tworek and Rüdiger Graf, will appear in *CEH* 55:1 (March 2022). Michelle Kahn's "The Present is History" essay, "Rethinking Central Europe as a Migration Space," will appear in the same issue.



Articles Submitted	57	43	50	44	63	52	58
---Sent out for peerreview	--26 (46%)	--22 (51%)	---27(54%)	---30 (68%)	---44 (70%)	---30 (58%)	---18 (31%)
Articles Accepted	14	13	15	3	6	13	17
Articles to be Revised/Resubmitted	4	7	6	14	7	10	3
Articles at Referees	4	8	8	13	19	8	6
Articles Rejected	34	24	23	12	24	27 (52%)	44

---by Editor	--31	--21	---16	---11	---18	---19 (70%)	---40
---After peer review	--3	--3	---7	---1	---6	---8 (30%)	(91%)
Acceptance rate	25%	30%	30%	20%	20%	21%	28%

Table 3: Submissions and Published Articles by Geographic Location (by author's institutional affiliation)

	United States	Germany/Austria/Switzerland*	UK/Canada/Australia/New Zealand*	Elsewhere	TOTAL
Submissions					
2021	18 (32%)	7 (12%)	7 (12%)	25 (44%)	57
2020	20 (47%)	7 (16%)	4 (9%)	12 (28%)	43
2019	22 (44%)	3 (6%)	8 (16%)	17 (34%)**	50
2018	24 (55%)	3 (7%)	7 (16%)	10 (23%)	44
2017	31 (51%)	11 (17%)	9 (14%)	11 (17%)	63
2016	20 (38%)	6 (12%)	8 (15%)	18 (35%)	52
2015	22 (38%)	2 (3%)	6 (10%)	28 (48%)	58
Articles					
2021 (54)	5 (38%)	1 (7%)	2 (15%)	5 (38%)	13
2020 (53)	14 (6%)	2 (9%)	4 (17%)	3 (13%)	23
2019 (Vol. 52)	8 (44%)	1 (6%)	6 (33%)	3 (17%)	18
2018 (51)	10 (71%)	0 (0%)	2 (14%)	2 (14%)	14***
2017 (50)	2 (17%)	2 (17%)	8 (67%)	0 (0%)	12
2016 (49)	8 (57%)	2 (14%)	4 (29%)	0 (0%)	14
2015 (48)	12 (57%)	3 (14%)	4 (19%)	2 (10%)	21

\*Beginning in 2016, the German-speaking and non-US English-speaking countries comprise two separate categories; for 2015 and earlier, Australia, Austria, Canada, and Switzerland were included in "other"

\*\*4 from Poland, 2 each from Czech Republic, Romania, and Slovenia, 1 each from France, Greece, Hong Kong, Norway, Russia, Turkey, and Ukraine

\*\*\*Does not include:

- a) the essays in the commemorative issue (51/1), which had 24 participants from the following countries: USA (18), Canada (2), Australia (1), France (1), Germany (1), United Kingdom (1)
- b) the international forums published in 51/2 and 51/4, which had 20 participants from the following countries: USA(13), Germany (3), UK (2), Italy (1), Netherlands (1)

Table 4: Submissions and Articles Published by Time Period

	Up to 1750	1751-1870	1871-1918	1919-33	1933-45	1945-pres
Submissions						
2020*	5 (10%)	3 (6%)	9 (18%)	5 (10%)	12 (25%)	15 (31%)
2019*	2 (4%)	8 (17%)	8 (17%)	8 (17%)	12 (26%)	9 (19%)
2018	4 (10%)	3 (8%)	6 (15%)	5 (13%)	3 (8%)	19 (48%)
2017	0 (0%)	1 (2%)	13 (22%)	6 (10%)	14 (24%)	24 (41%)
2016	3 (5%)	7 (13%)	12 (22%)	6 (11%)	12 (22%)	15 (27%)
2015	3 (6%)	6 (12%)	13 (24%)	1 (2%)	16 (33%)	17 (35%)
Articles						
2020** (1 & 3)	0 (0%)	3 (15%)	4 (20%)	5 (25%)	5 (25%)	3 (15%)
2019**	2 (11%)	1 (6%)	1 (6%)	2 (11%)	5 (29%)	6 (35%)
2018 (Vol. 51)**	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (14%)	1 (7%)	9 (64%)	2 (14%)
2017 (50)	1 (8%)	1 (7%)	4 (29%)	2 (15%)	1 (7%)	6 (43%)
2016 (49)	1 (8%)	3 (23%)	3 (23%)	1 (8%)	3 (23%)	2 (15%)
2015 (48)	1 (5%)	2 (10%)	4 (20%)	2 (10%)	5 (26%)	5 (26%)

\*Article submissions covering multiple time periods are counted in each category that applies. Submissions that were desk rejected as inappropriate for the journal are not classified. Submissions that were appropriate for the journal but rejected for other reasons are classified.

\*\*Does not include essays in commemorative issues, features, or fora.

Table 5: Submissions and Articles Published by Geographic Location

	"Germany"	Elsewhere
Submissions		
2020	22	25 -5 on Austria/Switzerland
2019	36	14 --3 on Austria
2018	35	9 --5 on Austria/Habsburg
2017	50	13 --6 on Austria/Habsburg/Switzerland

2016	47	8 --5 on Austria/Habsburg/Switzerland
2015	40	18 --8 on Austria/Habsburg
Articles published		
2020 (53)	19	5 -2 on Austria/Switzerland
2019 (Vol. 52)	18	0
2018 (51)	13	1 --1 on Austria/Habsburg
2017 (50)	12	2
2016 (49)	15	2
2015 (48)	16	2

Table 6: Impact Factor

Year	Impact Factor	5-year Impact Factor
2020	0.283	0.486
2019	0.271	0.458
2018	0.481	0.547
2017	0.485	0.471
2016	0.196	0.324
2015	0.271	0.243
2014	0.326	0.394