Foreign-Currency Housing Loans in Eastern Europe:
Crises, Tensions and Struggles

Final programme

15-16 February 2020
University in Zagreb, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Day 1 (15 February, Saturday)

13.00 Introductory notes

13.30-15.30 Individuals and Households

Zaira Lofranco, University of Milan: FX Loans in the Sarajevo housing market: Household social reproduction between extreme volatility and stability of foreign exchange rates

Mateusz Halawa, Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology: How currencies make histories: Swiss franc mortgages in Poland (2004-2019) and an anthropology of monetary expectations

Andris Saulītis, Riga Stradiņš University: Individual response to the mortgage crisis: The case of the Latvian insolvency law

16.00-18.00 Tensions

Ágnes Gagyi, University of Gothenburg: Forex mortgages in Hungary: Struggles under hegemony

Mihail Dumitriu and Ioana Florea, University of Gothenburg; Enikő Vincze, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca: Invisible tensions: Specifics of FX housing loans in Romania

Petra Rodik, University of Zagreb, Department of Sociology and Marek Mikuš, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology: Moral economies of housing in post–credit boom Croatia: Hegemonic and counter discourses on Swiss franc housing loans

Day 2 (16 February, Sunday)

9.30-11.30 Institutional and Structural Frameworks

Fabio Mattioli, University of Melbourne and Branimir Jovanovic, Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities, Skopje: FX Housing Loans Regime in Macedonia

Mikołaj Lewicki, University of Warsaw, Institute of Sociology: Dragging down, Reproducing Social Status or Alleviating? How Mortgage is related to Wealth and Social Structure among Polish Households

11.45-12.30 Closing remarks; discussion of special issue publication