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Rethinking Intellectual History in East Central Europe. Transformation of Identities in Central Europe and Politicisation of the Masses

International workshop and conference organised by
the Department of General History at Faculty of Arts, Comenius University in Bratislava,
Institute of History at the Slovak Academy of Sciences
and the international research group Intellectual History in East Central Europe

2.-4. September 2022, Bratislava, Faculty of Arts, Gondova 2

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Day one

09.00: INTRODUCTION

From Objects to Subjects? Politicisation of Masses and Intellectual History of Modernisation in East Central Europe

09.30-10.50: PANEL 1

Chair: Marek Machýl

- **Isidora Grubački** (Central European University, Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana)
"Rural Women and Political and Feminist Change in Yugoslavia in the 1930s"
- **Stefan Gužvica** (University of Regensburg)
"Revolutionary Conjuncture on the Periphery: Jenő Rozvány and 'Leninism before Lenin'"
- **László Vörös** (Institute of History, Slovak Academy of Sciences)
"Peasant Politicisation: Struggling with a Concept"

10.50-11.00: COFFEE BREAK

11.00-12.20: PANEL 2

Chair: Isidora Grubački

- **Lucija Balikić** (Central European University)
"From Culture to Nature: Biologisation of Integral Yugoslavism within the Interwar Sokol"
- **Nikola Tomašegović** (University of Zagreb)
"Intellectuals, Mass Politics and Nation-Building in Fin de Siècle Croatia"
- **Vojtěch Pojar** (Central European University, CEFRES Prague)
"Forging the Post-Imperial Subject: Human Plasticity, Biopolitical Expertise, and the Rural 'Health Demonstration Areas' in Post-Habsburg Central Europe"

12.30-13.30: LUNCH

Historicising Post-Socialism: Intellectual, Cultural, and Political History of Post-Socialism in East Central Europe

13.30-14.15: KEYNOTE

- **Adéla Gjuričová** (Institute of Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Sciences)
"The 1990s in Political-History Research: State of the Art, Methods, Deficits"

14.15-16.00: PANEL 1

Chair: Adéla Gjuričová

- **Kristina Zmejauskaitė** (Dublin City University)
"Changing Public Space in the Post-Soviet Baltic States: Key Questions and Challenges"
- **Petra Švardová** (Institute of Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Sciences, Institute of History, Slovak Academy of Sciences)
"Symbolical Power and Commemorative Practices of World War II. Crisis of the Collective Memory in the Post-Communist Public Space"
- **Florian Peters** (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena)
"Historicising Post-Socialist Transformations: Reflections on East Germany and East Central Europe"
- **Martin Babička** (University of Oxford)
"How to Hold a Crocodile: Writing History of Nature and Neoliberalism after 1989"
- **Veronika Pehe** (Institute of Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Sciences)
"What Cultural History Can Bring to the Study of Economic Transformation"

16.00-16.30: COFFEE BREAK

16:30-18:00: PANEL 2

- **Tjaša Konovšek** (Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana)
"Placing Slovene Post-Socialism: Historical Methodology and Political Implications"
- **Adam Hudek** (Institute of Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Sciences)
"The Second Life of Slovak National Communism in the 1990s"
- **Piotr Wciślik** (The Institute of Literary Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences)
"Bringing Polish Dissent into Sync with European Intellectual History"
- **Marko Zajc** (Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana)
*"»There Is No Majority - We Are All a Minority in Our Own Way«
Slavoj Žižek As a Critic of Ideology and Political Party Ideologue (1989-94)"*
- **Matej Ivančík** (Faculty of Arts, Comenius University in Bratislava)
"Between Freedom and Recognition: Liberal Patriotism and the Language of the Historical"

Day two

Re-Thinking Religion and Politics in East Central Europe: between Authoritarianism and Liberal Democracy

10.00-11.45: PANEL

Chair: Gabriela Pošteková

Discussant: Maria Falina

- **Vilius Kubekas** (Central European University)
"A Spiritual Struggle: Catholic Philosophy in Lithuania and the Crisis of Modernity in the mid-1930s"
- **Michaela Lencěšová** (Faculty of Humanities, Charles University)
"Between Papal Critique of Racism and Nazi Vision of New Europe: Catholic Philosopher Štefan Polakovič and the Theory of Slovak Race"

- **Maria Falina** (Dublin City University)
"The Serbian Orthodox Church and the Values of Liberal Democracy"
- **Agáta Šústová Drelová** (Institute of History, Slovak Academy of Sciences)
"Between Paternal Catholicism and Christian Democracy: Catholic Politics in Post-Socialist Slovakia"

12.00-13.00: LUNCH

How Do We Access Subjectivity? Forum on History of Socialism in East Central Europe

13.00-13.30: KEYNOTE

- **Zsófia Lóránd** (University of Cambridge)
"Whose Needs, Whose Rights? Voice as an Analytical Tool in Women's Political Thought in Early Socialist East Central Europe"

13.30-16.00: PANEL

Chair: Zsófia Lóránd

- **Adela Hîncu** ("Alexandru Dragomir" Institute of Philosophy, Bucharest)
"Women Philosophers in Socialist Romania: Gendered Subjectivities/Epistemologies?"
- **Dominik Želinský** (University of Copenhagen)
"Whose Truth Prevails? Legitimising Intellectual Heterodoxy in Modern Intellectual Fields"
- **Kristina Andělová** (Institute of Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Sciences)
Jan Mervart (Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences)
"The Pains of Love for a Woman and Happiness of Workers Are Never Fought Separately: Negotiating Stalinist Love"
- **Marína Zavacká** (Institute of History, Slovak Academy of Sciences)
"Limits of the Pantheon: Making of a Communist, National, and 'Our' Hero"