

## Introduction

The *Journal of European Ethnology and Cultural Analysis (JEECA)* is the English language edition of the biannual *Zeitschrift für Volkskunde* (peer reviewed). The *Zeitschrift für Volkskunde (ZfV)* is the oldest cultural anthropological journal in Central Europe still in print: It originated from the *Zeitschrift für Völkerpsychologie und Sprachwissenschaft* in 1891 and was initially established as an organ of the *Berliner Verein für Volkskunde* by German philologist Karl Weinhold. Since 1963, the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Volkskunde* has been entrusted with its publication. The *Zeitschrift für Volkskunde* is the principal German language journal for the disciplines of European Ethnology, Cultural Anthropology and Folklore Studies. In order to make the results available to the international scientific community as well, we have launched an additional English online version of the journal, starting with volume 2016.

*ZfV*/*JEECA* represents current cultural analysis in all its breadth, in contemporary as well as in historical perspective, in global as well as in regional and local contexts. The contributions – mainly by researchers from German speaking universities and research institutions – cover phenomena of everyday culture in European societies: Questions about sociocultural transformations and differentiation are posed, aspects of transnationalism and migration are addressed and historical micro analyses of regional living conditions and power structures are conducted. The focus of the orientation is on the present and the past. What is central and connects them is the perspective on the acting subjects, their practices, strategies and forms of knowledge. Depending on the research context as well as the spatial and temporal horizon, the articles are based on the analysis of fieldwork material, qualitative interviews, images, films, objects and archival material, including discourse and media analyses.

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